



98th ANNUAL BOONE IOWA SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The 98th Annual Boone Iowa Society luncheon was held on Saturday February 4th, 2012. We had 50 people attend which was 10 less than last year. As usual we were blessed with a nice sunny Southern California day while the temperature in Boone must have been very very cold. 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 by incorporating the Boone High Colors, Red and Green, by putting a green plant in a red sand bucket with a miniature Iowa flag. The nut cups were filled with M&M's with a label on the lid. The center pieces were given to one lucky person at each table at the end of the luncheon if they had a Society Seal on the bottom of the nut cup.



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, and Joanna Manriquez and Max Moore (BHS 1946) sold raffle tickets before and during the luncheon. 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 prize; a painting.

Jerry Manriquez created, printed, stamped and mailed the invitation flyers. There were 123 on our regular mailing list and 51 on the Ken Mallas/Gretchen Otis computer list for a total of 174. To save money we emailed some of the flyers and we sent out 59 but 20 people did not respond, their email addresses may not have been correct, so we ended up sending 135 by US mail; so we did get a small cost savings from the emailed flyer. Larry sends a notice and invitation to a number of Southern California newspapers. I also put the flyer on our Web Site in hopes that folks who were not on our mailing list would see it and attend. <http://booneiowasoca.manriquez.net/>

A special thanks to Larry Moore being the Master of Ceremonies and for his treasurer's duties. He arranges for the hotel and entertainment. 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.

Larry reminded us, that we only need 40 people to keep this 9th floor banquet room next year, and with our diminishing attendance we just hope we have that many turn out the next two years.

Larry reiterated 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. Jerry suggested that we turn over our mailing list to Jo Ann Koch, the Secretary of the Iowa Picnic (held in Long Beach) and that the Boone folks gather there with the other Iowans once a year. Jo Ann said that there is a possibility of holding the Iowa Picnic on the Battleship USS Iowa in the future; it will be docked at the Port of Los Angeles.

Larry presented Trent Tell (BHS 1976) a Corn Hat



for attending the luncheon for the first time. The other first timer was Jason Doran. Jason was not born in Iowa but has lots of Doran relatives who live in Boone County and he says he has visited Boone often. Darlene Smith (Ripsey 1957) brought Rev. Jonathan Vincent who has a ministry in Buena Park, and he was gracious enough to give our Invocation. Larry Moore and Randy Davis (BHS 1965) led us in the Pledge to the Flag.



Tommy Young was born in Scotland and is proud of his Scottish heritage. From a young age, he always had this love for the American wild west, thus the beginning of his dream to sing and record country music. His tunes hold true to the themes that keep the spirit of country music alive. What you will hear is classic country and western swing. To this date he has recorded four CDs. His seasoned band of top musicians, "The Posse," performs for rodeos, festivals and benefits. In 2005 he was awarded the European Country Music Entertainer of the year. So get ready to sit back and enjoy the foot tapping sounds of Tommy the U.K. Cowboy and don't forget to "Live For Now."

We were especially honored to have Tommy Young (The UK Cowboy) for our entertainment. He sang a number of Country Western songs he had written himself.

We were served a healthy portion of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and coffee and got to choose either a slice of apple or boysenberry pie, and then we took a break.

Larry interviewed all attendees and asked them to introduce him or herself. During the interviews, a couple of people found out that they were related to each other. A special guest was Jo Ann Koch, the Secretary of the Iowa Picnic which is held at Recreational Park in Long Beach the second week of August; last year over 100 people attended down from the thousands 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).

A long time member, Francis (Grunewald) Dyer (BHS 1941), was able to attend this year; she said this might be her last luncheon due to health reasons. 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 14th Annual Norma Echternach Award, a flower arrangement was given to Wilma Horan, and her son Darrell Knox and his wife Inez. Wilma grew up on a farm north of Boone attended Boone schools until her parents moved to California. She would have been a 1953 Boone High graduate had she stayed in Boone. They have been supporting the Society for a number of years and have a long drive of 130 miles from Bakersfield. Wilma has to prepare for a large Super Bowl party the day after the Boone Luncheon but still finds the time to spend with her Boone friends.

The attendees were very generous with donations and the purchase of raffle tickets and we use this money to run the society. Thanks again to all the members who brought gifts to make our raffle a great success. Thanks again to Joanna Manriquez and Randy Davis for distributing the gifts and door prizes. Richard Higgins won the "Boone Afghan", and Darlene Smith won Bea (Olson) Blair's painting.



Reva Moore played the piano and Randy Davis (BHS 1965) led us in singing all the songs. He was accompanied by cheer leader Larry Moore 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 98th luncheon with our old standard, Auld Lang Syne.

A note: Roger Olson gave me a video of the 1947 Boone High School Band, which I posted on my "Sacred Heart and Boone High" web site. <http://boonesacheart.manriquez.net/>. He also gave me a video of two trains going through Boone in 1937 which I posted on the Society web site.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Manriquez, Secretary