



Dutch's Corner

This year's reunion was smaller than usual. Numerous "regulars" told us in advance that they could not attend. Reasons often cited were health concerns and travel conflicts. But those who did make it seemed to have an enjoyable time, and when the question of when to hold the next one was posed, the clear sentiment was to do it again next year. So put the second weekend in August 2010 on your calendar to be in Somerset County.

Kay Ann did a great job of managing the many details involved in organizing this event. And she managed to do it while becoming a first-time grandmother, and spending the month of July at their newly finished cabin in the remote mountains of southwest Colorado. She is a dynamo, and we are so fortunate to have her as a key person in the Lichliter Family Association.

The LFA is off to a good start in its first year. Eighty-one individuals have joined as Members. Twenty-four of those have become Sustaining Members, contributing from \$25 to \$100. Sincere thanks to all for your strong support. After paying costs associated with the Reunion, the LFA has a balance of \$1195.23 in the bank.

The Membership Roster of the LFA will be posted on www.Lichliter.com, in the Members Only area. If you aren't on the list, it's easy to join.

Dutch Lichliter, President

2009 LICHLITER FAMILY REUNION

By Kay Ann Cober

The Lichliter Family Association (LFA) held its 2009 reunion the weekend of Aug. 7-9. Family members traveled from California, Arizona, Wisconsin, Virginia, New Hampshire, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Missouri to join their Pennsylvania relatives in honoring their heritage and strengthening family ties. The weekend began with a hospitality gathering organized by Dutch and Lois Lichliter at the Holiday Inn in Somerset Friday evening.

On Saturday, the family gathered at Oakhurst Tea Room. Following the buffet luncheon Kay Ann Cober and Beverly Ricks opened the meeting with updates on family members. There was a silent meditation in memory of those who passed away since the last reunion and a return to health for those experiencing illnesses.

John "Dutch" Lichliter, LFA president, presented information on the association: membership, committees, and projects. Debbie Spencer gave the treasurer's report. Nancy White informed the group about the work she, her

husband Chuck and cousins Buck and Sarah Newman did on gravestones of early ancestors at the Normalville United Methodist Church and Wesley Chapel cemeteries. Preserving and maintaining the monuments of our ancestors is one of the objectives of the LFA. This group of cousins is to be commended for initiating this effort. At this time plans are underway to: do rubbings of the oldest stones, have a local monument maker evaluate and possibly do some preservation work on them, and have plaques made to place on the gravestones identifying the LFA as the caretakers of the monuments.



The Lichliter Humanitarian Recognition award was given to Gene Lichliter of Hot Springs, Arkansas, for his volunteer work specializing in horticultural and

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landscaping. Gene, 78, serves as A U. of AR Extension volunteer Master Gardener, teaches horticulture classes throughout the state, designs and installs landscaping for Habitat for Humanity homes, churches, parks, social centers, golf courses, the Boys' Club and a women's shelter in Hot Springs, and the Hot Springs Convention Center. He has worked for years as a volunteer at Garvin Woodland Botanical Garden, clearing areas and planting thousands of bulbs. He and his wife Dorothy serve as hosts for special events and are also guides for visitors there. He has helped host and has attended state, national, and international horticultural events and conventions, the most recent being in New Zealand. Gene's volunteer efforts stem from his goals to enhance the beauty of the world, enrich others' lives, and a love of the wonders of nature.

Gene was proudly nominated by his sister Charlotte Lichliter Crawford; they are great-grandchildren of Henry Harrison Lichliter, who left PA and moved to Illinois after the civil War. Gene certainly carries on the Lichliter Family traditions of volunteerism and service to others. Congratulations to Gene and a "Thank you" to Charlotte for nominating him.

Prizes were presented by Bev Ricks and Lois Lichliter to the following: most family members in attendance – Chuck and Dorothy Miller, 11; longest married –

Chuck and Dorothy Miller, 58 ½ years; most recently married – Allison Davenport, 2 years; most recent graduate – Jenny Spencer - US Naval Academy, May 2009; youngest – Jace Gillette, 12 weeks.

It was decided that a reunion will be held next year the second weekend in August, and the LFA committee will organize the details. Following the meeting, a family photo was taken by Paul Lund. The group was invited to the Lichvar residence in Berlin for socializing, games, and an evening buffet.

Photos by Chuck White



THE LANTERN





Kay Ann, Beth and Jace

JACE ALEXANDER GILLETTE was born May 17, 2009. He was 20 1/4" long and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. His parents, Beth and Joe Gillette, live in Rockville MD. She is an attorney for the U.S. Dept of Justice, and also Secretary of the LFA. Her mother is Kay Ann Cober. Jace Alexander is the first child of Elizabeth Christine (Cober), who is the first child of Kay Ann Lichvar Cober, who was the first child of Christine Lucille Lowry Lichvar, who was the first child of Emily Mae Lichliter Lowry, who was the first child of Christian Stutzman Lichliter, who was the first child of Levi Lichliter.

NICHOLAS NOWICKI, son of Peggy (Blocher) and Jerry Nowicki, of Scottsdale, AZ is headed to the University of Minnesota for law school this fall. He is a 2003 graduate of St. Mary's high school in Phoenix. After high school, Nick attended Arizona State University, graduating in 2008 with a BS in Construction Engineering. He chose Minnesota because it is a tier 1 top 20 law school, recognized internationally for the breadth and depth of its clinics and award-winning legal writing program. Nick's mother Peggy was born in Two Harbors, MN, Good luck future Golden Gopher!



Nick with mom Peggy, girl friend Michelle, and grandparents Mary and John Blocher



CALEB LEICHLITER recently graduated from the Contra Costa County (CA) Sheriff's Department Academy. He won the Top Athlete award in his class. Caleb is the son of Phil and Diana Leichliter of Walnut Creek CA.

Caleb and his wife Andrea

KAILE BARBARA MARTHA was born May 13, 2009 during the evacuation from the wildfires in San Diego CA.. Her parents Sandie (Leichliter) and Richard are originally from PA.. Sandies father is Van Leichliter of West Chester PA



Kaile with brother Kegan

All who knew **JOHN BLOCHER** were saddened to learn of his recent death. John died July 17 in Chandler AZ at age 84. He is survived by his wife Mary "Biz" (Lichliter) and children Michael, Beverly Ricks, Peggy Nowicki, and Jim, and eight grandchildren. John was a surveyor on large construction projects. He loved flying and held a private pilots license. He was a great story teller and had a fine sense of humor.



On a recent birthday his children treated him to a ride in an open cockpit bi-plane at Sedona AZ

John with his son Michael



This photo taken by Danielle made national news. She earned \$375 from the rights to the picture.

STEVE LICHLITER was escorting his daughter **DANIELLE** from Oakland CA to start school at Penn State recently. He sent this email:

"Well our flight started ok but about 30 minutes out of Oakland a big guy started hassling other passengers, then took off all his clothes. A posse of redneck vigilantes was quickly formed by the stewardesses and they were given restraining devices and taught how to tie the guy up after they got him pinned face down in the aisle. I offered to sit on top of him afterwards, as long as he was face down and tied up!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COUSINS!!

JULY

1- James Blocher-52
 J. M. James-83
 Melvin Lechlitter-80
 Gail R. Palmer-65
 2- Patricia A. Wolfe-67
 Phyllis F. Wagner-72
 3- Anyssa E. Coffey-1
 4- Linda L. Cron-50
 Katherine V. Coleman-90
 Brittany Phebus-24
 Nita Z. Sanderson-88
 6-Jacqueline L. Thorwart-67
 Ruth Harris James-81
 7-Sheridan S. Lichliter-20
 David L. Netzel-36
 8-John E Godfrey-26
 Donald D. Phelps-80
 Laren A. Willard-30
 9-Rusty L. Jacobs-24
 10-Valoria L. Bowman-44
 Ethan Gubernator-8
 12-Madison W. Lichliter-22
 13-Jerry W. Barger-62
 14-Phyllis Lechlitter Winslow-67
 Isaiah M. Miller -10
 15-Cory L. James-28
 Gary Miller-56
 Melissa P. Nelson-28
 16-Elizabeth A. Geiger-24
 Kelly E. Kingman-31
 17-James Ratzlaff-72
 18-John V. Blocher-84
 Donald L. Phelps-56
 Roger G. Powell-50

19-Justin Dakin-24
 Kimberly Miller-39
 20-Andrew H. Lichliter-24
 21-Cheryl Coffey Smith-43
 22-Emily Miller-30
 23-Laren E. Lichliter-12
 25-Gene N. Nelson-48
 Anna P. Leighliter-73
 Larry E. Wolf-68
 27-Brian P. Kingman-56
 Sandra G. Powell-28
 28-Vera G. Vessey-91
 29-Judith J. Ashley-64
 30-Timothy Ketcham-11
 31-Joshua Devardo-19
 Jan A. Miller-59
 Patrick G. Wagner-39

AUGUST

2-Taylor E. Lichliter-27
 Penny Ratzlaff Nelson-47
 4-David H. Bell-50
 Laurie Fisher Thorwart-44
 5-Elizabeth Cober Gillette-38
 Keith A. Geiger-43
 6-Joyce Crowe Lichliter-70
 9-Rawling Davenport IV-1
 Dennis Gadel-32
 Linley B. Leighliter II-66
 10-Suzanna Bell Phebus-47
 11-Homer L. Lechlitter-94
 Ray C. Lichliter-77
 14-J. Michael Blocher-61
 Danielle R. Lichliter-18
 15-Pamela M. Lechlitter-51

Charles C. Miller-81
 Patricia O'Reilly Lechlitter-51
 16-Bradley S. Hindmarch-25
 Linda Keller Gustafson-60
 17-Cristin L. Corwin-42
 19-Keith D. Sanderson-82
 21-Joshua W. L. Feeser-16
 Lindsey D. Mckerahan-19
 22-Drena F. Kingman-64
 24-Nancy D. Barger-63
 Albert Crawford-68
 Deborah Munn Larson-78
 25-Bradley D. Bowman-49
 27-Dee Babst Ferguson-68
 28-Randall R. Riley-45
 Ronald B. Spencer-57
 29-Jessica Billard-22
 Lois Lape Lichliter-76
 Mary J. Vessey-82
 31-Joanne Gustafson-41
 Vene Lechlitter-80

SEPTEMBER

1-Melissa L. Artice-26
 2-Nancy H. Lichliter-26
 Steven L. Smith-42
 4-William S. Lechlitter-92
 Ryan P. Miller-2
 5-Daniel W. Mckerahan-46
 Virginia L. Vessey-87
 Jay P. Welker-30
 6-Brenda Hindmarsh-44
 Keith Hindmarsh-46
 7-Steven Thiry-53
 8-Vonda Lechlitter Bowman-67

Barbara Morse Willard-56
 9-Geoffrey Catto-29
 Dennis F. Lechlitter-58
 10-Perry V. Ervin-44
 11-Nellie Hoover Maurer-94
 Linda Lasalle Lechlitter-91
 Jodi L. Lechlitter-38
 12-Helen F. Lechlitter-86
 14-Laura A. Ambrosion-23
 15-Carey Dewitt Altman-39
 16-Sharon G. Lichliter-56
 Jason W. McClung-28
 Shanna Powell Netzel-62
 17-William J. Cober-35
 Kevin Ketcham-10
 Eric Nowicki-23
 18-Victoria Farner Artice-55
 Lauren K. Thiessen-61
 19-Dorothy Engle James-85
 Charlotte L. Jackson-49
 Iris Jones Lechlitter-90
 Charles Mckerahan-72
 24-Jill Deeter Dewitt-62
 Albert L. Godfrey-47
 Thomas R. James-59
 Christopher W. Lichliter-26
 25-Lois Baucom Farner-81
 Jared Zebe-29
 26-Lyman C. Lechlitter-74
 Richard E. Walker-57
 28-Lorie Lichliter Devardo-46
 29-Hal Barger Jr-84
 Wanda Lechlitter Barger-80
 30-Kay Ann Lichvar Cober-61



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Becoming a member of the LFA entitles you to continue to receive this newsletter and all other LFA communications, Fill out this simple application and send it along with a check to the LFA for \$5.00 for each person that wants to become a member.

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