

The Standing Family Reunion Newsletter

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Standing Family Reunion 2006



June 7-9, 2008 - Earlham IA - Mark your Calendars!

At the reunion on Sunday June 18, my brother Tom (Plagman) and I met with Larry Hutzell before Meeting for a lengthy arm-twisting session. Tom and I have spent years observing the masters put together Standing family reunions—and we finally felt ready (with the help of sister-in-law Michele and, potentially, all 3 Plagman sisters—Andrea, Emily and Kate) to coordinate one ourselves.

We were anxious. Larry shuffled his feet, stalled, and then said that he would entertain our offer but that if anyone else stepped forward during the business meeting, their proposal to coordinate would, of course, be given equal weight.

We thanked him and said "Fine"—and then suggested that if someone else volunteered, they would need to arm-wrestle Andrea out on the porch afterwards for the best 2 out of 3 tests. I guess that pretty well closed the discussion, though arm-wrestling Andrea might be a lot of fun (or a lot of pain??).

We know that there are hosts of specialists we can call on for help to bring the expected events as well as a bit of individual flavor to our next reunion. We look forward to the Hutzell/Johnson's advice and your suggestions as we plan.

Ruth Alliband for the 2008 Reunion Committee

2006 Standing Reunion Committee

General Committee:

General Information: Joy and Lee Johnson
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Ruth Alliband - Art Display (allib001@umn.edu)
Larry and Paulette Standing - Treasurers, Genealogy, Games (pstand1388@aol.com)

Memorable Moments

- Family members departed this life since last reunion and who were remembered at the 2006 reunion were Eleanor Hutzell, Roy Knight, Walter Lohans, and Steven Lohans.
- We joined Herbert Standing and his brother and sister for the burial of Mildred Standing's ashes at Bear Creek Cemetery. Memories, poetry, and appreciation for her life were shared.
- David Thomas and Noel Laureau shared their wedding vows in our presence during meeting for worship on Sunday, having been married in a civil ceremony the previous Tuesday.
- The Saturday night bonfire was blessed with good weather, good voices, and a spectacular sunset.
- Ellis Standing's hayride shenanigans and comedy are so finely tuned (and his farm land so scenic), he could open up an amusement park when he retires from farming!



Dear Standings,

We very much enjoyed having you all gather at Bear Creek Meeting for the Standing reunion.

The Meeting for Worship was meaningful, with shared spiritual messages, the family artwork in the background, and the exchange of marriage vows between Dave and Noel.

Those special occasions help us weave closer ties with the roots of the Bear Creek community, and meeting.

We wanted to express our gratitude for your generous gifts to the meeting, both the \$500 for the use of the meeting, and the kind contributions given by individuals for the rebuilding of the little school house. It was nice to learn more of the history and memories about the school house. That will be helpful in discerning uses for the new building.

Thank you for your support and encouragement on this project. It is sincerely appreciated.

We send our gratitude, and hope you always feel welcome and a sense of home, at Bear Creek meeting.

With love, and light, on behalf of Friends at Bear Creek meeting,
(Jackie Leckband, clerk)

SCHOOL DAYS

On Saturday morning, we enjoyed a trip down memory lane as Winifred Standing shared some of the history of Bear Creek School from its earliest beginning to last days. Old copies of *The Mirror* in surprisingly good condition were displayed, along with other school memorabilia.

Several items were offered at the reunion to be used as fund-raisers toward the building project to replace the old school house -- whatever form that may take: if you are interested in any of the following items, contact the meeting to see if additional copies are available and what donation is recommended:

- Evelyn Standing Thomas's book "Friendly Heritage," which contains many memories of the meeting and schoolhouse, since she grew up next door. The book is available in CD form or punched loose-leaf pages, and the meeting has permission to make copies as needed.
- John Griffith offered Reva Griffith's book of poems "Walking About"
- A history of Bear Creek Meeting, written by Herbert Standing, was typeset and put into booklet form by Sylvia Thomas for sale by the meeting.

If you didn't get a chance to contribute to the project to rebuild the schoolhouse, Bear Creek Meeting would welcome donations, ideas, you name it. Send donations and enquiries about any of the above donated items to Bear Creek Meeting, in care of Jackie Leckband, 1916 Bear Creek Road, Earlham, Iowa 50072.

2006 Reunion Wrap-Up

Greetings! Larry and Karen Hutzell, and Joy and Lee Johnson met about items to pass along to you for the Standing Newsletter. First, we want to comment on what a great family reunion it was, with folks from border to border and beyond! Our final count shows 82 were in attendance! We want to say thank you for the work of so many people. Thanks to everyone's participation before, during and after the reunion to make it such a success.

Thanks to the generosity of 2006 Reunion donations, \$500 was given to the Bear Creek Meeting on behalf of the 2004 and 2006 Standing Reunions. Note that donations to the Bear Creek "Schoolhouse Fund" can be made to the Bear Creek Meeting, in the care of Jackie Leckband, 1916 Bear Creek Road, Earlham, Iowa 50072.

Dates of the next Standing Reunion are June 7, 8, 9, 2008, and thanks to the volunteers to be the core Planning Committee for the 2008 Reunion: Ruth Alliband, Tom & Michelle & Andrea Plagman. Also thanks to Ted Foster, continuing as Webmaster; Burt and Birdie Kisling, continuing as local contacts; Paulette Standing, continuing as Treasurer; Brian & Hitomi Hutzell in charge of Art Display; Larry Standing, who is updating the Standing Family Tree on line.

Thank you to everyone, from your 2006 Standing Reunion Planning Committee.

EVALUATIONS

We invite your evaluations, which you can mail or email to:

Joy and Lee Johnson, 305 S. Wilson, Mt Pleasant, IA 52641 (jole56@mchsi.com)

Please submit your comments by the end of September if possible, and we'll forward them to the 2008 Committee to facilitate their planning:

- 1.-Activities that you would like to be continued -

- 2.-What new ideas would you suggest for future reunions -

- 3.-Additional comments - (general or specific)

Standing Family Reunion 2006 Expense Report

Paulette Standing, 3010 Knoke Place, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Starting Balance 2006	\$2080.36	
Expenses:		
5/4/06	Nancy Osborn Johnson (Food)	\$500.00
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6/2/06	Nancy Osborn Johnson (food)	\$200.00
6/17/06	Rachel Baughn (USPS/newsletter)	\$173.00
6/17/06	New Harmony Pottery (mugs)	\$288.00
6/18/06	Bear Creek Meeting	\$500.00
Total Expenses		\$2111.00
Balance		- \$ 30.64
6/19/06	Deposit - checks and cash	\$2501.00
Balance as of 6/30/06		\$2470.36
Two undeposited donations		\$ 150.00

Standing Website - www.standingfamily.org

Go to the Standing website for more great pictures of the 2006 reunion and other photos and historical material. The updated genealogy on which Larry Standing has been working should be posted shortly (if not already there), so that folks who did not receive a copy at the reunion can download and print it out. If you do not have computer access or can't get it from a library or friend, you may write to Larry Standing, 3010 Knoke Place, Cedar Falls, IA 50613, for a printed copy.

The "links/resources" page will take you to the Nicholson Standing Artists site and other "related" pages. The Nicholson Standing site - www.tc.umn.edu/~allib001/ - maintained by Tom and Michele Plagman (and Ruth Alliband) contains artwork already submitted by over 30 family members. There are also some biographical documents, genealogy, and links to family member sites.

Both the Standing Family Reunion site and the Nicholson Standing Artists welcome comments, pictures, and other submissions. Contact Ruth Alliband (allib001@umn.net) 401 W Olive, Stillwater, MN 55082 about submissions to the Nicholson Standing online collection.

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