



Lübeck - Association Newsletter



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19th National Reunion - San Diego, California September 9th - 14th 2018

♪California here we come♪....and by Sunday afternoon most of the folks had arrived. We were 50ish in number, depending on what day of the week it was, as some arrived later in the week, and a few left early. (See attendees list at the end of trip report).

Before the reunion officially opened many folks could be found sipping adult beverages around the pool while exchanging long overdo greetings of.... "wow you look great...haven't change a bit."

At 7:00 P.M. sharp, Jim Miller opened the festivities by welcoming all in attendance, including first timers (Jim & Judy Boggs, Paul Zell & Donna Heiden, and Byron & Tania Lindsey), as well as several family members and guests. Also singled out were a special group of ladies, Peggy Riordan, Mickey Bean, Patti Myers, and Jane McEldowney who were attending to see old friends, but more importantly wanted to "do the things their spouses liked to do, and keep their memory alive."

Dave Black then officiated the "Ceremony of Remembrance," a very moving tribute to all the fellow Lubeckers that have passed. First, Mickey Bean planted a large American flag for all those Lubeckers that have passed prior to the reunion of 2015, her husband Don Bean being in that group. Next a smaller flag was planted for each of the 32 brothers that have died since that reunion in San Antonio. Peggy Riordan and Patti Myers lead the way, honoring their husbands John Riordan and Ralph Myers, followed by those in attendance planting a flag for the remaining 30.



Jim Miller then talked about what was in store the rest of the week, before the "hospitality hi-jinx" began.

Hospitality room:



Monday September 10th:



After a tasty breakfast, it was off on a tour of the city of San Diego via trolley. The two hour tour took us all around the city including the harbor where the Midway Museum is located, as well as, the old windjammer, the Star of India ca. 1863. Other areas explored during the tour were the Gaslight area, Little Italy, and of course Coronado Island. The most entertaining mile or so was riding over the Coronado Bridge and watching several of the "acrophobic folks" suddenly looking for something on the floor of the trolley. While on the

island we passed by the Hotel del Coronado, which is where most of the movie "Some like it Hot" was filmed.



The Tour ended in "Old Town," which is where the first San Diegans settled. Before any serious sightseeing could be done, we all needed food....so we piled into the Barra Barra Saloon for a scrumptious Mexican buffet of chicken fajita, guacamole, beans & rice, etc..

After lunch, while most folks were given a private tour of a couple of the old Adobes, courtesy of Darren Smith of State Parks, three adolescent Lubeckers decided to have scooter races. San Diego is one of the many cities that have electric scooters sprinkled around town, which, with the proper App, can be picked up, ridden, and dropped off almost anywhere. I'm not sure the Scooter company envisioned a trio of near octogenarians, sans helmets, zooming around Old Town like a bunch of crazy kids.



Tuesday September 11th:

All gathered around 9:30A.M. for the short bus ride to Balboa Park. This city park was created for the Panama - California Exposition of 1915, spans over 1200 acres, and includes 10 or 12 museums, several gardens, a Botanical Building (arboretum), as well as the famous San Diego Zoo.



The plan called for 2½ hours of free time for exploring whatever venue you'd like. Some visited the Air and Space Museum (a good one), the Automobile Museum (OK), and/or the Botanical Building (free). Basically you were free to walk, or ride a tram, or scooter (yep they're here too) to anywhere in the park. At 12:30P.M., we all met up for lunch at the Prado Restaurant before being bused back to the hotel.



Like all other evenings folks were free to dine at the hotel or "Uber" to any of the many fine restaurants in the area. As always, from 4 o'clock on the hospitality room was the place to see and be seen...ha!

Wednesday September 12th:

Wednesday was a "free day" for all....free from bus rides, free from lunch at some obscure place in the bowels of the city, free from Jim Miller bugging everyone....a free day...do what you want.

Some folks visited the San Diego Zoo, a few took in the Midway Museum, a few more visited Liberty Station, a mixed-use development on the site of the former Naval Training Center, where any new Navy recruit west of the Great Lakes took Basic training.



Lunch at Liberty



Essen at the Kaiserhof....schmeckt gut!



Thursday September 13th:

Before the next "function," an Association meeting was held to discuss where and when the next reunion will be held. There was really only one serious location discussed, and that was **Florida**. Number one, we've never had a reunion there, it's close to many of our members who have settled there after retirement, and geographically it's the east coast's turn. Dave's Wrench and Black (and myself) volunteered to coordinate the reunion, and for now it will take place somewhere in the **Tampa/Sarasota** area, in the late **Spring of 2020**. The thinking is, after Easter (April 12th), before school is out, and before the heat and humidity gets too bad.

I already have almost 40 folks signed up.....in pencil of course, it's not too early to get on my list, knowing anything can happen in the next 18 months. Let me know if you would like to attend the 20th National Reunion.....I love adding people to my list.

Well after all that "parliamentary poppycock," what say we all bus over to the seashore for an afternoon cruise around San Diego Harbor.



Later in the evening after everybody had washed off all the sea salt, the closing dinner was held at our hotel. Jim Miller said a few words followed by a very nice blessing by Jerry Tyler.



After dinner kudos were in order, Jim Miller thanked his "co-captain," Dave Black for all the help he had provided during the past year, John Herd for acting as our official photographer during the week. Jim also thanked the "first lady," Bonnie Miller for helping in so many ways, and really everyone in attendance for their fantastic cooperation during the whole process.

One other surprise was the announcement made by Pete Grizzell, he and his girlfriend, Dinah Crump, became engaged on the final day of the reunion. Pete & Dinah were high school sweethearts many years ago, went their separate ways, but reunited a couple of years ago... congratulations.



Soon, most folks adjourned to the hospitality room for one last slurp, before bidding a fond farewell to one and all. Hope to see you all in Florida in 2020.



Attendees:

Mickey Bean	John & Hannelore Herd
Jane McEldowney	David & Bernie Hodge
Patti Myers	Byron & Tania Lindsey
Peggy Riordan	Jim & Bonnie Miller
Dave & Marion Black	Leonard & Renee Nack
Jim & Judy Boggs	Tom & Judy Newhouse
Barry & Nasrin Brown	Fess & Nancy Parker
Dennis & Andi Coelho	Lenny & Sue Pittman
Ross & Donna Crawford	Jim & Connie Roth
Dick & Geri Gauthier	Jerry & Cecilia Tyler
Pete Grizzell & Dinah Crump	Gary & Becky Weil
Phil Hanley & Linda Eastman	Peter & Patricia Weinreich
Bob & Judy Harris	Dave & Barbara Wrench
Chuck & Pat Hartwig	Paul Zell & Donna Heiden

In memoriam:

The following fellow Lübeckers have passed since our last publication (11/17). Their names have been added to the the Association Memorial Plaque with honor (See photo on first page).

2017 (Post Boston reunion)

Charles Cliff (2014 actually)
Curt Hanes
John Foens
Robert Gregory

Dean Featherston
Jake Moyer
Leo Melanson
Jim Shaw (Founder)

2018

Charlie Thorn
Ken Nystrom
Albert Rasmussen
Dick MacDougall

Dues:

Our treasury can always use help, due to recent expenditures for passing members charities, mailings, reunions, etc., anything would be appreciated. If you're so inclined please send \$25 to Jim Miller, 341 Kentfield Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069.

Exempt: Paid in 2018 - Black, R Crawford, Hartwig, Lindsey, Morrissey, Phegley, Pittman, Zell, Rickels, Van Rensselaer.

Paid for life - Carrow, Dean, Dusenberry, Gemmell, Grizzell, Harris, Lewis, Rogers, McEldowney (A&J), Schwandke, Slate, Swiecicki, Weil.

Miscellaneous stuff

John Herd, our Association photographer, has created a Shutterfly site where anyone can go to look at photos of the recent reunion. You can download pictures for viewing or for print. Simply go to <https://lubeckreunion2018.shutterfly.com/>. If you are already a member of Shutterfly, you're there. If not "sign up" and enjoy.

Also, Dave Black has created a Facebook page for Lubeckers. Sign on to FB, search for "Lubeckers" and join in with both us old Ami's and local native folks. Some of the pictures posted there are beautiful, and some "oldies" will bring back great memories.

This is probably the last correspondence for the year....barring anything unforeseen. So I hope everyone has a very **Happy Thanksgiving**, and a very **Merry Christmas**.

Jim Miller

