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## 18th National Reunion - Boston to Montreal Cruise

♪ Please come to Boston for the springtime.....♪

A rather small but lively group of Lübeckers assembled at the Residence Inn, Chelsea, MA. for the kickoff of the reunion cruise. Some folks arrived early and spent a couple of days touring the Boston area. One couple (the Miller's), were lucky enough to have a personal guided tour of all things "Revolutionary," thanks to Joe & Lee Sciacca (Lubeck '60-'62). Others took harbor sightseeing cruises, visited the Boston Common, a "Central Park" like area right in the middle of downtown Boston, and even had a beer at "Cheers." On Friday evening all 33 folks, 28 cruisers, 5 well wishers, met at the hotel for a "spirited" bon voyage party. A list of attendees will follow the "trip report."

### Sunday May 21st



After a very smooth overnight cruise up the New England coast we found ourselves anchored in **Bar Harbor, Maine**. There were no "tours" offered by the ship, so most folks just went ashore and walked around this little quaint town on their own. Of course one can not visit anywhere in Maine without having some "Lobstah," and although they are very proud of it (\$\$), the lobster stew and clam chowder was fantastic.

### Monday May 22nd

Next port of call was **Halifax, Nova Scotia**, where we were "piped ashore" by a kilted gentleman playing the bagpipes, as we began our exploration of this historical little city. One of the really interesting places to visit was the Halifax Citadel that sits atop a hill overlooking the entire harbor.

Another not so famous spot was an old building that now houses a bar and restaurant, however this place has quite a history. First it was a school house where a young girl named Anne Leonowens taught for the better part of 19 years. For those of you that do not know who this lady is, she is the Anne that went to Siam and taught in the Royal Court, and was later portrayed by Deborah Kerr in "The King and I."

Later this same building was turned into a morgue where over 350 of the dead from the Titanic were brought in 1912. And finally this was also the place where hundreds of the dead from the famous "Halifax explosion" were processed. Seems that in 1917 Halifax was a jumping off place for a lot of shipping associated with WWI. One night a munitions ship caught fire and blew much of the city to smithereens. That blast was the largest man made explosion until the A-bombs that ended WWII....see what you can learn on a cruise.

## Tuesday May 23rd



**Sydney, Nova Scotia** was our next stop, and to be quite truthful, this place doesn't have a whole lot going for it. It was a large steel manufacturing area in the 19th and early 20th century, and like Halifax, was a major staging area for shipping in both world wars. However now Sydney's biggest claim to fame is the world's largest violin, and the town celebrity is some nut case that runs around in his "tricked up" 1968 Cadillac.



## Wednesday May 24th

Next port was **Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island**, and like Sydney, not a whole lot going for it. If you like the book/movie/musical, "Anne of Green Gables." this is the place for you. The author, L.M. Montgomery, was born here, and there are "AOGG" gifts shops everywhere.



## Thursday May 25th

We were "at sea" all day enjoying the activities on board ship, there were shows to see, slot machines to feed, and Rummy cubes to play. Or, one could just sit around with a cocktail in hand watching the beautiful Canadian scenery go by, as we steamed up the St. Lawrence Seaway.

## Friday May 26th



Our last port of call prior to our final destination was **Quebec City, Quebec**. It was a rather gray and rainy day but that did not deter the City from welcoming us with a water shower from

one of its harbor fire boats. Many folks braved the elements and took tours of the city, however I know of no one that enjoyed "high tea" at the Fairmont Frontenac....maybe next time.



I do have it on good authority that a few folks sampled some of the famous crepes, and even downed a pint or two of the excellent "hard" cider....hic!

The next day we all awoke in Montreal, and soon were saying our goodbye's, all hoping that the next reunion in **2018 in San Diego** (see below) would attract many more than the "Dirty Dozen"



Reunion attendees: Jim & Hildegard Bell, Frank & Terry Crane, Don & Pat Dietz, Phil Hanley & Linda Eastman, Bob & Judy Harris, Chuck & Pat Hartwig, Myron & Marlies Havis, Dave & Bernie Hodge (not shown in group pic), Jon & Judy Hunter, Merlyn & Peggy Kammer (guests), Art & Jane McEldowney, Jim & Bonnie Miller, John & Christa Rickels, Gary & Becky Weil.

Bon Voyage guests: Ross & Donna Crawford, Fess & Nancy Parker, Joe & Lee Sciacca, Peggy Riordan, & Mallory Slate.



As mentioned above, our next reunion is to be held in Sunny Southern California, in America's favorite city....**San Diego**. Since the 2017 reunion cruise was so lightly attended, it was decided to not skip a year and meet again in 2018.

Most of the planning has been completed, the dates are **September 9th through 14th**. The hotel has been selected, it's the **Handlery Hotel** ([www.handlery.com](http://www.handlery.com)) and is located at 950

Hotel Circle North. The hotel has waived the costs of the following: Breakfast for 2 people per room (normally \$11/person), parking (usually \$14/day), and the hospitality room. The rate is \$125/night plus taxes, so figure \$140, for a double, triple or quad room, and that rate is guaranteed 3 days prior and 3 days after. The reservations can be made by phone (800) 676-6567, or just go to <https://reservations.travelclick.com/98118?groupID=2060187> and follow the simple instructions. If you call be sure and mention you are part of the **Lubeck Association Reunion**.

The schedule of events is mostly complete, one day, let's call it Monday, we will tour the town most of the morning in an open air "trolley bus" before being dropped off in the "Old Town" section of San Diego for a real tasty Mexican lunch. There will also be time for shopping and



sightseeing in this part of old San Diego.

Another day, we'll call it Tuesday, we will be bused to Balboa Park where folks can take in the many museums; Natural History, Museum of Art, Air & Space, Automotive, and/or the very beautiful Botanical Building/Arboretum. Walking can be kept to a minimum by taking the many trams that crisscross the park all day. At around noon we will all meet for lunch at the renowned Prado Restaurant in the park.

That's enough "touring" for a while, let's have a day off to relax and do what ever comes to mind. Feel free to do your own investigating in places like the USS Midway Museum, San Diego Zoo, or the Fashion Valley Mall, which is only half a mile from the hotel. The hotel has a small 10 passenger van that will take you anywhere within a 5 mile radius, which is most places. I.e the Midway, The S.D. Zoo, Old Town, the aforementioned mall etc. There will be a complete list of "hot spots" provided in your "package."

On the last day, prior to the "closing ceremonies," how about an afternoon cruise of the San Diego Harbor. We'll all board one of the Flagship Cruise Line boats and cruise around the harbor for 2+ hours. There are liquid refreshments on board, so maybe we all can have a "grog" or two.....Argh!

Since there are still details to iron out, a budget is not yet available, however I feel confident that the 5 nights at the hotel, hospitality room (beer, wine & munchies), 3 tours (2 lunches), memorabilia, and the closing nights dinner will be in the area of \$1250/couple, \$950/single.....don't hold me to that figure, but it's in the ballpark.

Not long after the first of the new year, I will be publishing an E-Mail with all the details, including budgets, and schedule of events. I have created a list of folks I've heard from, to date, and their current "reunion status," which is attached to this E-Mail.

Hopefully many more names will be added.....just let me know ([jimrisk@cox.net](mailto:jimrisk@cox.net)).

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### **In Memoriam:**

Sadly the following fellow Lübeckers have passed on since our last publication:

#### **2015 (post San Antonio)**

John Dinwiddie

Mike Madore

Richard McElhenie

Sherman Radtke

#### **2016**

Irvin "Irv" Deranger

John Chebra

Harry Walthall

Ferrell Sumrell

Ralph Myers

Michael Burke

#### **2017**

Craig Blackman

Art McEldowney

Floyd Roberts

The 13 above names will be proudly added to the list of 98 fellow Lübeckers already on the Association Memorial Plaque.

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### **Dues:**

Unfortunately our Treasury is at it's lowest point since I don't know when. We've had very little incoming dollars in the last few years and a lot of outgoing. There have been over \$2000, since 2014, contributed to various charities in the name of members that have passed, as well as other expense. I.e. reunion expenses, mailings, plaque updates etc.

If at all possible please send a check for \$25, made out to the **Lübeck Association** to me, Jim Miller, at 341 Kentfield Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Exempt:

Paid in 2017 - Phil Handley, & Ray Petty

Paid for Life - Bob Swiecicki, Gary Weil, Leo Rodgers, John Schwandke, Bob Carrow, Bill Dean  
Harry Dusenberry, Art Gemmell, Pete Grizzell, Robert Harris, Dick MacDougall

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Jim Miller

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year**