



97th ANNUAL BOONE IOWA SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The 97th Annual Boone Iowa Society luncheon was held on Saturday February 5th, 2011. We were blessed with a nice sunny Southern California day while the temperature in Boone hovered around a high of 32 degrees. We had the top floor banquet room, which is the best one in the hotel. This is a spacious room with many windows and the round tables make it easier to communicate with each other. Larry Moore (BHS 1952) and his wife Reva, Joanna (Lacey) Manriquez (SHHS 1956) and Jerry Manriquez (SHHS 1957) arrived early to setup.

Jo Manriquez had prepared the center pieces of imitation crystal bowls and platters surrounded by flowers, filled with M&M's with a silver scoop used to fill your own colored nut cup, which for chocolate lovers really hit the spot. These were given to one lucky person at each table at the end of the luncheon, and a hidden gift was buried under the M&M's; an Iowa refrigerator magnet.



Jo prepared the tables with the Agenda, Attendance, Obituary lists and the words to a number of songs. (Thanks to Jo for collecting and printing the Obituaries over the past year from the Boone and Des Moines newspapers. Jerry prepared the Agenda and Attendance list. Reva decorated the tables with colored bags with red and green pom poms. Larry directed the hotel staff in obtaining and setting up the room, the key board, flags and placing the Boone signs in prominent positions. Reva Moore played a electronic piano key board, while people signed in and visited with old friends.

Our President, Larry Moore, welcomed everyone while Jerry Manriquez worked the registration desk, gave out door prize tickets and name tags (on which he had printed the Boone Logo for the women and the Boone Seal for the men), and Joanna Manriquez and Max Moore (BHS 1946) sold raffle tickets before and during the luncheon. Jerry Manriquez and Phil Knudsen (BHS 1961) took digital pictures and videos of the whole affair. The Moore's and Manriquez's obtained door prizes and made sure there were extra gifts for the raffle to add to those brought by all the attendees. Special thanks to Bea (Olson) Blair (BHS 1945) who always brings the best door prizes.

Jerry Manriquez created, printed, stamped and mailed the invitation flyers. There were 113 on our regular mailing list and 54 on the Ken Mallas/Gretchen Otis computer list for a total of 168. This year to save money we decided to email some of the flyers and we sent out 67 but we had 17 outdated email addresses so we ended up sending 118 by US mail; but we did get a small cost savings from the emailed flyer.

A special thanks to Larry Moore being the Master of Ceremonies and for his treasurer's duties. He arranges for the hotel, entertainment and the newspaper notices. He keeps in contact with many members of the society during the year and makes special calls as the event draws near. He made a good pitch for attendees at the annual Iowa picnic in Long Beach again this last year.

We had 60 attend and 4 prepaid no shows. Those who paid but could not attend, were Dr. Allan Redeker, Darrell Knox, Rebecca Good from Boone and Rita (Good) Douglas from Iowa City. The Goods were going to fly out of Des Moines for the occasion but the nasty Iowa weather put Rita's car in a ditch, doing damage to her car, and the flight was cancelled. They were coming to join their relatives; Bonnie Benton, Gala Peek and Robin Young. Romalee Amos, a sister who was going to attend from Castro Valley (500 miles away) had an illness in the family and could not attend. As you can see these ladies and their husbands are a large percentage of our luncheon and we really appreciate their support. Darrell Knox who came down with the flu could not make it but his wife Inez and Mother Wilma (Knox) Horan (BHS 1953) came all the way from Bakersfield as they do year after year; they have given generously each year to help continue the society.

Larry reminded us, that normally we need 50 people to keep this 9th floor banquet room but this year we only had to guarantee 40; bad economic times has hit the hotel also. We had 52 prepaid and 12 pay at the door; we have to call in the number of meals the day before the affair, which was 64 and pay the difference if all do not show up (just part of the expenses).

Larry said that he and Jerry were going to step down from their official duties, and no longer run the society after the 100th annual luncheon, which will be held in February 2014. He asked for a show of hands in agreement that the society would come to a halt after the 100th annual luncheon, if no one comes forward to run the society, and the majority of those present voted acceptance of this proposal.

Larry also explained that we are hard pressed to meet all of our expenses, since we depend on donations and the white elephant raffle. Barbara Fosdick proposed that we raise the price of the luncheon to \$30, which would put approximately \$6 into the treasury for each attendee. He again asked for a show of hands and the majority of those present agreed to the increase in the price of the luncheon to raise money for the society.

Larry presented Bob Harris (BHS 1961) a Corn Hat for coming from Prescott, Arizona, which was the longest distance. Larry Knudsen (BHS 1952) gave the invocation. Larry Moore led us in the Pledge to the Flag.



We were specially honored to have Bob Gerardi (The Singing Santa Claus) for our entertainment. He sang a number of Christmas songs and then a medley of songs which we were familiar to all of us, and yes, Reva said his beard was real.

We were served a healthy portion of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and a slice of apple instead of boysenberry pie with coffee and then took a break.

We did not pass the microphone around the room for everyone to introduce him or herself. Instead Larry Moore interviewed all the first timers; Roger (BHS 1951) and Lynn Olson's son and daughter, Gerald (BHS 1945) and Romaine Thompson's son, Barbara Iiams who was originally from Burlington, Iowa. Then there was Rosemary Smith originally from England. Larry Paulsen (BHS 1961) who has been our mailing list for years finally made it and hopefully will return next year. Darlene Smith (Rippey 1957) brought Cynthia Vincent who was originally from Nebraska.

Linda (Gutteridge) Nohe (BHS 1963) spoke about the equestrian center by the ice skating rink in McHose Park which is owned by the City and named after her father, Floyd Gutteridge, who was a founding and long time member of the Boone Saddle Club and well know horseman in the area. Linda went to school with Red Houser's (BHS 1949) nephew Rick (small world). Linda brought two friends with her, Dennis and Nancy Lausar who came to California from Vinton, Iowa for a visit and have been here for 6 years. I talked to them about Vinton because we visit Jo's brother John Lacey and family, who live just outside Vinton.

A special guest was Jo Ann Kock, the Secretary of the Iowa Picnic which is held at Recreational Park in Long Beach the second week of August; last year 130 people attended down from 100,000 who use to attend in the late 40's and early 50's. (To find out more about this affair, you can email Jo Ann countrygaljo@aol.com).

Another first timer was Verl Nash who found out about the Boone Luncheon from Bonnie Benton at a Genealogical meeting. His mother, Pearl Nornholm and her twin Paul were born on 12 August 1894 in Des Moines Township, Boone, Boone County, Iowa and lived at 1107 West 3rd Street in 1900. Verl's grandfather was a coal miner who was born in Sweden and his grandmother was an Erickson and there were some Anderson's in this line also.

Dick and Sharon (Lindmark) Lantz (BHS 1942/1943) were visiting from Boone and gave us a "State of Town" report. Dick told us about Franklin School now housing all the 5th graders and the Middle school's new addition for the 6th graders who had been in Jordan. We also found out that Boone may now have a new park at 8th and Story where three buildings had burned down. He also told of the expansion of the Evangelical Free Church Retirement Home at 4th and Division Street. Dick and Sharon grew up in Boone moved to California and then moved back to Boone.

Helen (Mondt) Moravetz (BHS 1944) was interviewed and told us she has been coming to the luncheons since the early 1960's when we met in a Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

A long time member, Francis (Grunewald) Dyer (BHS 1941), was unable to attend this year, the first time since 1946. Francis had a heart attack earlier in the year but seems to be O.K. now but is limited in her activities. Her late husband Virgil Dyer was the President of the Society in 1961-1962 and 1964 and Francis assisted him in his duties as well as holding various offices over the years.

Since last year's Treasury and Secretary's Minutes are so long, Larry Moore dispensed with the reading.

The 13th Annual Norma Echternach Award, a flower arrangement was given to Dr. Jim Fitzgerald (BHS 1946). Jim, who has 10 children, was accompanied by his son-in-law, Bill Seals and his grandson, Jack Seals. Hopefully I have the following information correct, Jim came to California in 1956 to practice Medicine and in 1989 he became PIH Chief of Staff. He also had been chairman of the Department of Medicine twice and a former chairman of the hospital's Family Practice division. He also has been and is still on the PIH Tumor Board from its inception. Jim retired in 2003 and last year was elected President of the Whittier Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Foundation. Read more: http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/cj_17113172. Service runs in the family because Jim's sister Mary Jo, a nun, is the Principal of Xavier Catholic College Prep Girls High School in Phoenix.

We ask the members of the Society to bring white elephant gifts for our raffle. We use this money as well as donations to run the society. Thanks to all the members who brought gifts to make our raffle a great success. Thanks again to Joanna Manriquez, Randy Davis, Reva Moore and Marsha Bird for distributing the gifts and door prizes. Larry Paulsen from Riverside won the "Boone Afghan".

Reva Moore played the piano and Randy Davis (BHS 1965) led us in singing all the songs. He was accompanied by cheerleaders Don "Red" Houser and Barbara (Buechler) Fosdick (BHS 1967) for the Boone High Loyalty song; a note for the old timers The Boone High Fight song was rewritten in 1958. Other songs were God Bless America and the Iowa Song. We joined hands and ended the 97th luncheon with our old standard, Auld Lang Syne.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Manriquez, Secretary