

# FARRAR



Family Newsletter

October 2017

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to all,

Well, the summer is winding down, schools have started and the hurricanes don't seem to have an end!! We hope any of our family members or friends are out of harms way right now and pray for your safety.

On August 29th we lost another of our Original 10, Richard A. Farrar passed away, we send our deepest condolences to his immediate family. He will be greatly missed by all.

Reunion #40 didn't break any records, but we had an attendance of 49 people!! It was a little cooler than normal and the fans helped. We are enjoying our freezer and fridge even if Doug W. had to do a little electronic work to get it going. We had another visit from our cousin across the sea, James (Max) Farrar. He brings much information and is a delight to visit with. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed playing games! Although the lake was missed, the creek was well used and everyone enjoyed themselves.

I hope you will all plan on being at the next reunion in June of 2018!! The good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise, we will see you there!

Sincerely,

**Nancee (Farrar) Lehnhoff**

President Farrar Family Reunion



Family business meeting



Most of those in attendance for the 40th Annual Farrar Family Reunion

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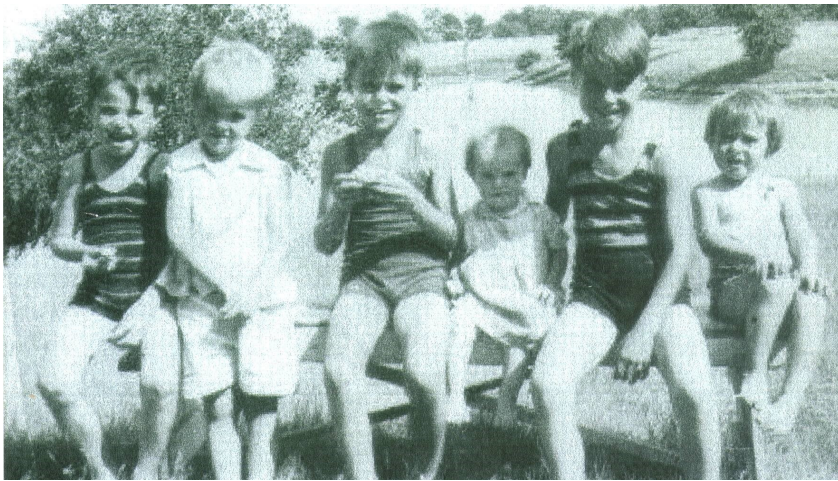
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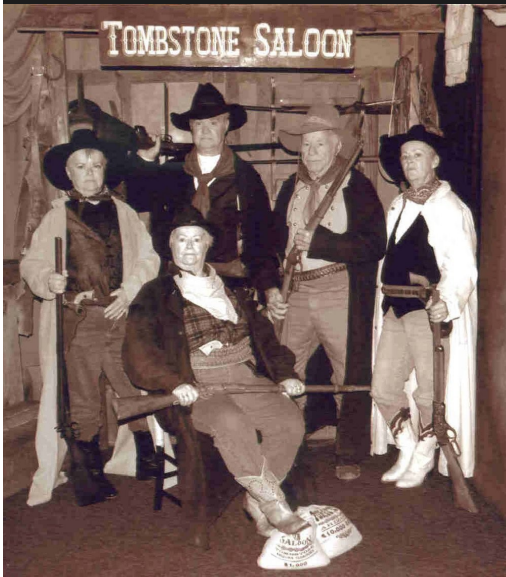
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# RICHARD (DICK) A. FARRAR



1934: Bob (6), Dick (4), Bill (8), Jean (1), Joe (9), and Gerry (3)



2011: The "Farrar Gang" pictured here was last seen near Tombstone, AZ. There is a substantial reward offered for their capture. There is a rumor that they will be at their "hideout" near Wirth, AR in June. Beware, they're considered "armed and dangerous." Members: "The Illini Kid" (Carol), "Calamity Jean," "Deadeye Dick," "Arkansas Bob," and "Cherokee Marnie" (Marleen)



Friends and family gathered to share memories and reflect on the great man they all knew for Dick's Celebration of Life.

Richard (Dick) Farrar, a fun-loving and adventurous member of this family and one of the Original 10, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, at his home.

The 4th son of Joseph V. and Viola Farrar was born in January of 1930 while the family lived in Highland, Illinois. He and his brothers worked for their father at Farrar's Market for a time before he graduated from Belleville High School in 1948. He served for three years in the U.S. Army as part of the 6th Armored Division during the Korean war and was awarded the Bronze star for his service.

In June of 1951, he was married to Valeria Burrows. They made their home in Missouri where they raised six children - five sons and a daughter. Dick worked as a meat cutter for Dierberg's Market until he retired in 1992. After retirement, he gave his time volunteering with Meals on Wheels and became an avid bicyclist. He also spent some time traveling the country with his siblings.

Every story ever told about this man involves laughter (and probably fireworks). He was always looking for something new and exciting to do with his boys and their cousins who came to visit. He lived a full and rewarding life and was able to share his creativity and sense of adventure with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick loved to make others smile and he lived every day with that in mind. Many people turned out to celebrate his life after his passing. All of us Farrars are lucky to have been able to call him family.

# 40TH ANNUAL FARRAR REUNION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**June 18, 2017**

The 40th annual Farrar business meeting was called to order and commenced at 10:05 am on Sunday, June 18th, 2017 at the Family Reunion site in Arkansas.

The flag was raised and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. The flag was then lowered to half mast and a moment of silence was observed in honor of all our forefathers that have gone before as well as all of those who serve or have served in defense of our national freedoms.

The invocation was delivered by Doug Linebaugh.

President Nancee Lehnhoff welcomed all in attendance. A big thank you went out to Kerri, Flash, and Linda for the for maintenance to the grounds, organizing the shipping container, and preparing for the reunion. Another big thank you went out to Doug Williams for shelving for the containers. Linda Berry announced that the container shelves now have labels to ensure things are always where they belong. The last announcement was a safety reminder to regularly check for ticks.

Secretary Aspen Williams read the minutes from the 39th annual business meeting. Bob Farrar moved to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Nicole Gooch reported that we currently have \$9784.57 on hand – including books. Opening a separate account for the books was unsuccessful, but they're a separate line item in the budget. Kathy Ridgway moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Aspen will be taking over the newsletter for the future. It would be preferred if family members could submit their email address so that the newsletter can be sent out electronically to save costs. Please send her any announcements you would like included in the newsletter.

The grounds crew reported that it would be helpful to have a checklist for opening camp to ensure nothing gets forgotten. This will be helpful going forward so that anyone can help open camp – even if they've never done it before.

## **Old Business**

Bathhouse roof is holding, but needs to be replaced. Ron Farrar recommended bringing back an annual work day to make time for ongoing maintenance to the facilities. Nick Linebaugh and Doug Linebaugh offered to head up the bathhouse roofing project and plan to get it done within the year. Thanks Nick and Doug!

Rewiring of the Pavilion was discussed. The refrigerator had to be repaired due to mice chewing through wires. It was decided that mouse traps and/or rat poison would be put out when we leave camp each year to solve this problem. Any residue from these would be cleaned out when the pavilion is power washed before the reunion each year. Ron Farrar offered to take care of it this year. Thanks Ron!

Genealogy Chairperson is still open – Randy Farrar has all of the information and is willing to help get someone started in the position which mainly entails gathering family stories and light research. Please contact Randy or any of the officers if you're interested in the position.

## **New Business**

Secretary was up for reelection. Nominations were opened and Aspen Williams ran unopposed. Voting was almost unanimous (Talon Williams voted against) – congratulations Aspen on your reelection.

Uncle Bob has sold the property behind the reunion grounds. The new owner of the land behind the reunion site has put up a barricade and we will no longer have access to the lake.

Changes to the Bylaws were discussed. With the property sale, we ran into an issue with the bylaws. The new property owner got a 6-month easement through our property in order to access his and has built his own road bypassing our property. Our bylaws state that "the executive committee in an emergency has the power to make decisions," but it was deemed that the selling of land is not considered an emergency so it was very difficult to conduct any business on behalf of the reunion without a family vote. Nicole Gooch moved to amend the bylaws to reflect that the executive committee cannot amend the bylaws or dissolve the reunion by themselves, but can conduct reunion related business without a vote of the full family. This will enable decisions to be made year round should the need arise. The motion was seconded and passed.

There was a new family tree up in the pavilion this year! Thanks to Randy Farrar, the entire tree is now electronic and can be shared among family members. The tree was split into two separate trees. One that ends with the Original 10 will be available for sale, but the current one is only available to family members due to the inclusion of sensitive information (such as maiden names and birth dates). If you would like a PDF file of the family tree, please contact Randy.

It was noted that Uncle Joe used to donate to Baker's Cemetery each year. The reunion has since taken over this and donates \$250 each year. This wasn't a commonly known fact and it was requested that the treasurer bring a copy of the bank statement each year to show a breakdown of reunion expenditures.

Eleven plots were bought by Joseph Farrar Sr. at Valhalla Cemetery in St. Louis for his children. If his children (the Original 10) do not want them, other family members may be able to claim them. The family attempted to sell the plots at one point, but it was unsuccessful. Jill has information on the attempted sale and will look for any paperwork she may have or cemetery policies. Information will be given to Nancee.

Uncle Bob moved to close the meeting at 10:50 am. The motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aspen Williams, Secretary.



# 40TH ANNUAL FARRAR REUNION



Carol, Bob, and Marleen



Karly and a friend she found and took care of.



Nancee and Kathy



Banners from past reunions hang on the new storage container. It was fun to see who was at the first reunion and how much our handprints had changed since the 20th.



Ben and Conner learn how to raise the flag before the business meeting.



Randy climbs a ladder to repair some of the PVC piping on the water tower.



Items from Viola (Schwend) Farrar's hope chest were on display at the reunion this year. Items included a bracelet with all of the names of the O-10 as well as political buttons, photos of her children, and newspaper clippings among others.



Marita and Little Nick



# FLOAT TRIPS



2004, Oregon: JV, Gerdie, & Bob



2007: Farrar Overboard!



2006: Kevin, Payton, & Nikki



2016: Ben



2005: Talon & Payton



2009: Lunch Time



2012: Bailey, Brooke, & Dusty



2017: Melissa, Karly, & Kurt



2008: Nick, Marita, Payton, Conner, Bailey, Vicki



2015: Flash & Kerri



## 40 YEARS OF TRADITION

Forty years strong and we never looked so good! If you're looking for a way to spend time with family, the reunion is the place to be every summer. From flag-raising to dish-washing, card games to canoeing, and bacon to s'mores, everything we do is rooted in family values and it's always better if YOU are there to experience it.



The reunion is a flag-raising, dish-washing, canoeing, and card playing good time!

### EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see, the newsletter looks a bit different than it has in the past... tell me what you think! Please send any feedback or ideas my way.

If you would like to submit something for the upcoming Spring Newsletter to be sent out in April 2018, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'd love more photos and stories of Farrars and their families throughout the year!

I would like to apologize for this issue of the newsletter being later than normal, but we should be back on schedule for the future. I truly hope you enjoyed this issue of the Farrar Family Newsletter and look forward to creating many more great issues in the future.

**Aspen Williams**

Secretary Farrar Family Reunion

### THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is a bi-annual publication of the farrar family reunion, inc. a non-profit organization founded by the descendants of Joseph Vernon and Viola Lillian (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. for the benefit of the Farrar family. Publication of the newsletter occurs in April and October. Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Please send all submissions to the editor at [alwq96@mst.edu](mailto:alwq96@mst.edu).





## THE FARRAR FAMILY TREE

This tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar's Island books. A 3'x5' scroll on white paper in non-fading, easily readable black ink, begins three generations into England. It then follows our family over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents, William & Cecily, and follows our particular line through each generation to Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. and their ten children. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per paper copy. Due to lack of available space on the original tree, there is now a second tree available as a companion to the original. It descends from Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. to the present. This second tree is a computerized version and has recently been adapted to a paper tree. Because of the detailed personal information on this tree, it is only available to the immediate family. Please email Randall (Randy) Farrar (email information below) if you would like a copy of a PDF version of the second tree. Cost for the paper version of the second tree will soon be determined.

## THE FARRAR'S ISLAND BOOKS

The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. is the source for the two-volume set of books by Alvahn Holmes. The books cover our Farrar family history back to Jamestown and England. Learn about our Farrar ancestor, William Farrar I. William received 2,000 acres of land including the 600 acre island known as Farrar's Island on the James River in Virginia for his sponsoring of 40 settlers to Jamestown Colony in the early 1600's.

Vol. I: The Farrar's Island Family

Vol. II: The Farrar's Island Descendants

The books can now be ordered on eBay using your eBay or Paypal account. Vol. I is \$55, Vol. II is \$65, and the two can be purchased as a set for \$115 plus priority flat mail rate shipping of \$13.60. If you choose not to use a credit account, you can send an email to [rfarrar@pacbell.net](mailto:rfarrar@pacbell.net) with your book request and shipping information and pay by check or money-order. In that case, the cost of the books are \$50 (plus shipping) for Vol. I, \$60 (plus shipping) for Vol. II, or \$105 (plus shipping) for the set. More information is available on our website: [farrarinc.com](http://farrarinc.com). These prices are subject to change.

## REUNION DUES

Each member of the Reunion is expected to pay annual dues to help defray expenses and keep the Reunion financially viable. Annual dues are levied as follows:

2nd/3rd Generation (40+ years old) - \$50

2nd/3rd Gen. (<40 years old) - \$25

Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues to our Treasurer, your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated! The treasurer's contact information can be found on the first page of the newsletter.

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