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LETTER FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

The Huth Family Reunion Weekend, 2013

My heart and soul are firmly rooted in my family. I look forward to this weekend...to play golf, eat great food and make good memories. I truly enjoy this weekend with my (Johnson) family and my extended (Huth) family.

This month, as I enter my sixth decade on this beautiful earth, I'm reminded of this reunion; something happened that I have never experienced before. Something that is bigger than myself. Is this what true *wisdom* feels like? Why this 'feeling'

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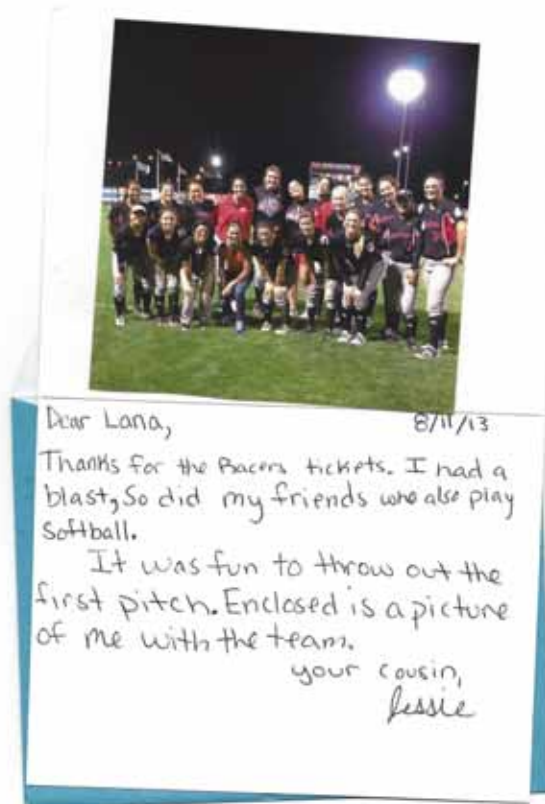
Lana Kennedy

Great Pics!
Shown above:

Marian Holibaugh, Liz Rodenbaugh, Barbara Hill

B & A

September, October, November, December



A letter from Jessie Huth (2) to Lana Kennedy (9)

In memorial to **Jacob Huth** (2) the children at this year's reunion, with the guidance of **Lana Kennedy**, got together and created a "wishing tree" in which all of them placed their wishes for Jacob. Some were from children who knew Jacob and remembered his incredible childlike energy; some were from children who'd never even met him. All were quite sentimental and made a beautiful tree full of wishes written on acorns. Thanks to Lana for leading and thank you to all the children who made the tree so



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (con't)

during our 2013 reunion?

It was not always this way. In the past, this reunion weekend was a huge chore for me. There was always so much to do. The house and yard needed to be cleaned up. The guest room needed organizing. Another visit to the grocery store? Where would I find the time? It seemed that just before reunion time, I was completely overwhelmed.

I think as we age we look at things in a different light. We look at things that are really important in life with a new 'mind-set.' This year, I experienced a kind of transformation or change in the way I think. After lots of re-do's and failures, I began to think differently about my life, my new career, and all the *things* that bring peace and joy into my life. I learned to visualize the 'finish line' instead of my sore muscles and the fear of the 'big race.' During this process I found my purpose was centered in empathy and compassion for all human beings, and new joy comes from the joyful thoughts I think.

If you can dream it... you can become it.

So if you think to love...you will be loved in return. If you think about joy...you will find joy, even in the little things. My conclusion was that it is better to lead with empathy and compassion instead of my 'fearful' ego. What a thought!

My **Grandma Huth (Lauretta)** would be happy to know that we are keeping her spirit alive by continuing this family reunion in her name and honor.

I feel connected to something that is bigger than myself and I feel real gratitude for what I receive in the process.

I want to encourage you to provide us with the needed water, sunshine, and good soil to keep up our family values and grow strong...like the small acorn that becomes the mighty oak tree.

Let's keep our family heritage strong. These values are rooted in love, empathy, and compassion. Let's continue to make memories and have fun



As your new Huth Reunion President, I want to accomplish many things. I think it is important that we determine *why* the reunion weekend is so important and begin there. Here are the top goals I hope to accomplish: Your ideas and thoughts are so appreciated!

1. Continue effective communications with each other in the best way possible (Acorn, Facebook, websites, photographs, email, snail-mail, and encouragement cards; to name a few).
2. Lead with the empathy and compassion that my grandmother displayed while raising 12 children in some pretty rough times.
3. Keep our mission and family principles firmly rooted in Love. (Never become complacent or lose hope with family members or reunions).
4. Inspire others with the same love and gentle guidance Grandma Huth displayed. I want to do the same.
5. Continue to encourage second, third, and fourth generations to help support our family foundation. Encourage community-youth support.

Thanks to those who offered to help support our efforts with a pledge or help serve on our reunion committee. (We meet 3-4 times a year; we share stories and have fun!)

Like **Laura Acierno (10)**, I'm reminded, "**I need to *listen* more than I *talk*; to be *here* more than *there*; to *see* rather than just *look*.**" And like my **Aunt Liz (8)** and **Aunt Marian (4)**, I know I will find many opportunities to "offer something up." I'm also reminded of the words of my Aunt Rita: "The road to heaven s paved with good intentions." I want to replace good intentions with action plans. I want to keep this family reunion alive and well! So let's see who comes on board to help support our goals and vision.

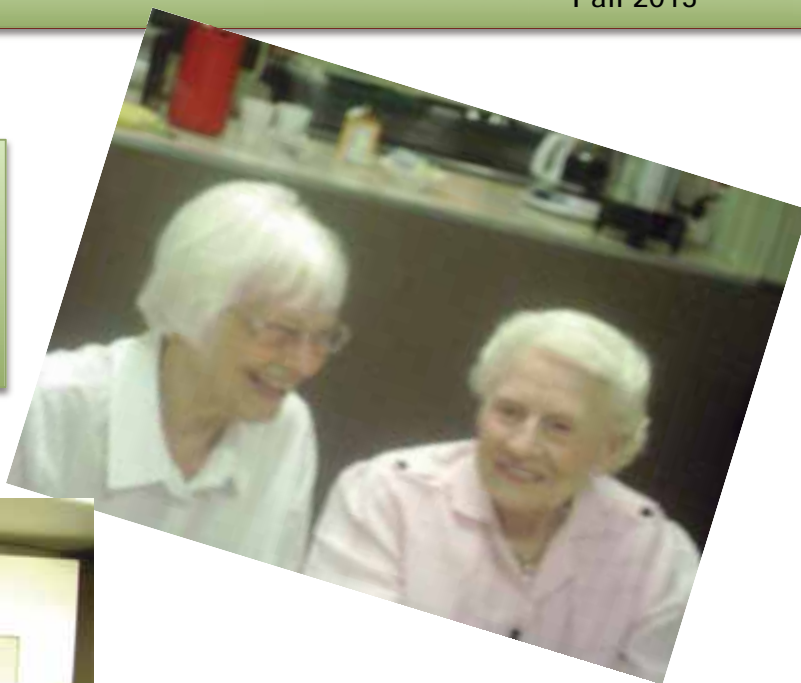
I want to close with Laura's closing words found in the last issue of The Acorn (my very favorite issue). Laura's words inspire me: "***Thank you all, my family, for your love and faith in me.***"

Let's keep communication open. Let's keep you and our family values relevant. And most importantly...let's celebrate our family heritage, make memories, and have fun. I'm looking forward...
Be Well.

Lana Kennedy (aka "Bambi") (9)

(Please note: I withheld the Letter from the Editor so that Lana could debut this excellent article solo).

Liz Rodenbaugh (8) and Marian Holibaugh (4) share a quiet moment early at Saturday's reunion.



Laura Acierno (10), Past President and Lana Kennedy (9), current President proudly displaying their Presidential Breakfast aprons on Sunday. I must say, I was glad to put on the Past Presidents apron and be amongst my predecessors.

Frank Acierno (10) awaiting the call for family photos. A special thanks to Frank who supported his wife, Laura Acierno (10) throughout her presidency.



Henry Huth (11), Barbara Hill (9), and Liz Rodenbaugh (8), gather during reunion weekend for a sibling's day out.

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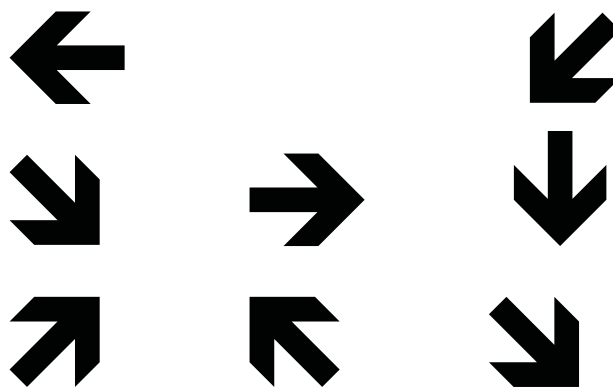
MEDINA, OH: Recently, James Kennedy (9) was home for a quick weekend visit with his parents, Lana and Ray Kennedy (9), with a couple of his college buddies. As Lana said in her "Letter from the President," the reunion brings home her relatives, which often takes lots of preparation. I have a feeling that Lana is quite proud of her son and doesn't mind one bit, the preparations.



James Kennedy (far right), an Industrial Designer for Victoria's Secret in Manhattan, here with his friends Joe (far left), an architect in NYC, and Aaron, a social media strategist also in NYC.

DIVINE, TX: Three cheers for Jessica Gonzales (1) who made the varsity cheerleading team at Divine High School. Jessica is the daughter of Mary and Joe Gonzales (1). And on the same side of the country in Magnolia, TX, Rita Mae Brown (1), grandmother of Jessica, has celebrated her 75th birthday and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her 5th great-grandchild. Congratulations Rita Mae and best wishes with your new tiny family member.

Around the World and Back Again, USA: As Denise and Greg Mercer experience their nest emptying; two of their children have new addresses. Devan, in her final year of college, lives on Grant Street in Pennsylvania. Grant, a freshman at Youngstown State University, lives on Madison Avenue right there in Youngstown. Madison, a high school sophomore has a few more years at home on Madison Street in Ravenna. Oh, and Grant's college roommate is a nice young man named Devon. Are you thinking it couldn't get any more coincidental (if that's really the word for it), Devan's apartment building is called the General Grant Apartments. How's that for keeping it all in the family?!?!?



SEPTEMBER

- 2-(A) Mary & Joe Gonzales
 (B) Carly Dowling
 3-(B) Roxann Huth
 (A) Christine & Nescher
 Pyscher
 6-(B) Ed Vuillemin
 (B) Jessica Gonzales
 7-(B) Dan Holibaugh
 8-(B) Teila Blanchfield
 10-(B) Lana Kennedy
 12-(B) Joe Roonan
 (B) Joshua Barnick
 (B) Elle Vuillemin
 17-(B) Del Delcambre
 (B) Tim Huth
 (B) Ian Hoonahan
 19-(B) Michael Linke
 20-(B) Gayle Hart
 22-(B) Roxanne Jones
 23-(B) Savanna Linke
 24-(A) Dana Huth & Neal Ryan
 25-(B) James Kennedy
 26-(B) Brett Vuillemin
 27-(B) Alyssa Vuillemin
 29-(B) Cory Linke
 (B) Linda Burke-Williams
 30-(B) Richard Brown

OCTOBER

- 3-(B) Aaron Bokas
 4-(B) Patty Yingling
 (A) HENRY & Sally Huth
 6-(B) Gregg McKeever
 (B) McKenzie Johnson
 7-(B) Ashley Hart
 (A) Tim Huth & Lisa Andres
 8-(B) Helen Huth
 9-(A) Marty & Liz Johnson
 10-(A) Frank & Laura Acierno
 11-(B) LIZ RODENBAUGH
 11-(B) Gil Yingling
 18-(A) Mary Ann & Fred Blakely
 20-(B) Shenae Huth
 22-(B) Jim Moody III
 23-(B) Jennifer Johnson
 25-(A) Lana & Ray Kennedy
 26-(B) Lilo Huth
 (B) Mike Waltz
 31-(A) Eric & Yvonnev Huth

NOVEMBER

- 3-(B) Michelle McGhee
 6-(B) Joseph Barnick
 8-(A) Sheila Huth Blanchfield &
 Tom Blanchfield
 9-(B) Mark Johnson
 (B) Julianna Huth
 10-(B) Tad Huth
 (B) Tim Hartung
 11-(B) Ray Lewis
 12-(B) Marty Johnson
 14-(B) Anita Spada
 17-(A) Loretta & Michael Linke
 18-(B) Ray Kennedy
 (B) Kylie Smyth
 (B) Nathaniel Jones
 20-(B) Aaron Johnson
 (A) Brett & Cynthia Vuillemin
 23-(B) Julia Gonzales
 24-(B) Tom Blanchfield
 26-(B) Cynthia Vuillemin
 27-(A) Theresa & Thomas Rothwell
 30-(B) Antonio Sims

DECEMBER

- 3-(B) Cindy Johnson
 4-(B) Davis McGhee
 7-(B) Cathy Ivancic Huth
 8-(B) Karen Huth
 9-(B) Tony Brown
 12-(B) Lois Lewis
 (A) Gwen & Jeff Barnick
 13-(B) Denise Huth-Mercer
 15-(B) Megan Rothwell
 16-(B) Kathy Bokas
 (B) Christopher Karel
 18-(B) Loretta Linke
 19-(B) Jayme Barnick
 20-(B) Nicholas Linke
 (B) Noah Huth
 23-(B) Kaylee Huth
 24-(B) Larry Vuillemin
 26-(B) Cindy Johnson
 28-(A) John & Karen Vuillemin
 (A) Greg & Cindy Johnson
 31-(B) Autumn Linke
 (B) Madison Mercer

