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# Lübeck - Association Newsletter



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## 17th National Reunion - San Antonio, Texas April 12th - 17th 2015



### "Remember the Alamo"

Now I know what you're thinking, "at our age we can't even remember what day it is, never mind some old mission in Texas." I hear ya, but if you don't attend you'll have nothing to forget.

Ross Crawford and Jesse Ellisor, and to a lesser extent the "reunion committee" have been working very hard over the past year or so, and have come up with a fantastic itinerary for our first visit, as a group, to the great state of Texas.

#### **Sunday April 12**

Travel, arrive, and check into our hotel, The Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, 105 South St. Mary's Street. <https://www.druryhotels.com/PropertyMapsAndDirections.aspx?Property=0130>  
(See page 3 for hotel reservations procedure and hotel amenities).

Assemble in the Association hospitality suite (Mezzanine level) for the "kick-off" ceremonies at 7:30 P.M.. Jim Miller will make some opening comments, followed by an overview of our visit by Ross Crawford and/or Jesse Ellisor.

#### **Monday April 13th**

After breakfast, we will all gather in the lobby (9:15am) for a historic San Antonio Tour.

- Guests will start the day touring the jewel of our beautiful city, the **Riverwalk**. Towering cypress trees, oaks and willows, bordered by gardens of flowering ornamental plants, shade the river. The cruisers (boats) will drop the guests off at the Hyatt Regency hotel, which has the closest boat landing to the **Alamo**. From there, guests will be walked to the Alamo (across the street)."

- We will then board the motor coaches for lunch (included) at **Mi Tierra** ([www.mitierracafe.com](http://www.mitierracafe.com)) in the Market Square. Known as **El Mercado** by the locals, Market Square captures San Antonio's Mexican and Hispanic heritages. Its two blocks of shops are filled with everything from piñatas and pottery to colorful clothing and onyx carvings to metal work, woven baskets and blankets. After lunch, there will be time to shop. Lunch will consist of one cheese enchilada, one crispy beef taco, served with guacamole, spanish rice, and refried beans. Guests' will have a choice of coffee, tea or soft drinks, Beer, Wine, and Margarita's are available "out of pocket."

- Next, we will drive by San Fernando Cathedral, the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the United States. The original parish church of the Canary Island settlers, this cathedral, built in 1738, was the geographic and social center of San Antonio until the early 1900's. Mexican General Santa Anna raised the flag of "no quarter" from San Fernando's tower during the siege of the Alamo.
- We continue with a drive by the Spanish Governor's Palace, which was built to serve as the official residence for the commander of the Presidio de San Antonio, the "Commandancia," as it was known, became the seat of Spanish government in Texas. The keystone above the heavy hand-carved walnut doors brandishes the Hapsburg Coat of Arms in honor of King Philip V of Spain, establishing completion date for the house as 1749.
- Lastly, we visit the historic King William District, the most elegant residential area in the city in the 1800's. The Victorian-era mansions and perfectly kept gardens provide a welcome backdrop for our step back in time. We will walk a short distance to visit one of the two houses in the District open to the public - the Steves Homestead. Centrally located in the elite old German residential section on the banks of the San Antonio River, in the King William Historic District. Edward Steves who immigrated to Texas in 1848 and later founded the Steves Lumber Company, built this lovely restored home in 1876.

**Time: Approximately 6 hours** (including the 2 hours at Mi Tierra/El Mercado).

The remainder of the day is free time to enjoy the hotel "happy hour" and "kickback menu." Naturally the hospitality room will be open, probably till around 11:00 P.M.

### **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Again after breakfast, we will all meet in the hotel lobby (8:45am), this time for a trip to the town of Fredericksburg.

- This tour brings us to Fredericksburg, which was settled over 150 years ago by German immigrants. With wide streets lined with picturesque homes and buildings that Old World charm still exists. Fredericksburg is home to numerous natural and historical parks, and its historic district provides guests with a view into her past. Fredericksburg's quaint shops have something for every taste. Our first stop will be the National **Museum of the Pacific War** ([www.pacificwarmuseum.org](http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org)). Since 1968, the Museum has expanded to occupy a six acre campus and gained a reputation as one of the premier military museums in the nation. Over the years the Museum was upgraded and enlarged, and the campus grew to accommodate the Memorial Courtyard, the Plaza of Presidents and the Japanese Garden of Peace. The expanded George H. W. Bush Gallery opened in 2009.
- Lunch (included) will be enjoyed in the charming atmosphere of the Fredericksburg Brewing Company ([www.yourbrewery.com](http://www.yourbrewery.com)) surrounded by bright copper and stainless brewing tanks, age-old limestone walls with a cozy fireplace tucked in the corner. The setting is truly an authentic brewpub serving both hospitality and hearty, delicious German cuisine. The group will be in a private room and will be a buffet of jager schnitzel (with sautéed mushrooms and onions topped with brown sauce), german potatoes, sauerkraut, and apple strudel for dessert. These are served with rolls and butter and sodas, coffee and tea. Again any alcoholic beverages will be out of pocket.
- After lunch, guests will be given the choice of shopping, or if they would like to go back to the museum, we will transfer them back. We will depart Fredericksburg at 3:30pm.

**Time: Approximately 8 hours**

The balance of the day is free, with the same hotel amenities available as usual.

### **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

No formal events are scheduled for Wednesday; you are free to investigate San Antonio and/or any other place of interest in this part of Texas. Also, because you've been good little boys and girls, haven't spit up too much or soiled too many Depends, the Association has made arrangements for a mini-bus shuttle (6:00 - 10:00P.M.) to take us back and forth

to the **Beethoven Maennerchor Halle** (<http://www.beethovenmaennerchor.com>). This is the center of German culture in San Antonio, where one can soak up some good German beer (wine too). **Note:** This is optional, and may be cancelled if entertainment is not scheduled. The hospitality room will be open most of the day, and of course there's always those hotel freebies.

### **Thursday April 16th**

Again, after breakfast we'll all meet up in the lobby (8:45am) for the last sightseeing experience of the week, **The Mission Trail Tour**.

- Tour **Mission San Jose** - Known as the "Queen of the Missions." Established in 1720, the mission became the most beautiful, most prosperous and best fortified of all Texas missions. The famous "Rosa's Window," although weathered by time, is considered one of the finest pieces of Spanish Colonial ornamentation in the country. (Walking tour approx. 35 minutes).
- Our next stop will be **Mission San Juan Capistrano**. First established in East Texas, the mission made its permanent home on the banks of the San Antonio River in 1731. Within a short time, San Juan became a regional supplier of agricultural produce. . (Walking tour approx. 35 minutes).
- Our final destination will be **Mission Concepcion** - the oldest unrestored stone church in America. Concepcion was established in 1731 and more than 20 years were spent in the construction. It has stood intact since December 1755. The twin towers are visible from miles around and were originally covered with brilliant quatrefoils and squares of red, blue, orange and yellow. Rare original frescoes are still in evidence on the interior walls. The church was entirely abandoned in the early 1820's and was eventually used to garrison United States troops in the late 1840's. Incredibly, it was later used as a cattle pen and finally reopened and dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in 1887.

**Time: Approximately 3 hours**

The remainder of the afternoon is free, however there will be a brief meeting right after the bus drops us off, in the hospitality suite to discuss Association business (Ami's only).

Finally at 6:30pm all will assemble in the Ballroom for dinner and closing ceremonies. (Dinner preferences will be solicited at a later date).

## **Reservation Information**

**Reservations will be made by: Individual call-in;**

Call-in reservations can be made by phone to the Drury Hotel by calling 1-800-325-0720 and referring to our **Group number 2204675**. Reservations can also be made online by going to [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com) and then entering the Group number above.

Check in is after 3:00pm, checkout is before 11:00am. Parking is \$15 per night.

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### **Hotel Freebies!**

- Hot "Quickstart breakfast" - Hot pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage etc.
- 5:30pm "Kickback" - Rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages from 5:30 to 7:00pm. (See 2nd attachment).
- Long distance - One hour per room every night.
- Wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi) - High speed Internet in all rooms and the lobby.
- Popcorn & sodas - from 3:00 - 10:00pm every night in the lobby.

Below is the "freebie menu" at our hotel, unless you're just showing off, could be dinner in there somewhere.

## 5:30 Kickback Menu

### Served Nightly 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### Salad Bar (Sunday - Thursday)

Spring Lettuce Blend  
Asian Lettuce Blend  
Grape Tomatoes  
Croutons  
Shredded Carrots  
Sugar Snap Peas  
Sliced Almonds  
Crispy Wontons  
Fiesta Mix  
Shredded Monterey Jack Cheese  
Tortilla Strips  
Jalapeno Ranch Dressing  
Ranch Dressing  
Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Crack Pepper

#### Every Night

Baked Potato  
Chips & Salsa  
Nacho Cheese

#### Hot food

##### Sunday

Italian Meatballs  
Baked Penne Marinara  
Baja Chicken Enchilada Soup  
Potato & Bacon Soup

##### Monday & Wednesday

Southwest Egg Rolls  
Baked truffle Mac & Cheese  
Boneless Buffalo Wings  
Potato & Bacon Soup

##### Action Station

Chicken Quesadilla

##### Tuesday & Thursday

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Sweet & Sour Meatballs  
Baked Penne Marinara  
Baja Chicken Enchilada Soup

##### Action Station

Kung Pao Chicken

Zowie, what a great week....so what is it going to cost?

<b>The Drury Hotel</b>			
Rate/day: (double occupancy)	\$ 125.00		
Tax @ 16.75%:	\$ 20.94		
Total/day:	\$ 145.94		<b>Cost/Single</b>
<b>Total Hotel cost per couple: (5 nights)</b>	<b>\$ 729.69</b>		<b>\$ 729.69</b>
<b>Tours</b>			
<b>13-Apr Historic District Tour</b>			
Morning River Cruise			
Lunch			
Historic San Antonio Tour			
	Total/person: \$ 83.00		
	<b>Total/couple: \$ 166.00</b>		<b>\$ 83.00</b>
<b>14-Apr Fredericksburg Tour</b>			
National Museum of the Pacific			
Lunch			
	Total/person: \$ 116.00		
	<b>Total/couple: \$ 232.00</b>		<b>\$ 116.00</b>
<b>16-Apr Mission Trail Tour</b>			
	Total per person: \$ 29.00		
	<b>\$ 58.00</b>		<b>\$ 29.00</b>
	<b>Total Tours per couple: \$ 456.00</b>		<b>\$ 228.00</b>
<b>Group Meals</b>			
<b>16-Apr Farewell Dinner/person:</b>			
	Total/person: \$ 55.00		
	<b>Total/couple: \$ 110.00</b>		<b>\$ 55.00</b>
	<b>Total Group meals/couple: \$ 110.00</b>		<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Hospitality Suite (100 persons - 5 days/nights)</b>			
	<b>Total Group Hospitality/couple: \$ 25.00</b>		<b>\$ 12.50</b>
<b>Memorabilia</b>			
Name Tag/person:			
Sweat Shirt, misc., etc/person:			
	Total cost/person: \$ 30.00		
	<b>Total Memorabilia per couple: \$ 60.00</b>		<b>\$ 30.00</b>
	<b>Total cost excluding hotel costs per person: \$ 325.00</b>		
	<b>Total cost excluding hotel costs per couple: \$ 650.00</b>		<b>\$ 325.00</b>
	<b>Total Reunion Cost per couple: \$ 1,379.69</b>		<b>\$ 1,054.69</b>

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**Note:** Hotel rates are guaranteed for 2 nights prior and after the scheduled reunion dates. Dress code for the whole week is casual, with long pants, shoes, shirt and some kind of jacket (no tie) for Thursday's dinner.

Please make your reservation as soon as possible, and remit your "non hotel expenses" to Jim Miller - 341 Kentfield Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069, with a check made out to the Lubeck Association.....giddy up!

### Dues

If you would like to support the Association, please make a check out to the Lubeck Association, and send it to Jim Miller, 341 Kentfield Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069. Any help will be appreciated. The following are exempt, having already paid for 2014, or are paid up for life:

Van Rensselaer, Schwandke, Pittman, Petty, Belanger, Bell, Black, R. Crawford, Roth, Dean, Dusenberry, Gemmell, Harris, Rogers.

### In Memoriam:

Grant Ivory

Frank Patrano

William "Dixie" Howell

Jack Gardner

These four brothers have been proudly added to the Lubeck Association Memorial Plaque

As they say, "that's a wrap," hope to see you all in San Antonio next April.

Jim Miller