



Lübeck - Association Newsletter



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Come join the mob in Madison....not that mob....the Lübeck Association Reunion.

Next year's Lübeck Association reunion in **Madison, Wisconsin** will begin on **Sunday, September 23rd** and end on **Friday September 28th**. Don Johnson (our host) has tentatively scheduled the following list of activities, however since we are a year away, Don is still looking into adding other points of interest.

Sunday September 23rd – All attendees check in at the **Inn on the Park Hotel** (www.innonthepark.net) which is directly across the street from the Wisconsin State Capital Building. Starting at 5:00 p.m. there will be a **buffet** in the **Top of the Park Room**, which includes a hosted bar. The hospitality room will also be opened after our “bar tab” is exhausted.

Monday September 24th – After breakfast at 9:00 a.m., all will load on to our buses for a **tour of the city of Madison**, and the **University of Wisconsin** campus. A “brat picnic” lunch will follow in one of the beautiful parks near Lake Mendota, followed by a bus ride back to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening will be free time with dinner OOP (out of pocket). Naturally the hospitality room will be open for the remainder of the day. (Possibility of a “meet and greet” with the Governor or Lt. Governor at the Capital).

Tuesday September 25th - Again after breakfast at 9:00 a.m. all will board the buses for a trip to the **House on the Rock** (www.houseontherock.com), and a tour of this rather unusual architectural masterpiece. Lunch and relaxation will follow at the fantastic **House on the Rock Resort**. After returning to the hotel, the rest of the evening is again free time, with dinner OOP, and of course the Hospitality Room. (Possibility of a “drop off” at the Union Terrace on the way back).

Wednesday September 26th – The morning and afternoon will be free time to spend any way you would like, there is a lot to see within walking distance of the hotel. If there is interest, a tour of the U of W athletic facilities is available in the morning. Lunch is OOP, but save some room for dinner. In the evening we will be bused to Mariners Inn where we will board **2 yachts for a moonlit (weather permitting) dinner cruise on Lake Mendota**. Naturally the hospitality room will be available afterwards for some “wind down time.”

Thursday September 27th – After breakfast we will have a brief **Association meeting (9:00 a.m.)** where various topics of interest will be discussed... most importantly, where and who hosts the next reunion in 2009. The remainder of the day is free time, followed by the “closing ceremonies” **banquet** at the **Monona Terrace Convention Center**. The hospitality room will be open for all the last goodbyes.

Friday September 28th – Split!

YOU MUST MAKE YOU OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. IT'S EASIER FOR ALL CONCERNED.

Rates are: **Double rooms** \$114 (w/13.5% tax, **\$129.39**), and **suites** \$144 (**\$163.44** w/tax). The suites have a small extra room with sofa, easy chair, and TV, ideal for a family. Only 12 suites are available. All rooms have high speed internet, coffee makers, premium cable TV, hair dryer, ironing board, and in the lobby there is complimentary computer use.

Don did an extremely good job in obtaining the above rates, given the time of year and location, and has also

managed to wangle the hospitality room at no cost. To get the above special rates, you must state that you are part of the **Lübecker Reunion** when making your reservation. The only down side to all of the above is **breakfast is NOT included.**

The same prices are good if you are planning on coming early or staying late, just let the hotel know when you call. For reservations call (800) 279-8811 or the direct line (608) 257-8811, or the e-mail address www.innonthepark.net Reservations can be made anytime **after November 1st of 2006.**

Budget

<u>Covered package expenses (based on 80-100 attendees)</u>	<u>Couples</u>	<u>Singles</u>
First nights buffet and hosted bar @\$20/person	\$40	\$20
Moonlit cruise/dinner @ \$35/person	\$70	\$35
Closing banquet @\$40/person	\$80	\$40
Lunches (2) including brat picnic @\$15/person	\$60	\$30
Buses [3 trips (16 hrs.) w/2 buses each = \$3000	\$75	\$38
Hospitality room @ \$20/person	\$40	\$20
Shirt/Souvenir @ \$25/person	\$50	\$25
Misc. (HOTR, tour guides, tips, etc.) @ \$25/person	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>
	\$465	\$233

Out of pocket expenses

Hotel

Double room (\$114 plus 13.5% tax) 5 nights	\$647	\$647
Suite (\$144 plus 13.5% tax) 5 nights	\$817	\$817

Note:

Above expenses do not include breakfasts or other meals not covered in package (4).

Totals

Double room	\$1112	\$880
Suite	\$1282	\$1050
Double room shared with another single		\$556

Since a few venues need deposits, Don is asking that all couples submit a **deposit of \$200 (singles \$100)** ASAP to cover the early expenses. The remainder can be sent anytime until August 1st 2007. Please send your deposits/payments (made out to **Lübecker Reunion 07**) to Don Johnson, 2877 Glacier Valley Rd., Madison, WI 53711. His phone number is (608) 278-0934, and he also can be reached via E-mail at: doemjo@sbcglobal.net. Another way of getting information on Madison is to sign-on (join) the Lübecker blog (<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/luebeckers/>) Don monitors the blog and can post information quicker then the web site.

RECAP:

- 1) Send Don Johnson a check for \$200 (\$100 for singles), ASAP.
- 2) Make you own hotel reservations anytime after November 1st, 2006.
- 3) Submit final payment before August 1st, 2007.
- 4) Get your ass to Madison by September 23rd 2007!

Things Electronic

As most of you on-liners know we have a new and improved **Web Site** (www.lubeckers.com) that was installed several months ago. There are over 1600 pictures including some from every reunion that we know of, pictures of you Ami's from 1954 to 1965, as well as pictures of places and things in and around Lübeck. If you have not visited the Site, I urge you to do so...it's that much fun. For you non-Internet guys, it's almost worth getting a computer just to cruise around the Site, I'm talking to you Mike Janicki, Joe Annelo, Jim Huffman, Carl Welch, and Sterling Cox, just to name a few. Your pictures are all over the Web Site, go find them. At least go next door to your neighbor, or visit your kids (they'll have a computer) and pull it up. Your friends/relatives will enjoy seeing you when you had hair and/or were much thinner, and they can see what hard times we all went throughyeah right!

By the way if any of you "snail mail" folks have purchased a computer in the past year, and have E-mail, please let me know by E-mailing me (Jim Miller) at jimrisk@cox.net Thanks.

In Memoriam:

Dennis Whalen passed away this year (2006) after a long and courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig disease). Dennis was a Russian 988 in the 61-62 timeframe, and later in life utilized his Language School skills while living and working in Moscow Russia. According to his wife Heide (a native Lübecker) he kept his keen sense of humor throughout his illness. Dennis is survived by Heide and a very strong family.

Troy Willson, another of those Russian 988's of the early 60's also passed away in 2006 due to the effects of stomach/liver/bone cancer and a stroke. Troy was one of the real characters of his era, the forward on the Company basketball team, the hard hitting 3rd baseman, on our infamous "bierball team," as well as a friend to almost all who knew him. According to his long time boyhood friend, Troy never passed up a game of golf, or a party. He is survived by his wife Barbara and family.

As all of you know we are always trying to find additional "lost Lübeckers," however sometimes our efforts are not rewarded. During the past year, while trying to "find" folks we sadly uncovered their passing. **James B. Flock** (years in Lübeck unknown) died in 2000 in Hawaii, and **James J. (Jim) Griffin** ('58-'59) passed away in 1993. No other details are known.

All of the above brothers will be honored and added to the **Association Memorial Plaque**.

Newks!

Since a year ago our roster has grown ever-so-slightly, I guess that's good news since the more folks we find the less folks there are to find....I hope that makes sense, anyway it's my theory and I'm sticking with it. The new additions are: Alan Cowie ('64-'65), Mark & Irmgard Edwards ('64), Ron & Renee Lambrecht ('58-'59), Bill & Anneliese Pruett ('65), and Wes & Lily Roche ('57-'58)

If any person in the Association has an old buddy that was stationed in Lübeck, but is not on our roster, please let me know. As Arte Johnson on Laugh-in would say....."vee have our vays to find them!"

Your dues hard at work

As you may recall from the last issue of the Newsletter (November 2005), the attending membership at the reunion in Tucson voted to increase the annual dues to \$25, and earmark that extra \$5 as an annual gift to the Lübeck Kinderheim. I'm happy to report that 88 generous folks submitted dues this past year, one of the best responses ever, and we are currently making plans to send \$440 as this years gift. As soon as I find out the name of the Director and the address of the orphanage, the money will follow. Be assured our gift will be there for Christmas, just as we were so many years ago.

Stop the Press!! This just in from our gossip guru Rona Blabbit. After living in sin for over 16 years, Barbara Clement and Charlie Zimmerman have finally tied the knot. Actually they got married over 18 months ago, but have been keeping it a secret for reasons know only to themselves. Barbara and Charlie met over 20 years ago at a function put on by their Bavarian dancing group (you know that “oompa oompa” stuff), and actually have been trying to get “hitched” for many years, once on the Association cruise in 1993. However for one reason or another (cold feet), they never pulled it off. This time was different according to Barbara, “they just had to do it before Charlie turned 90.” For those of you who don’t know, Barbara is a native Lübecker, an associate member of our group, and at one time lived just down the street from us on Zwingli Strasse. Our congratulations to the bride and groom.

May I be the first to wish you all a

Happy Holiday Season

Hope to see you in Madison next year....Jim Miller