

2019 Martini Family Reunion



This was in the 2006 edition, didn't think you'd remember so here it is again:

Now I sit me down to type, the annual letter to the group.

Don't do this for bucks or hype but just to keep you "in the loop"!

~ 2018 Reunion Update ~

The 2018 reunion was held as usual at Kuliga Park on 8/26/18. It was hosted by Uncle Ray's family and did they do a great job. Max's daughters, Donita and Trina generously contribute their graphic art talent to come up with lots of unique "Martini" display items and it is greatly appreciated! It was an unusually hot day but thankfully there was a continuous breeze which helped us survive ☺. The heat did not interfere with the usual games. Max figured there were approximately 132 attendees; that's a lot of Martinis! Game winners included: Dillon (Matt's grandson) as a repeat winner with a new partner, Mike Mefford, husband of Debbie, Bob's daughter taking Cornhole prize. The ever favorite Egg Toss was again won by a father/child team, this time it was Mike Reilmann and his 9 year old daughter, Maggie. Jeanne's daughter, Sherri guessed the correct number of candy pieces. Paul was the oldest, just turning 90 and not sure but our granddaughter, Sophie, may have been the youngest, who turned 2 in June. Several came a distance to share the day including Dave from Connecticut. His grand-siblings, Dave and Katie Martini came down from UD to share the day with their Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle and cousins. It was great to see Dave after such a long time and meet his grandkids. Larry & Marge came up from Lexington and their granddaughter, Carly Biega came from UC. She thoroughly enjoyed winning the door prize. Peg again was present from FL via Columbus!

Ginny's daughter, Susan Bethard and husband, Joe, visited from their home near Philadelphia; they also made the trip last year. It was good to see them; Susan is so like her Mom.

Debbie (Bob's daughter) and Mike Medford came from South Carolina for the first time. I enjoyed talking to him and Kevin Burnett, what a pair!!

I hope I didn't miss anyone, I usually take notes but failed to do so this time, not sure if I can get fired for that. Thanks to Max for filling in the blanks ☺.

~ On to the News of the Day ~

JOE:

No news from Uncle Joe's family so hope all is well; Mary Ellen remains at Hillebrand and visits/cards are always appreciated.

FRANK:

Thanks to Denise for submitting Rosemary's updates. Bob's daughter, Ruth, passed on May 3 after a long battle with cancer. On a happier note, his daughter Jeanette and husband are looking forward to being first time grandparents.



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Paul turned 91 on August 23 and will probably be the oldest present at the reunion ~ again ☺. Have a happy, healthy year ahead, Paul! He became a great-great grandpa when great granddaughter, Morgan, had a baby boy earlier this year.

Sadly, Whitey lost his wife of 63 years on June 12 after a short illness. Aside from being a beloved Wife, Mom and Grandma, she taught at St. Lawrence School for 24 years and also worked weekends at Western Bowl for over 30 years. She is sadly missed by all; may she rest in peace.

Jim & Jackie's son, Jimmy, died on December 2, 2018.

No updates in either Joe or Rosemary's families so hope no news is good news. We hope next year will be a happier one for this family.

CHARLEY:

Chic had donated a copies of "The Watches" and "Martini Family Crest" to the Delhi Historical Society. As a result, he was asked to give a talk at one of their meetings. So in May, he was happy to tell the story of our family to others and it was well received. He appreciated that Max, Lou, Mary Jo, Janet, Diana, Arlene and I also attended and treated us to lunch at Frisch's afterwards ☺! He and Claire crossed one item off their bucket list after completing their quest to golf in all 50 states. They finished off the last 7 out West in June ending up in Sitka, AK ending another of their long list of travel adventures.

Tom & I became Great-Gparents when Ella Lorraine was born on July 7, her parents are Katie & Greg Hoelle; it is kind of weird when your kids become grandparents but so it goes!! Grandson Alex graduated from UC and is employed by L'Oreal in Florence while working towards his CPA certification; his brother, Daniel, is a freshman at Miami. Our daughter, Kathy, is pursuing her first love of tutoring since moving to Austin last year. Son Mike & Cherie are going to make Sophie a big sister in December!! We were blessed to observe our 60th anniversary in January ~ where did that time go??

ANDY:

Mary Jo as always sent a nice, newsy message noting that their family is expanding this year with four weddings and three babies happening before the end of this year! Ginny Beckenhaupt (Don & Ele) retired from nursing after a very fulfilling career of 40 years in various positions, loving every minute of it. She and Matt have moved to Blufton, SC where they are living their dream retirement; they plan to return several times this year including for the wedding of their son, Jared in December. Enjoy this special time, you've earned it!! Ben (Chris & Ben) & Katie Mathis recently moved to Union, KY.

Dick & Janet's family has a lot of changes in the works: Meagan & Matt are expecting #4 in December; Rick & Diane are looking forward to daughter Jenna's October wedding to Hayden Marschall and also becoming 1st time grandparents as Kayla & Mike are also expecting in December. Ronnie (Ron & Patty) married Allison White on June 28. Tony & Barb had several health issues but are doing well. Granddaughter Jessica wed Josh Harbert on July 27 and Trish's son James & Natasha are expecting #2 in December. (A lot of us are going to have an extra special Christmas with all the babies due that



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month! Must have been a cold spell in March??). Mary Jo & Dave's family are all doing well, Dave & Laura love spending time together; three children in swimming competitions keep Michelle & Dan on the go while Steve & Krista keep busy working and just enjoying life. Despite a rainy weekend, their annual family campout last September was enjoyed by all and they're hoping for better weather this year ☺.

Mary Jo is sure her parents and brothers would be very pleased with the legacy they left behind in their big, happy, noisy family! So true ☺

RAY:

Diane Burnett (Bob) reported that her brother, Bill, finally has a grandson after six girls when Benjamin Alexander came on the scene on 12/19/18. Peg is happy that Dorian took a turn and spared them his wrath! She has been in Columbus visiting Tammy and family. Enjoyed Grandparents' Night at the football game watching Donovan on the field with the band and going to Dayton for Delaney's bowling tournaments; she is very good at it. Peg is hosting Bob's family for a visit in October, Diane & Sandy from here; Debbie from SC and Bill will come from JAX. It should be a fun time.

MARTHA:

Edward remains at St. Andrew's in Batesville and he tolerates often being in pain and on dialysis three days a week without complaining. That take a special person; we should keep him in prayer and a drop him a card/note. Joyce had a bad fall early this year but is doing well as are Audrey and Barb. The Groeschen clan grew with the arrival of three new little ones. Sam Haglin on 10/22/18 son of Elizabeth & Andrew; Silas Mark Sena on 2/24/19, son of Kenton & Susan and Cora Elizabeth Cooper on 2/23/19, daughter of Dr. Kim and Austin. In addition, Ben & Erin Schmidt welcomed Nolan Otto on 6/8/19. On the wedding scene, Paul Groeschen (Martin) was married to Monica Napier on 5/25/19 and Ira Sena and Sarah Brown were wed on 8/31/19. Barb also noted that David Schmidt (Alan) received his MD degree and is a resident at Christ Hospital. Erin Schmidt, wife of Ben, received her NP degree last year. Kenton Sena received his Doctorate from UK while Kyle Cooper received his from Purdue. Best wishes to all the new parents, newlyweds and grads.

BUD:

Heard from Dave, he enjoyed visiting last year but won't be able to make it this time. He continues to golf and bowl regularly, stays involved with the family especially following the grandkids' activities. Three of them attend UD. He visited Larry & Marge in Hilton Head last October and intends to return this year. Meanwhile, all is well with the Lexington Martinis. They too try to keep up with all 10 grandkids, ages 15-25! Their first grandson is to be married next spring, another new experience for them.

EPP:

Diana responded between cruises having just returned from one in Alaska and set to go again on the 6th! Hey, it's a hard job but someone has to do it! She also is very active with the Senior Center. Ginny's family all came to town for a wonderful weekend in August, visiting some of the city's fun venues, playing cards and just being together! Sue (Ginny) & Joe plan to return for this reunion, it will be good to see them again. Diana's granddaughter, Sophie started 1st grade, plays soccer and attends dance





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classes. Dale's granddaughter, Kaitlyn, is a 6th grader and stays busy playing volleyball for her school and the Northern KY Volleyball Club.

STEVE:

Thanks to Carol for her lengthy report! I'm sure most of you know she has been going through a rough time so we all need to keep her in prayer. Steve & Marty are doing well, he still works part-time. They had another graduation this year and are proud of all their grands! Lou & Patty are always busy and on the go. (She and I had total knee replacements within weeks of each other in February & March, both doing OK!). Grandson, Jeff graduated from Ohio U, Ian from Elder and plays baseball for Cincinnati Christian U while his sister, Carley graduated from St. Dominic and plays golf for Seton. Ray & Joyce keep busy following their family's activities and plan a trip to TX later this year. Mike & Maryann are back in MI after spending winter and spring here. Maryann is doing well after successful surgery; Mike keeps busy around the house and helping neighbors. Their kids are fine, also had a graduation and are expecting another grandchild soon. Tim & Karen are again planning the annual Corn-hole Tournament with Jeanne & Frank. Carol & Mike had a great visit to Florida in March. Their oldest granddaughter, Olivia graduated from Clark Montessori and will attend OSU/Newark. She is settled in her apartment, looking forward to her goal in nursing. Rick & Mindy enjoyed spending time in their new pool with the family. Marge & Virg are always up for a golf trip or family getaway when not busy with their family. Their daughter, Jill, is now in charge of Seton's overall dance program and has been named head coach of the Varsity Dance Team. This is a big deal as the program ranks 22nd in the nation and has won numerous awards. Congrats, Jill, and best of luck going forward!! Jeanne & Frank are proud grandparents of their 2nd granddaughter, Lucy Margaret Dietrich born on 9/20/18 and is lucky to have 3 older brothers to love and protect her! They vacationed with family at Disney, St. Augustine Beach and Michigan this summer; never a dull moment for them either. Denny & Diane kind of followed their footsteps adding a 2nd granddaughter, Brynn Kathleen, born on 6/11/19 to Amy & Blake. They also love to travel. Son, Ryan, has decided to teach another year in Australia after spending time at home. Carol noted that the family always hangs together through the good and bad times. So true, it would be hard to get through w/o their love and support.

PHIL:

Mary Louise sent word that they have no additions to their branch this time.

Time marches on and so another year has passed by so quickly with changes in all our lives. I believe it's time for the Andy/Epp/Phil families to host next year followed by Steve's family in '21.

Until next time, I leave you with a wish for a Blessed, Healthy Year and a short quote from Mother Teresa ~ "The best and surest way to learn the love of Jesus is through the family".

Later, Love, 

