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Letter from The Huth Family President

Countdown to Our Reunion 2015!

Year after year, I look forward to our reunion weekend in July. I welcome the opportunity to 're-connect' with my immediate and extended Huth Family. On **Friday July 17th** we golf at Chenoweth Golf Course to support our Huth Family Foundation. **Saturday July 18th** we gather at the Sportman's Club in Copley for homemade food for lunch, an outdoor Mass, our new Huth 'Games', and a tasty evening barbeque.

On **Sunday July 19th** we have a Presidential Breakfast with our fabulous 'Chef Moody'. **We Celebrate our Huth Family** all weekend long! We have fun while making new and lasting memories. Will you be there? I value our family traditions, and love to watch small children become teenagers at the blink of an eye.

This has been a heart-warming year for me. Reunion 2015, I'm filled with joy, gratitude and lots of inspiration. **Family makes me proud to belong to something that is bigger than myself.** I think my Grandmother Laura, and Grandfather, Henry would be happy to know we are keeping their spirits' alive by continuing this traditional family reunion they started so long ago.

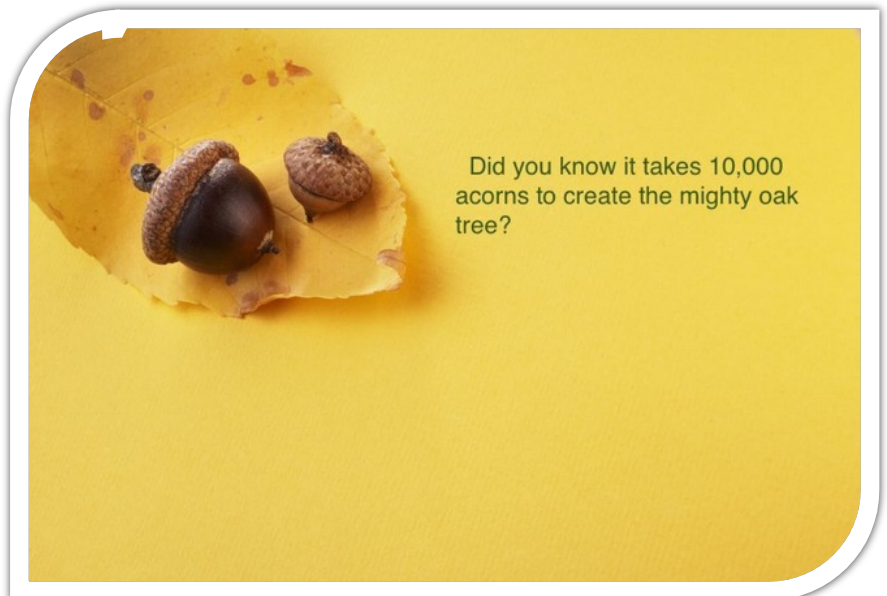
My grandmother had a positive attitude, and tremendous faith as she was faced with fear and uncertainty during the depression. With 12 children to nurture, she never complained or lost her faith. She had eyes that revealed her heart and soul in one single glance. That inspired me.

I am encouraged with the words of our Past Presidents. What an honor to be added to the list of past Huth Family Reunion Presidents! We live in a culture where 'family' has lost importance. We share our time and energy for a valuable cause. Our Reunion planning committee works diligently during the year to improve our communications.

Help us to continue the ACORN (our newsletter), and our upcoming 2016 Huth Family Directory that we all love and value. Look for a surprise this year.

I want to encourage you to join me and help support our efforts. Make a pledge and sign-up for a committee. **Like the mighty oak tree...let's keep this family reunion weekend alive and growing strong**

Lana Kennedy (9) President
2015 Huth Family Reunion



ATTENTION TEENS: We are awarding service credits for the tweens and teens who need social service credits or volunteer hours for school. We need your help with our new Huth Games and with set-up and clean up. Please sign-up to participate and help. **We share stories and make memories.**

Congrats 2015 Graduates!

Henry Johnson, son of Lon Johnson, performed at his high school symphony May 21, 2015. Over 400 people attended. Henry's grandmother, Barbara Hill (9), and Uncle Mark and Aunt Francis Johnson, also traveled to Chicago to watch him perform. Henry Graduated from William Fremd H.S. Henry was honored for his leadership and great sense of humor. Joseph Richard Barnick (10), graduated from Piper H. S. in Ft. Lauderdale on May 31, 2015 with a weighted GPA of 3.70. Proud parents Jeff and Gwen Barnick (10) sisters Janelle and Jayme Barnick, brother Joshua, and Aunt Laura Acierno were all in attendance. Jack Dowling, son of Steve and Kristin Dowling (10), graduated from Walsh H.S. and Christine Delcambre, daughter of Del Delcambre (7), also graduated from High School this past June in Texas. All High School graduates will be honored at this year's reunion.



The Journey Is The Reward

Laura Acierno (10) competed in her first mini triathlon March 22, 2015, at Life Center Plus in Hudson, Ohio.

A triathlon is a multiple-stage competition involving the completion of three continuous and sequential endurance disciplines. This tri consisted of a swim, bike and run.

During the race, the pool was very choppy making the swimming portion a little rough. Laura swam 38 lengths or 19 laps. The biking was rigorous, but she peddled 9.25 miles. Her doctor advised against running due to back injuries, so she walked 1.66 miles in 20 minutes. That's roughly 5 mph. Laura once did a dualathon but this was much more gratifying for her, especially after two major back surgeries to repair broken vertebrae. "I accomplished a major milestone in my life." Laura said. I was totally sore in my calves for the next 3 days, but it was all totally worth it!

Laura drew inspiration from her sister Kristin (10) (pictured), who ran the Akron Marathon with a bum leg. Her sister Gwen, her brother Tad, and her father Dick Huth also inspired Laura to train and compete. BTW: Laura will celebrate 50 years young at this year's reunion 2015. Way to Go Laura!



You should never sacrifice three things: Your family, your heart, or your dignity



We gathered together for lunch @ Bricco in Fairlawn Saturday March 7, 2015. The Huth Foundation Meeting took place Friday March 6th. It was also held at Bricco.

Bottom left Elizabeth Rodenbaugh (7), Center bottom Marian Holibaugh (4) Barbara Hill (9), top left Hank Huth(11), top right Richard Huth (10)



Reminder: Have you sent your pledge in for this year's reunion? If you pledged a couple of years back to pay it forward, but you don't remember what you pledged, no worries. You can re-pledge at this year's reunion or mail your pledge to Dick Huth at 1245 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd, #8, Akron, OH 44321 or call 330-666-3070. Thank you for your generous gifts!

A Look Back

Have you ever wanted to serve in an office but didn't want to commit? Did you fear the workload or the time commitment? Did you wish you had a better understanding of what your commitment would involve? Well, although it may not be the most prestigious elected position, being on the reunion committee is a real honor. Here's a look at what some of the past presidents had to say about their time in office:

When asked for the highlights of the presidency, Dick Huth (10) who was the first president to take office (1988-1993), said his highest point was the 1988 reunion at Dan and Karen Huth's (12) place in Rootstown. All 12 of the first generation siblings were alive, well, and in attendance. He states that for about a week before, they had a ball planning for the event. "Danny, Karen, the kids, dogs, and wildlife were gracious hosts. Kristin Dowling (10) with what is now considered an ancient, historic camera videotaped the happenings. We need to dig up those videotapes to share with those who were unable to attend and those (yet) to be born. "

Asked for a low point in his presidency, Dick stated that there are the valleys between the peaks..."when we find we have seen one of our family members for the last time."

Carol Benson (12), your past president from 2003-2005, stated a low was that it was difficult to get participation from family members. But her favorite part of reunions, is when everyone is together hearing all the stories from the first generation of Huth's.

When asked what his goals were as president, Dick said he wanted to give back a little of what he took out as a family member. This seemed to be a common theme for Dick he says "If I lived a thousand years, I could never put back what was so unselfishly given to me by my family. "

When asked if a woman's perspective was important, Carol said it is but so too is the perspective of the next generation of Huth's. She says that if you can get them interested at a young age, the more likely the traditions will continue.

So, if you're considering holding office, there are a couple of things you should know. The leadership structure has changed. We no longer have a president, vice-president and secretary. We have moved to a chair and co-chair format. This isn't just semantics though. The chair and co-chair work together to make the reunion meetings fun and enjoyable and full of camaraderie. Whoever is present at the reunion meetings makes sure the reunion goes off without a hitch. It's a true effort that is no longer hierarchical but team oriented in style. If you hold an office, you are not alone in your efforts. Everyone works to help you out. So, the commitment of time is still there. We generally hold 3-4 meetings a year but they can be like mini reunions. It's always great to see everyone and work toward a common goal.

One of the goals of your current chair and co-chair (Lana Kennedy (9) and Joe Roonan (7) respectively) is to have more emphasis on our family heritage. They have worked hard to become more visible socially, establishing a website and Facebook page. They are working on a surprise for this year's reunion, which you are all sure to enjoy.

So please consider chairing or co-chairing the Huth family reunion committee. It is time well spent, something to which all of the past presidents I'm sure would attest.

Your Past presidents:

Dick Huth (10) 1988-1993
John Viullemin (3) 1993-1995
Doug Huth (2) 1995-1997
Dan Huth (12) 1997-1999
Ted Huth (6) 1999-2001
Tad Huth (10) 2001-2003
Carol Benson (12) 2003-2005
Larry Vuillemin (3) 2005-2007
Christine Pyscher (2) 2007-2009
Dan Holibaugh (4) 2009-2011
Laura Huth Acierno (10) 2011-2013

Lana Kennedy will turn over the gavel to Joe Roonan at this year's reunion.

Thanks to all of you who served and continue to be involved in our planning meetings!



PLEDGES TO DATE

2014

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THANK YOU to all of you who have been so generous throughout the years!

We know that everyone can't afford to make a contribution or pledge every year- but we still want EVERYONE to attend the reunion, especially this year as we are planning our new 2016 Directory!

Everyone values our Huth Family Directory and we want to continue to provide a printed version during the July 2016 reunion. Help us with your donation so we can continue to provide copies for all family members and keep our communications updated and current.

We want to continue to update emails and addresses of all family members. Just fill-out the attached form send to the Acorn address or bring to the reunion if you want to be listed in our 2016 directory. Reach out and invite a family member.



The Henry & Laura Huth Family Mission and Goals

“Keep our family heritage strong in thought and deeds. Our family values are rooted in love, empathy and compassion for each other and the community we serve. Let’s make memories and have fun!”

1. Continue effective communications with each other in the best way possible. (The Acorn-our newsletter, Facebook, websites, photographs, video, email, snail-mail and encouragements-cards)
2. Lead with the empathy and compassion that my Grandmother displayed, while raising 12 children through tough times during the depression.
3. Encourage the second, third and fourth generations to help support all efforts of our family foundation and reunions.



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