

## Holzrichter Family Reunion 2008 May 24 & 25

<u>Hosted by</u>: Doug Holzrichter & Linda Holzrichter

(children of William C. Holzrichter)

Where: Geneva, Illinois - USA

(40 miles west of Chicago, in the scenic Fox River Valley)

The response to the initial RSVP has been light. So far the following US attendees (excluding your hosts and their families) are: Jon Holzrichter (son of Edward), his wife Julie, and their daughter and son, all of Plainfield, IL; Robert F. Holzrichter and Ruth McGee of Sun City, AZ, and Robert's sons: John F. Holzrichter PhD and his wife Barbara of Berkeley, CA, and Robert E. Holzrichter and his wife Mary of Cedarburg, WI. The only European attending so far is Jens Holzrichter, a warmly outgoing and active participant in this reunion for many years.

The following RSVPs were returned undelivered, so if any of you know how to reach these family members, let us know: Katherine Holzrichter (Buhler, KS?), Mark and Shannon Holzrichter (Odenton, MD?), Terry Holzrichter, Pueblo, CO?), and J.K. Holzrichter (San Juan Capistrano, CA?).

We'd love to have as many attendees as possible, although we plan to host the reunion regardless of the turnout. If anyone would like to attend but has not yet RSVP'd, please let us know ASAP.

The reunion is international. It has been going on for several years now – some years it's been hosted in Germany, other years it's been hosted in the US. It's an opportunity to share the family history with one another and rekindle family ties, so please bring along any family photos or mementos that you would like to share, particularly of genealogical significance.

On Saturday, May 24, Mitch Holzrichter (Doug's son) and his girlfriend Carolyn Grunst will host a reception for reunion-goers from 5 to 9 p.m. at their home on the 44<sup>th</sup> floor of a downtown Chicago high-rise. The location is 520 N. Kingsbury Street, Chicago, IL 60610. The apartment provides majestic views of the Chicago skyline.

On Sunday, May 25, Doug and Elaine Holzrichter will host the family gathering and meal at their home beginning at 3 p.m. The location is 1602 Bunker Court, Geneva, IL 60134.

On Monday, May 26, we encourage everyone to join us at the Geneva United Methodist Church Memorial Day pancake breakfast at 211 Hamilton Street in downtown Geneva, IL. The pancake breakfast starts at 7 a.m. and is very affordable. We suggest that everyone meet at Doug & Elaine's home by 7:30 a.m. and we will drive from there. A Memorial Day parade begins at 10 a.m., ending with a service at the East Side Cemetery that includes the playing and

singing of the National Anthem, guest speakers, and the American Legion Post 75 Color Guard performing a rifle salute. The playing of Taps will close the ceremony.

## HOTELS, TRANSPORTATION & ACTIVITIES:

A Metra commuter train runs between downtown Chicago and Geneva (Metra Union Pacific West Line between Chicago and Elburn). Check <a href="https://www.metrarail.com">www.metrarail.com</a> for schedules and fares.

For information on local hotels and activities, you may want to check the following web sites:

www.geneva.il.us

Some of the hotels in the area include:

- Fairfield Inn, St. Charles; 630-845-5500
- Comfort Inn & Suites; 630-208-8811
- Herrington Inn (high end); 630-208-7433; www.herringtoninn.com
- Oscar Swan Country Inn bed & breakfast; 630-232-0173; www.oscarswan.com
- Pheasant Run Resort & Spa, St. Charles; 630-584-6300; www.pheasantrun.com
- Hotel Baker, St. Charles; 630-584-2100; www.hotelbaker.com

For information on what's going on in Chicago, you may want to check out the web site:

www.cityofchicago.org

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