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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a long, hard winter for those of us here in the Midwest and I'm assuming for those of you in B.C., Vancouver, Canada. I'm not sure how it's been for those of you out in the West and Southwest but I know even some of you in the South have seen some colder than usual days.

That's why I've decided warmth must come from somewhere else. The major holidays have passed and so the embers from fires that kept us warm at Christmas have long since fizzled out. So how do we keep warm as we try to make it to spring when the first blooms will arrive and the sun will come out from its hiding place?

One way we can keep warm is to cuddle up with a loved one. Human, canine, or feline (or for those of you in Cincinnati - Alpaca), whatever the life form, we can cuddle up and stay warm.

We can also stay warm by recalling fond memories of our loved ones. Sometimes, this is all we can do. But what benefits we can get from doing so. As I recall memories of holidays past or even memories of regular old days, I can't help but feel a little warm inside. I'm talking about the good memories, of course. I know we all have bad memories of things but when you take time to think of the good ones, the fond ones, the ones that make you smile...don't you get a little warm inside?

I recall reunions of the past with my **Uncle Geno** (5) and I feel so warm, you'd think I was a bright, burning candle. I recall **Auntie Pauline's** (1) beaded dolls and I wonder how her old, little hands managed to create such masterpieces. I think of my cousin **Mick** (9) in Grandma's backyard, under the cherry tree, fielding cherries from my ornery little hands. I am surrounded by warmth as I recall these memories and I hope you are able to feel the same.

There's also always a good strong cup of tea or a piping hot cup of hot chocolate, too.

Laura Huth Acierno (10)

**Huth Family Reunion 2011
July 15-17**

At the most recent Huth Family Reunion meeting, I had the privilege of receiving the coveted brown, wooden gavel engraved with "Huth Family President." Dan Holibaugh gracefully passed the gavel as his tenure of President evolved into Immediate Past President.

Anxious to start my first meeting, I must say I did so with some trepidation. After all, following in the footsteps of those who have gone before me is a big deal. We've seen the likes of **Tad Huth** (10), **Larry and John Vuillemin** (3), **Carol Benson** (12) and **Christine Pyscher** (2). Even **Ted** (6), **Dan** (12), and **Doug Huth** (2) gave it a try. **Dick Huth** (10) managed to lead the pack so how could I possibly follow in all their shoes?

I began to ask myself a series of questions which I posed to many of you via the internet. I asked, "what do you want folks in our family 50 years from now to remember about you, your immediate family, and your extended family?"

Since I didn't get any responses, it prompted me to ask another question. Relevance indicates how pertinent or connected something is to a given topic or idea. There is even a relevance theory. But all I ask of you now is to think about how relevant family is to you.

How important to you is it that we meet once a year for a family reunion? How relevant is that family reunion in your lives? How important is it to you that we meet at least four times as a committee to plan for those reunions? How relevant are family meetings?

I suppose I'd like you to give it serious consideration because we have been asking ourselves the same questions as a committee in order to try to increase attendance at family reunions. We realize many of you can't afford to make the trip to Ohio from where you are and I'd like to begin to break down that barrier by getting you here remotely (i.e. by Skype) if you can't make it in person. The reason this is relevant to me is that we have so many stories to share and so little time to really do it. Years go by so quickly, children grow up and go their separate ways and yet still, we must remain rooted somewhere. I'm asking you to think about *your* roots and where you want them planted. I guess I'm asking you to remember where you came from. It's relevant. You're relevant.

Next Huth Reunion Meeting:

Sat., 3/5/11 @ 10:00 a.m. 1245 S. Cleve-Mass Rd. #8

Laura Huth Acierno (10)

Sharing Their Stories...

I recently had the exceptional opportunity to interview several of my aunts and uncles about days-gone-by. My interest in this was selfish, of course. I wanted to hear stories that were not my own...that gripped me and made me think, what would it have been like for me, had I been living back then? Here's a few of the stories I collected:

From an interview with **Marian Holibaugh** (4)...

Marian recalls several stories about her childhood and was willing to share them with me. Before you read on, please note that she said people think they had a hard life. But she doesn't think so and feels actually, that this is why she has lived so long.

I asked Marian whether or not it was true that **Grandma Huth (Lauretta)** used to make dandelion wine. No one can seem to agree on this but Marian does remember Lauretta making big crocks of root beer. She recalls that one day, they all heard a popping noise and when they investigated, found that individual bottles of root beer had "blown their tops!" Can you imagine the mess that must have made?

Marian also recalls that her brother, **Gib** (2), had taught her how to fight. She said that Gib told her their sister **Rita** (3) was too much of a lady to fight so Marian would have to fight for her, too. And fight she did. There were times when the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) would grab her by her hair and they even tried to drown her. But she fought back and wouldn't let them get the best of her.

And then there's the story of her prom night. She had been asked to go to the prom with who she recalls was one of the most handsome boys. Marian had chores to do each day and one of those chores was to clean windows on Fridays. When

prom night finally arrived, Marian was anxious with anticipation of the big dance. But that day, she hadn't washed the windows. Lauretta forbade her to go to the prom because of it. Marian said, "he was just the most handsome boy and he had asked *me* out." Her mother had made her send back the corsage and flowers the boy had sent to her. But Marian doesn't tell this story with regret. She tells the story with a matter-of-factness that I find a bit hard to swallow. It made me realize that I know so many parents who would never have the where-with-all to follow through on a consequence like Lauretta's.

Another story about Lauretta raced from Marian's head. She recalled that she wanted to model for Polsky's (a famous Ohio department store) and her mother, Lauretta told her she was going to do it no matter what **Pop (Henry)** said. One day, Henry's boss's wife came into Polsky's and spotted Marian. She wandered home wondering what she'd do. Her mother told her they would handle it when the time came. It never did. Henry never said a word whether he knew or not.

As I stated earlier, Marian doesn't tell any of these stories with regret or malice. She tells them, actually, with an air of pride. She spoke so fondly of her family as I have heard others do. **Karen Huth** (12) tells a couple of stories of her own...

Karen states that the day I called her to hear about family memories, she was out shopping for a television with her granddaughter, **Devan** (12) who was looking to buy the TV for her dorm room. The shopping experience reminded her about how much Henry enjoyed watching *Bonanza*. She says that if they were visiting and *Bonanza* was on, the show won out. This also makes Karen recall when she was a child and they had a TV of their own. It was a 13 inch screen built into a large cabinet and they were thrilled when the test pattern came in clearly without flickering. Tubes burned out on a regular basis which sent them to the tube-testing machine at the hardware store. Karen says that limiting TV time in the 50's wasn't an issue. She says when the TV worked, a show like Red Skelton was "pure entertainment."

Sharing Their Stories (con't)...

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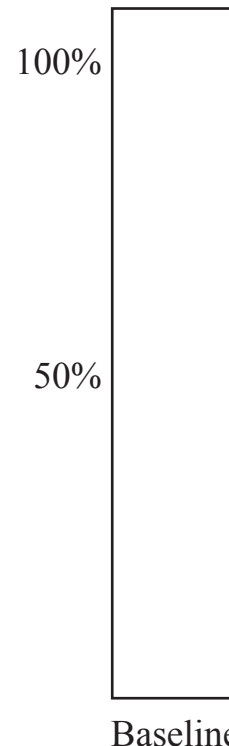


One of Laurretta's Famous Rugs (photo courtesy of Karen Huth (12))

Karen also talks of her own mother being able to watch a TV program and crochet at the same time, never missing a stitch as she made her fancy doilies. Laurretta also enjoyed crocheting. She would cut strips of old clothes and crochet them into rugs with her strong hands controlling a homemade wooden needle. Plastic bags from the grocery store also became some of her favorite colorful rugs, using the same technique and you could find them throughout the house. Karen states that now machine made lookalikes can be purchased in stores and antique shops. Laurretta called what she didn't create herself a "store-bought item," such as bread, noodles, pastries, and canned goods. Karen says, "eating in restaurants - well, that's another story."

I can't help but wonder whether or not any of Laurretta's recipes are still floating around out there somewhere. If you have one or more, please share them with us c/o Laura Huth Acierno, 3713 Warren Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111 or via email at laura.acierno@yahoo.com.

Please note: donations made to the Henry and Laurretta Huth Foundation are considered charitable and are tax deductible. Donations made to the reunion efforts are not. Which brings me to the topic of reunion costs. The rental of the Sportsman's Club alone is \$750. Then we add in the cost of food that is not donated and we come up with a pretty hefty bill. We have decided to go back to the old "thermometer" and tally any donations made to the reunion fund. That thermometer will appear in each issue of the Acorn to show you our progress in meeting our goal, including the post-reunion issue. If you'd like to donate funds to the reunion efforts, you can do so at the same address listed for the Henry and Laurretta Huth Foundation. Please be sure to make your check out to "Huth Family Reunion."



DONATIONS (con't)

Any donations you can provide would be greatly appreciated. However, if for whatever reason you are unable to donate, PLEASE do not feel you are not welcome at the reunion. We welcome you whether you donate food, money, or whether you can't donate anything. We welcome you whether you amble in or roll in, whether you are short or tall, thin or stout, ornery or well-behaved.

Committee Structure

When Dan Holibaugh was president of the Huth Family Reunion Committee, he and his officers devised a workable committee structure which we thought would be helpful to share. It follows:

1. Activities/Recreation/Crafts/Showtime
 - A. Advisor: Al Huth
 - i. Chair: Tad Huth
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
2. Advisory/Nomination
 - A. Advisor: Dick Huth
 - i. Chair: Christine Pyscher
 - ii. Apprentice: Dan Holibaugh
 - iii. Volunteers:
3. Beer
 - A. Advisor: Jan Huth
 - i. Chair: Dan Holibaugh
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
4. Presidential Sunday Breakfast
 - A. Advisor: Al Huth
 - i. Chair: Laura Huth, Greg Johnson
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
5. Clean-up/Set-up
 - A. Advisor: Al, Dick, & Hank Huth
 - i. Chair: Greg Johnson
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:

6. Correspondence
 - A. Advisor: Barbara Hill
 - i. Chair: Dan Holibaugh & Gwen Barnick
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers: Jan Huth
 7. Facility & Search
 - A. Advisor: Dick Huth
 - i. Chair: Greg Johnson
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 8. Finance/Fundraising
 - A. Advisor: Karen Huth?
 - i. Chair: Eric Huth?
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 9. Grill Cooks
 - A. Advisor: Marian Holibaugh
 - i. Chair: Ray Kennedy
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 10. Group Photo/Time Capsule:
 - A. Advisor: Barbara Hill
 - i. Chair: Lana Kennedy/Laura Huth
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 11. Kitchen
 - A. Advisor: Marian Holibaugh
 - i. Chair:
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 12. Publications
 - A. Advisor: Karen Huth
 - i. Chair: Laura Huth
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
 13. Spiritual
 - A. Advisor: Liz DiCenzi
 - i. Chair: John Bokas, Carol Benson, Drew Benson, Larry Vuillemin
 - ii. Apprentice:
 - iii. Volunteers:
- Each committee has the ability to have more than one chair thereby easing the responsibilities. The Advisor position should be held by a first generation Huth. Chairs are held by second generation grandchildren and Apprenticeships by great-grandchildren. Volunteers can be from any generation and can be a Huth or their significant other.