



### **99th ANNUAL BOONE IOWA SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

The 99th Annual Boone Iowa Society luncheon was held on Saturday February 2nd, 2013. We had 66 people attend which were 16 more than last year. It was an overcast day in the 60's while in Boone it was 19 degrees. We had the top floor banquet room again, 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 prepared the center pieces incorporating the Boone High Colors, Red and Green; they were bowls of M&M's sitting on red felt with colored nut cups and a green scoop so everyone could help themselves. The center pieces were given to one lucky person at each table at the end of the luncheon and there was a small wrapped gift under the M&M's.

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 and place balloons around the room. 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. Thanks to Roger and Lynn Olson's daughter Christina Olson and grand-daughter Kristin for volunteering to sell white elephant raffle tickets before and during the luncheon. They did such a great job, hopefully they will come next year and do it again. 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 an original painting which turns out to be our most desired door prize.

Jerry Manriquez created, printed, stamped and mailed the invitation flyers. There were 112 on our regular mailing list and 103 on the Ken Mallas/Gretchen Otis computer list for a total of 215. To save money we emailed some of the flyers 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.

Larry reminded us, that we only need 40 people to keep this 9<sup>th</sup> floor banquet room for our next and "FINAL" year we should not have any difficulty in attaining that number .

Larry reiterated that he and Jerry were going to step down from their official duties, and no longer run the society after the 100<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon, which will be held in February 2014. Larry asked for a vote to turn over our mailing list to Jo Ann Koch, the Secretary of the Iowa Picnic; the vote was unanimously approved.

**Jo Ann said that there is a possibility of holding the Iowa Picnic on the Battleship USS Iowa in the future; it is docked at the Port of Los Angeles.**

**Larry presented Ally Randall (Tom and Shari Spurlock's grand-daughter) a Corn Hat**



**for attending the luncheon for the first time and in preparation of going to college in Iowa next year. The other first timers were Jo Ann (Forbes) Kelly (BHS 1947) and her daughter Kathy Paulos;**



**John Jensen who is Dr. Jim Fitzgerald's (BHS 1946) son-in-law; Mary (Steffy) Nucholls (BHS 1955) and her Daughter Venus Nucholls;**



**Terry Dannatt (BHS 1967);**

**Ivan Knox brother of long time members Wilma (Knox) Horan and Darrell Knox; and Kristin Olson Grand-daughter of Roger (BHS 1951) and Lynn Olson.**

**Don “Red” Houser (BHS 1949) was gracious enough to give our Invocation. Larry Moore and Randy Davis (BHS 1965) led us in the Pledge to the Flag and singing God Bless America.**



**We were especially honored to have the Darden Family return to our luncheon to entertain us. They sang a number of songs especially patriotic songs and military songs in tribute to those members who have served their country. They live in Southern Ca. and entertain in Orange and LA Counties.**

**Bill and Liz Darden are joined by their son Josiah and their 4 daughters Selah, Clarah, Havilah and Tabithah who sing in beautiful 4 part harmony together as well as joining the whole family in song. And they remind us to keep a song in your heart, a smile, and let God work in your life! To find out more about the Darden's go to their web site: <http://www.dardenfamilyministries.net/index.html>**

**We were served a healthy portion of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and coffee and apple 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](mailto:countrygaljo@aol.com)).**

**Long time members Francis (Grunewald) Dyer (BHS 1941) and Ken Patterson (BHS 1941) were able to attend this year even though they have both experienced health problems. Francis 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. Larry Moore read a poem written by Frances about leaving Boone.**

**Since last year's Treasury and Secretary's Minutes are so long, Larry Moore dispensed with the reading and Jerry reminded everyone that the minutes are posted on the web site.**

**The 16th Annual Norma Echternach Award, a flower arrangement was given to Romaine and Gerald Thompson (BHS 1945) for the support they have given the Society over the years.**

**The attendees were very generous purchasing raffle tickets and this money will be used to run the society for one more year. Thanks again to all the members who brought gifts to make our raffle a great success.**



**Thanks again to Joanna Manriquez, Marsha Bird, Jack Seals and Randy Davis for distributing the gifts and door prizes.**

**Roger and Lynn Olson won the “Boone Afghan”, and Jim Ash won the painting that Bea (Olson) Blair (BHS 1945) donated.**



**Reva Moore played the piano and Randy Davis (BHS 1965) led us in singing all the songs. As the Boone High Loyalty song played the cheer leaders Ally Randall, Kathy Paulos and Larry Moore performed; 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 99<sup>th</sup> luncheon with our old standard, Auld Lang Syne.**

**A note: Roger Olson gave me a video of the 1987 and 1989 Puffer Billy Day Parades which I posted on the Society web site. Jim Ash (BHS 1944) provided me with his 45<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Reunion Books, which I posted on my “Sacred Heart and Boone High” web site. <http://boonesacheart.manriquez.net/>.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jerry Manriquez, Secretary**