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George Lyness	John Lyness	Rosella Weddle	Henry Lyness	Josephine Bowyer	Albert Lyness	Frank Lyness	Walter Lyness
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A Note from Carol

Spring is here, and I am not sorry that the winter is past! It is time to plan fun activities for the warmer weather. Last year in January, I flew to Panama to visit our cousin Millie Reitz where it was nice and warm. This past winter was even colder here, and I missed that get-away and the visiting with someone who shared some of my roots! This newsletter will help with the updates on family that Ray has gathered for us. Some are always fun, like weddings. Then we have the sad when we find the passing of cousins like Phil Lyness, Marilyn Nielsen, Molly Harris and Kay Minter. We will miss them all, but have the memories to

linger on. The births are always hopeful signs that the family roots continue to send out new branches to create more outstanding individuals. With the family tree we can see the past, present and the future!

To plan for the future, Janelle and Jeremy Hoffpaur and I met recently and began to plan for some fun activities for the 2015 Reunion at Golden Bell. Since we are co-chairs for the next reunion, we hope you already have the dates of July 24-26, 2015 marked on your calendar. Some of the committee and other willing volunteers and interested family are planning to come to my house in Overland Park, KS on June 20-22 to get inspired for the next reunion. I have old letters etc. to give us ideas and insights. Some will come for a few hours on one of those days, and some may stay awhile, but we hope to come up with some “products” that will be ready for the committee to polish for another memorable reunion. If you have time and are interested in joining in this effort, you can e-mail me at dcmcnary@sbcglobal.net or call 913-897-7598 and I will send you the details as the agenda gets refined. Even if we do not reinvent the wheel, we can have a good time visiting!!

We hope you each have a delightful summer of 2014 and that you save back a few dollars to get you to Golden Bell near Colorado

Springs, Colorado next year – July 24-26, 2015!!!

Your Cousin, Carol McNary

Looking forward to Reunion 2015!



Births

Katy Kinder, daughter of Russ Scherler and granddaughter of Mary Scherler, and her husband, Jeremy, had Lyla Kinder April 9, 2013.

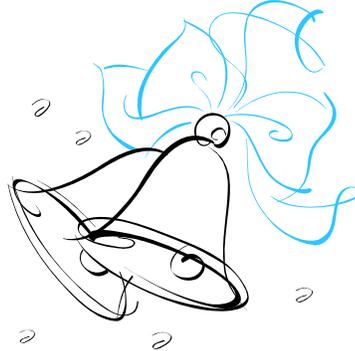
Trevor Stitt, son of Tracy Stitt and grandson of Tobie Stitt, and his wife, Crystal, had Hayden Stitt July 20, 2013.

Kevin Harward, son of Ellen Harward and grandson of Ray Bowyer, and his wife, Lara, had Hadley Elizabeth Harward November 3, 2013.

Warren Sheaves, son of Miriam Sheaves and grandson of Warren Lyness, and his wife, Amelia, had Ellison Miriam Sheaves March 26, 2014.

Tom Hollis, son of Mark Hollis and grandson of Frieda Hollis, and his wife, Amy, adopted a 10-year-old Bulgarian

daughter March 29, 2014. At press time, we did not know the girl's name.



Weddings

Kyle Seller, son of Nancy Hauser and grandson of Wilma Parsons, married Elyse Closer July, 2012.

Alica Hollis, daughter of Leo Hollis and granddaughter of Frieda Hollis, married Harold Clark October 13, 2013, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She has adopted the name Alicia Hollis-Clark.



Deaths

Kay Minter

Carolyn M. "Kay" Minter, wife of George Thorsen, who is the son of Esther Thorsen and grandson of George Lyness, died peacefully while surrounded by family on

Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, at University of Wisconsin Hospital.

Kay was born on April 25, 1937, in Madison, the daughter of Edward and Esther Denson. She was married to Robert Minter on May 29, 1963, and he preceded her in death. She later married George Thorsen on June 21, 1997.

Kay graduated from Madison Business College and was a certified public accountant. She was a corporate manager for many years at Stearns Chemical. She and Robert started the Junior Bowling Program in DeForest, and also coached. She was Y.A.B.A. officer, M.W.B.A. president, a member and president of 600 Club, and was inducted into the Madison Bowling Hall of Fame. She was the Wisconsin Olympic Bowling Coach and bowled in many other leagues up until six months ago.

She was also very involved with her churches; United in Christ Lutheran in Morrisonville, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Georgia. She was a Sunday school teacher, church treasurer, was involved in Jail Ministry, was a Gideon officer, recorded books for the blind, tutored dyslexic high school students, was a coordinator for Senior Care, and a tax preparer for AARP. Kay loved to sing and was a member of Sweet Adeline's. She was an avid reader and enjoyed her book club. George built up his biceps toting her many books each time they moved! Kay happily traveled one and one half times around the world, setting foot on every continent including the glacier at Mount McKinley, knee deep in snow.

Surviving Kay are her husband, George Thorsen; daughters, Nancy Kessenich, Sharon (Steve) Pulvermacher, and Marlene (Rick) Porter; sister-in-law, Nancy (nee

Manke) Minter; grandchildren, Jason Kessenich, Kristy (Rich) Plier, Julie (Jeff) Pulvermacher, Nicole Pulvermacher, April Pulvermacher, Crystal (Andy) Pulvermacher, and Adam (Kay) Porter; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; stepchildren, Nancy (Grant) Geigler, Penny (Tom) Taylor, Holly (Fred) Clark, and Matt Thorsen; nine step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; brothers and sisters, Butch (Gerri) Denson, Ruth Strand, and Dottie (Bob) Mellenberger; sisters-in-law, Emma Bethke and Marge Millette; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Robert Minter; son, Don Minter; and son-in-law, Richard Kessenich.

Alan Parsons

Alan Parsons, son of Wilma Parsons and grandson of Helen Cloud, died February 3, 2014. He had been ill with cancer for many years.



Other Family News— Pem and Josie Descendants

Michael Cochran, son of Vi Cochran and grandson of Twyla Boone, has returned from an overseas assignment with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery. He is based at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Kendra Miller, daughter of Ken Rose and granddaughter of Viola Rose, has accepted a position with a home health company, doing physical therapy in patients' homes. Her husband, Johnny Miller, teaches and coaches at Putnam City West.

Robert Boone, son of Twyla Boone and grandson of Ralph Bowyer, and his wife, Rachel, have moved from one part of Albuquerque to another. They don't have as much house and yard to maintain and repair as they did before.

Wilma Parsons, daughter of Helen Cloud and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, had surgery for ovarian cancer. At last report, her recovery from surgery was being difficult.

Madison Hauser, daughter of Nancy Hauser and granddaughter of Wilma Parsons, earned first place in the Dakota Ridge High School Optimist essay contest.

Madison and her brother, Matthew, were both inducted into the National Honor Society.

Malcolm Boone, son of Tom Boone and grandson of Twyla Boone, has announced his engagement to Meghan Dukes. The wedding is planned for May 2015.

Tammy Blankenship, daughter of Jane Blankenship and granddaughter of Marguerite McAnulla, has announced her engagement to Keith Cuillard.

Robbie Jensen, son of Vivian Jensen and grandson of Robert Doonan, is a student at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.

Other Family News— other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Stacy Patton-Pierce, daughter of Sherry Patton and granddaughter of Mary Scherler, has moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, with her husband, Cody. He is the agriculture teacher at Muskogee High School, and she is a communications instructor and coordinator of creative services at Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma. She creates the monthly magazine, and is the advisor for the college newspaper.

Chrystal AnneMarie Patton, daughter of Christopher Patton and granddaughter of Sherry Patton, announced her engagement to Randy Kramer.

Jamey Turnham, son of Marjorie Turnham and grandson of Fred Lyness, has returned from an assignment in Afghanistan with the Seabees.

Chelsea Turnham, daughter of Joel Turnham and granddaughter of Marjorie Turnham, is finishing her Physical Therapy Assistant training this year. She got the opportunity to go to Puttur, India, to work in a mission hospital for her spring break. There is an orphanage next to the hospital and the group that went are working with the orphanage and doing physical therapy on the patients. She decided several months ago that after she gets her PTA certification she wants to start work in a clinic, and continue on to become a Doctor in physical therapy. She loves the operating room and has had the opportunity to observe a knee replacement and in India got to watch a cataract operation.

Mya Nielsen, daughter of Glen Nielsen and granddaughter of Marilyn Nielsen, received the “Husky Hero” award for demonstrating extraordinary character. She was nominated by her teachers.

Nicholas Nielsen, son of Kevin Nielsen and grandson of Marilyn Nielsen, has announced his engagement to Laren Nicole D’Agostino. A September, 2014, wedding is planned.

Richard Lyness, son of Robert Lyness and grandson of Lawrence Lyness, got national attention with his winning basket for the El Dorado Springs (Missouri) high school basketball game against Stockton.

Stephanie Lee, daughter of Kathy Lee and granddaughter of John Lyness, announced her engagement to Marcus Safirt.

The Family on the Web

The Bowyer/Lyness family is on the web at www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness. The site has back issues of this newsletter, in case you want to know what happened in the past.

Some video from the 2011 reunion has been shared by Rose Grammer. To access it, connect your internet browser to <http://www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness/events.htm>, then click on one of the words in the center of the page.

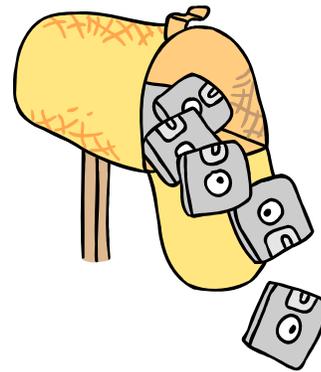
The book Bowyer-Skavdahl Genealogy is on line. Contact your editor if you would like to access it.

Facebook members: In the box “Search for people, places and things” enter “Lyness family” to get access to Lyness information.

Pictures from several recent reunions are at <http://picasaweb.google.com/raybowyer01>.

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We welcome contributions of family news, events, etc. for future issues of this newsletter. If you know of something that has happened to a family member, send it to the newsletter editor:

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