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DR. VIRGINIA APGAR STAMP UNVEILED

Postal Service Ceremony Includes Family Association Representatives

by Wayne T. Dilts, Newsletter Editor & Trustee

A 10-year campaign to honor Dr. Virginia Apgar for her ground-breaking work to improve the health and well-being of newborn infants came to a joyous conclusion on October 24, 1994, when the U.S. Postal Service unveiled a 20-cent stamp bearing the likeness of our most famous relative.

Twenty-four members of the Apgar Family Association went to Dallas, Texas, for the unveiling ceremony, which was held in the Dallas Convention Center at the American Academy of Pediatrics convention. Our own First Vice President Henry Apgar was selected to be among the speakers at the ceremony, representing the Association. Henry, limited to just a two-minute speech, made all of us extremely proud to be Apgars. Other speakers included columnist Joan Beck, who co-wrote a book with Dr. Virginia; and Dr. Joseph Butterfield, a pediatrician who really led the struggle to have this stamp become a reality.

Along with the Dallas festivities, the town of Westfield, New Jersey, also held a ceremony that same night, honoring one of their most famous native citizens. While the Dallas Post Office and a booth at the convention itself were the only postal outlets authorized to sell the Dr. Virginia stamps on that date, Westfield officials hired a courier service to buy 500 of the stamps in Dallas that morning and fly them north and have them delivered to the Westfield town hall in time for their 7:00 p.m. ceremony.

In Dallas, the Apgar Family Association members "were treated like royalty," according to Association President Phyllis Apgar. In addition to getting preferential seating at the unveiling ceremony itself, they were also invited to pose for pictures holding the instruments that Dr. Virginia made herself, the same instruments played prior to the ceremony by the Apgar String Quartet. The Association members' impact on the Dr. Virginia booth is something some people are probably still talking about.

(Note: For more details on the family activities while in Dallas, see the story filed by President Phyllis Apgar on page 7. Ed.)

The Family Association was represented at the Westfield ceremony by our newsletter editor and latest trustee, Wayne T. Dilts, who spoke briefly about how

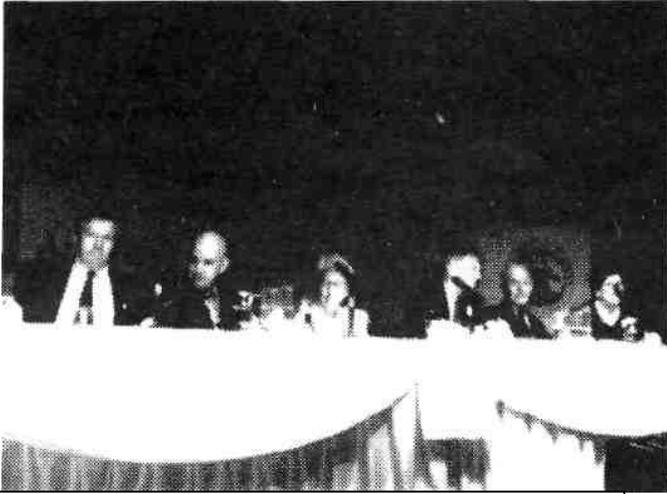


Debbie Apgar stands next to the replica of the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp at the unveiling ceremony in Dallas.

honored and excited we were. Other speakers at the Westfield ceremony included the mayor, Bud Boothe; a representative from Mt. Holyoke College, where Dr. Virginia went to school; and one of the native Westfield ladies who spoke of fond memories of Dr. Virginia in the 1950s visiting the then-new mothers around town giving them sound medical advice on how to care for their infants.

The 20-cent stamp is a "definitive" stamp in the Great Americans Series. That means that it is a permanent issue, and not just a temporary one, as would be the case with a commemorative stamp. Dr. Virginia is only the second woman to be selected for the series, and she replaces former President Harry S Truman on the 20-cent stamp. Ironically, Dr. Virginia was also a stamp collector, and had been since the age of five.

Many of our family members collected memorabilia of the day, including sheets of 100 of the stamps purchased in Dallas, pins inset with the stamp itself, "First Day of Issue" envelopes with the stamp cancelled showing the date, certificates with Dr. Virginia's likeness and biography printed on them, and much, much more.



The dais at the Dallas unveiling ceremony.

The unveiling of the stamp culminated a 10-year campaign by literally hundreds of Apgars, doctors, friends, co-workers and admirers of Dr. Virginia to honor this great lady. Having been dissuaded from pursuing her chosen career goal of becoming a pediatric surgeon (by a male surgeon; think anyone could have been afraid of her? ed.), Dr. Virginia chose instead to become an anesthesiologist. But her care and concern for newborn babies never wavered.

Up to and including the early 1950s, most concerns in the delivery room were for that of the mother. The child was usually wrapped in a blanket, placed in a bassinet, and was virtually forgotten. Dr. Virginia developed a five-step examination of the babies at one minute and again at five minutes after birth, thereby forcing doctors and nurses to pay more attention to the little ones.

The five steps included, among other things, checking the baby's breathing and color, and its response to stimulus. For each step of the examination, a score of zero to two was assigned by the attending nurse (a two being the best score). The idea was that if a baby's score at five minutes was less than the first score, it usually meant that the baby was not doing well and that it needed a closer, more thorough examination. If the score improved, or was high the first time and didn't change, it would be a signal that the baby was apparently fine.

This five-step examination was quickly adopted by pediatricians and nurses across the country and, eventually, around the world. Each step in the examination began to be associated with a letter in Dr. Virginia's last name, until the test itself became known as the Apgar Score. It is still used in virtually every modern medical facility in the world today, some 40 years after its creation.

Dr. Virginia Apgar died in 1974 from cirrhosis of the liver and is buried in Westfield, NJ.

Minutes of the 20th Annual Apgar Reunion

September 17, 1994

It was a beautiful, sunny day as the Apgars got together for the 20th annual reunion.

President Phyllis Apgar welcomed the family members and friends to the reunion at 1:30 p.m. noting that not only was this the 20th anniversary of the beginning of our reunions, but also that this is the year that the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp was finally being released. The stamp will be part of the Great American Series, and the unveiling will take place on October 24, 1994, at the National Pediatricians Conference in Dallas, Texas. Our own First Vice President and Past President Henry Apgar will represent the family association at the unveiling. Phyllis expressed her thanks to Henry, Robert H. Apgar, Dr. Joseph Butterfield of the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and everyone else who waged this 10-year campaign to bring this very special lady the recognition she so deeply deserves.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m., at which time Phyllis introduced Dr. Gary Eddy, and named Dr. Eddy an honorary Apgar. Dr. Eddy's parents were friends of Dr. Virginia, and Dr. Virginia guided Dr. Eddy into the medical profession. He spoke of her in glowing terms, calling her "brilliant, sharp and witty," and a "truly great person." He also outlined some of her medical career history, and detailed the five observations of a newborn baby that make up the Apgar Score. Dr. Eddy, who also wrote letters on behalf of the Apgar Stamp, noted that Dr. Virginia had been a stamp collector since she was five years old.

Mary Apgar reported that there were 138 people in attendance at today's reunion.



Dr. Gary Eddy addresses the Apgar family members at the 1994 reunion.

Reports from the Officers

First Vice President Henry Apgar reminded every-one of the unveiling on October 24, stating, "I'm thrilled. This will be a truly great day for the Apgars." Henry also congratulated Phyllis for the great job she is doing as our president.

Treasurer George M. Apgar, Jr., reported the balance in the general fund to be \$3,706.17.

There were no other officer reports.

Reports from the Trustees

Robert O. Apgar, noting that he was one of the first to attend Apgar reunions and is spearheading the Time Capsule drive, would like some additional support on the time capsule. The committee mem-bers are looking for more helpers and advice on how to preserve items in the capsule. Anyone with infor-mation is urged to contact Robert.

Membership Committee Report

For the year 1994, a total of 195 individuals and families became members of the Apgar Family Association. Membership notices for the year 1995 will be included with the next newsletter. If you are not on our mailing list you will not receive a newslet-ter. Also, when you return your membership, please list the line you belong to (i.e. Adam, Conrad, etc.)

A membership drive was conducted in April, 1994. We did receive some new members as a result, and several attended the 1994 reunion.

One very important note: PLEASE keep me informed of any address changes so that you will be sure to receive the newsletter and notification of the reunion.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a super 1995 membership year. Any suggestions are also appreciated.

Dues: Individuals - \$6.00; Families - \$11.00

Respectfully submitted, Barbara M. Apgar, Chair-person

Reports from the Committees

Barbara Apgar of Membership reported 188 paid members to date, collecting \$1,813 in dues and some donations.

Historian Dorothy Apgar asked that people who would like assistance tracing family members to contact her. She also spoke about Dr. Virginia Bunn Smith who worked with Dr. Virginia at Columbia Medical Center but didn't know at the time that they were related.

Phyllis thanked everyone who worked so hard this past year, but especially Brenda Zimmerman who acquired for us the beautiful commemorative magnets that were distributed to everyone in attendance today as a memento. Brenda had also secured the Apgar pins for us in the past.

Newsletter Chairman Wayne Dilts reported that 350 copies of the newsletter were printed last year, and there are still some available. He thanked his wife, Lorrie, for once again doing the typesetting and graphics. Wayne,



The family banner, donated to the association by Cassandra Apgar and her family in memory of her husband Richard.

who is writing the cover letter to be placed in the time capsule, asked for ideas or suggestions of things to be mentioned in that letter. Wayne is also the reunion photographer and this year he is videotaping the reunion as well.

For those people who were interested in buying "First Day of Issue" Dr. Virginia Apgar stamps, Wayne also had information from the Postal Service regarding that.

Robert O. Apgar paid tribute to the following members who passed away during this year: Percy C. Smith (94) Jacob line Arthur Martin (83) Frederick line Leila Joyce Apgar (59) Adam line Jean E. Spearance (67) Adam line Richard W. Apgar (49) Adam line Helen G. Reed (90) Herbert line Vincent Thorpe James (84) Jacob line Nathalia B. Willemain (62) William line Robert Beerhusen (husband of Catherine) Hugh Brown (97) hus. of Jacob line Ethelyn S. Hall (81) wife of Herbert line Phyllis then called upon Cassandra Apgar and her family from Glen Rock, Pennsylvania, for a special presentation.

Cassandra presented the association with a new Apgar Family banner which will be displayed at all our reunions in memory of her husband, Richard, who passed away suddenly this past year at age 49.

Our nominating chairman, Robert H. Apgar, was unable to be with us today. Rob is moving to Pitts-burgh, Pennsylvania, and has resigned as a trustee. Phyllis had a plaque to present to Rob, which was accepted on his behalf by Al Tiger.

"Robert H. Apgar has given so much to our Association," Phyllis said, "not only as a trustee but as our attorney for many years. He is responsible for the incorporation of our family Association and also made his law offices available to us for the Board of Trustees meetings. We are not losing Robert entirely. He is staying on as our legal advisor, his office re-mains available to the Trustees, and he will be attending the reunions."

Al Tiger announced the nominations for officers and trustees:

President	Phyllis Apgar (Adam)
1st Vice President	Henry Apgar (Conrad)
2nd Vice President	Al Tiger (Adam & Herbert)
Treasurer	George M. Apgar, Jr. (Adam)
Recording Secretary	Brenda Zimmerman (Adam)
Corresponding Secretary	Jack Shuster (Frederick)
Historian	Dorothy Apgar (Jacob)
Membership	Barbara Apgar (Adam)
Trustees:	George N. Apgar, Jr.

Ruth Apgar
Mary Apgar
Wayne Apgar &

Newsletter Editor:	Wayne T. Dilts
Honorary Trustee:	Robert O. Apgar

There being no unfinished business, the gifts were then distributed to those who had earned them, as follows:

Oldest Male: Charles Faver Apgar, 92, from Elizabethtown, Pa.

Oldest Female: Marion Braun, 87, from Clinton, NJ

Youngest child: Julianna Elizabeth Shuster, 9 weeks, Basking Ridge, NJ

Longest married: Fred & Marion Braun, 64 years, Clinton, NJ

Traveled Farthest Distance: Jean & Olin Apgar, Mt. Prospect, IL

Largest Family: George M. Apgar, Jr., (15) deferred to the Jack Shuster family (10)

Elsie Lindaberry once again made and donated to the association an afghan, four hats, and three pairs of booties, which were raffled off.

The program was dedicated to Dr. Virginia Apgar and we all watched a film on loan from the Ocean County College Library called "Apgar on Apgar." In the film, Dr. Virginia Apgar herself narrated and was featured explaining the APGAR score and how it is administered to a newborn baby. It was noted that the Ocean County College Library never loans out its films, but they made an exception for our family this time.

The date of next year's reunion is September 16, 1995, as usual, the third Saturday in September. Phyllis also implored those in attendance to continue to come up with ideas on how we can improve the association and the reunion, and encouraged those who would like to more actively participate to volun-teeer to serve as a trustee at some time in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Zimmerman,
Recording Secretary



Apgar Family association members at the 1994 reunion.

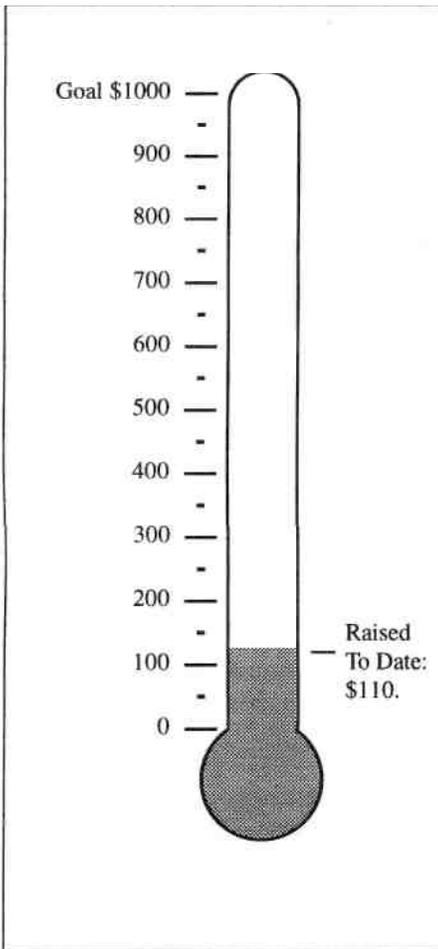
TIME CAPSULE DONATIONS

by Robert O. Apgar, Honorary Trustee

In 1992, Taylor Wharton Steel Company celebrated its 250th anniversary with a ceremony at its former plant in High Bridge, NJ, where officers of that company offered to donate a time capsule to the Apgar Family Association. At our family reunion that year, the offer was graciously accepted, and we are now in the process of gathering pictures, articles, artifacts and other materials to include in the time capsule. Plans are being made to bury the time capsule at the September 1995 reunion, and it will not be opened until the year 2134, the 400th anniversary of Johannes Apgard's arrival in America.

We are also specifically looking for Apgar Family books from each line. If you have a copy that you no longer read or need, we would like to inscribe your name inside the cover and include one book for each of the family lines.

And even though the capsule was donated to us, this project will still cost about \$1,000 to complete, so we also need financial donations to cover the cost. To make a contribution, send a check made payable to the "Apgar Family Association" and clearly note that the funds are to be specifically used for this project. Send your check to George M. Apgar, Jr., 41 Fairmount Avenue, P.O. Box 398, Chester, NJ 07930.



President's Message

As I enter my third year serving as your president, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the trustees, committee and association members for your continued support. It is through all of you that our family remains one of unity.

This past year has been a most memorable one. A successful 20th reunion climaxed by the issuance of the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp. For those of us fortunate enough to attend this historic event, it was a time of exultation. This was one of our own family being immortalized.

As a family we are richly blessed. It is our duty to preserve today what will be tomorrow's heritage. Let us all continue to strive toward this common goal.

In family unity

Phyllis P. Apgar



Julianna Elizabeth Shuster, age 9 weeks, the youngest in attendance at the 1994 reunion.

Historian Report

This report is made up from many sources, so if you have any changes in our family, send me the clipping or a note, including your line, name, address, and as complete information as possible regarding the birth, death or marriage. If you send a clipping, please identify the newspaper and date of notice. Thank you to those of you who sent me notices this year, and thanks in advance to those of you that have information for me this coming year. Dorothy E. Apgar, Historian: 22 Beachfront Lane, Lake Placid, FL 33852-4902 Phone: (813) 465-3786.

DEATHS:

HENRY FLEMING STOUT (6.4.3.4.2.1.1) 73, d. 9 Oct 1993, Int. Fairmount Presby. Cem, NJ
BARBARA C. LANCE (2.3.1.1.3.1.1.1) 58, d. 24 Oct 1993, Int. Brevard Memorial Park, FL
PERCY C. SMITH (6.4.3.5.2.6) 94, d. 6 Oct 1993, Int. Bound Brook Cem, NJ
DORIS HODGSON APGAR (wife of 6.12.10.5.6) 79, d. 5 Nov 1993, Int. Woodlawn Cem, Gulfport, FL
WARREN E. APGAR (1.5.3.1.4.5) 87, d. 27 Nov 1993, Int. private
LEILA JOYCE APGAR (3.7.7.6.5.3.1) 59, d. 5 Sept 1993, Int. Hillsborough Memorial Gardens, Brandan, FL
WILLARD R. YOUNG, JR (4.1.3.1.5.2.3) 81, 10 Nov 1993, Int. Lebanon Reformed Cem, NJ
JEAN E. SPEARANCE (3.5.3.1.3.3.1) 67, d. 7 Jan 1994, cremation, interred Muskenetcong Cem, Hampton, NJ
MABEL E. WHITE (6.4.3.4.1.1.1/7.9.6.1.1.1.1) 90, d. 19 Jan 1994, Int. Mountainview Cem, Cokesbury, NJ
HARRY C. CREVELING, JR (3.6.1.1.1.2.4.2) d. 10 Feb 1994, Korean War vet, Int. Spruce Run Cem, Clinton, NJ
GLADYS APGAR KICE (3.3.2.8.3.1) 72, d. 22 Feb 1994, Int. Evergreen Cem, Clinton, NJ
DONALD MACPHERSON SHARP, JR (4.1.1.6.8.2.1) 79, d. 23 Feb 1994, Int. Locust Grove Cem, Quakertown, NJ
WINIFRED STREEPY SMITH (9.6.4.3.2.1) 88, d. 17 March 1994, Int. Bloomsbury Cem, NJ
RICHARD W. APGAR (3.7.9.12.4.1.2) 49, d. 24 Feb. 1994, Int. Fairmount Rural Cem, NJ
STERLING APGAR (3.5.3.4.12.2.1) 65, d. 15 March 1994, Int. Bound Brook Cem, NJ
NATHALIA B. WILLEMAIN (8.8.5.1.1.3.1.1) 62, d. 17 Jan 1994, Evanston, IL
ROBERT VEERHUSEN (hus. of 4.5.5.3.2.1.1) d. Nov. 1993, Muscatine, IA
ANTOINETTE KEANA APGAR (unk) 3, killed 9 Aug 1994 by a car, Int. South Easton Cem, PA
VIRGINIA ANDERSON DALRUMPLE (1.2.11.5.1.1.1) 81, d. Aug 1994, cremation
DOROTHY APGAR ANDERSON (3.5.3.4.12.4) 88, d. 31 Dec 1993, Int. Bound Brook Cem, NJ
ARTHUR J. MARTIN, JR (9.5.6.1.5.1) 83, d. 17 March 1994, Essex Fells, NJ
ALEXANDER STRAINE (hus. of 6.11.11.3.3.1) 74, d. 23 Feb 1994, cremation, inurned National Memorial Cem, Scottsdale, AZ
JANE JENNIE APGAR PERRY (wife of 6.7.6.1.4) 92, 19 April 1994, int. Mountainview Cem, Cokesbury, NJ
HELEN G. REED (1.2.3.4.3.1.3) 90, d. 24 Jan 1994, Int. Pendleton Methodist Church Cem, SC
JOHN L. APGAR (unk) 70, d. 3 March 1994, Int. St. Francis of Assissi RC, Brant Beach, NJ
VINCENT THORPE JAMES (6.4.8.14.3.2) 84, d. 21 July 1994, Int. Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge, NJ
HELEN M. ORTS EDINGER (6.12.14.3.1) 86, d. 7 May 1994, Int. Rural Hills Cem, Whitehouse, NJ
ALMA MAE PFLUG 3.7.8.2.1.4.1) 72, d. 25 June 1994, Int. Lower Valley Union Cem, NJ
IDA MARY APGAR CONOVER (6.7.6.3.4) 83, d. 8 June 1994, and her sister
SARA ANN APGAR DILTS (6.7.6.3.3) 86, d. April 1994
KENNETH BEAM (hus. of 3.3.2.8.1.4.3) 70, d. 9 May 1994, Int. Lower Valley Union Cem, NJ

HUGH BROWNE (hus. of 6.5.8.5.3) 97, d. 29 Aug 1994, Int. Mountainview Cem, Cokesbury, NJ
RUTH LENDRIN APGAR (wife of 7.3.1.2.21) 91, d. 30 Oct 1994, Whiting, NJ
ETHELYN SNIFFEN HALL (wife of 1.2.1.6.5.1.3) 81, d. 10 Sept 1994, Somerville, NJ
JOSEPHINE APGAR (6.10.3.3.4.1.3) 69, d. 12 Sept. 1994, Int. Fairmount Rural Cem, NJ

BIRTHS:

RYAN McGRATH, 30 Nov 1993, to Karen Leaver (6.12.10.5.23.1.2) and John McGrath, Flemington, NJ
AMY MARIE APGAR, 15 Feb 1991, to John Douglas Apgar (3.11.2.6.1.3.2) and Marie Ritter, Cincinnati, OH
REID TYLER APGAR, 13 Oct 1993, to John Douglas Apgar (3.11.26.1.3.2) and Marie Ritter, Cincinnati, OH
JENNIFER RYAN SMITH, 9 Oct 1993, to Kenneth Smith (9.5.5.2.3.6.5.4) and Lorraine Voorhees, Flemington, NJ
EMILY CATHERINE JAMES, 18 Jan 1994, to William B. James (6.4.8.14.3.2.3.1) and Julia Ewy, Murietta, CA
THOMAS DAVID RAINVILLE, 27 May 1994, to Nancy James (6.4.8.14.3.2.3.2) and Gregory Rainville, Murietta, CA
LINDSEY ALICE EDINGER, 14 Feb 1991, to John Sinclair Edinger, Jr., (8.8.5.4.1.8.1.1) and Tracy L. Mather
JOHN SINCLAIR EDINGER III, 15 Jan 1993, to John Sinclair Edinger, Jr., (8.8.5.4.1.8.1.1) and Tracy L. Mather
CATHERINE MARIE TAVERNA, 20 Apr 1993, to Nancy Marolo (6.4.8.14.3.2.1.2) and Frank Taverna, Hauppauge, NY
RYAN ANTHONY CLARRY, 22 Sept 1992, to Patricia Marolo (6.4.8.14.3.2.1.3) and Michael Clarry, Ozone Park, NY
MICHAEL CHARLES CROFTON, 5 Dec 1992, to Mary James (6.4.8.14.3.2.3.2) and Charles Crofton, South Hill, VA
son MCKEEVER, 12 Jul 1994, to Glenn McKeever (1.5.3.1.4.5.4.1.2) and Janice Wood, Phillipsburg, NJ
SHANE CHRISTOPHER BONCZAK, 3 Feb 1994, to Susan Apgar (2.3.1.8.1.1.1.2.1) and John Bonczak, New Brunswick, NJ
GREGORY W. WRIGHT, 5 Mar 1994, to Sharon Apgar Jones (6.4.3.6.6.1.3.23) and Gregory Wright, Sr., Phillipsburg, NJ
JONATHAN WILLIAM LAZIER, 24 Feb 1994, to John Lazier (2.3.1.7.1.21.22) and Linda Renna, Flemington, NJ
BETHANY ANNE FIGIEL, 30 May 1994, to Myrina Elizabeth Apgar (4.1.1.6.3.3.1.2.3/2.3.1.2.1.2.3/1.2.3.1.1.2.2.3) and James Figiel
JULIANNE ELIZABETH SHUSTER, 6 July 1994, to Jonathan Woodhouse Shuster and Marianne E. Chapman
EMILY LYN PARICHUK, 29 June 1994, to Rebecca McDowell (2.3.1.11.6.3.1.4) and Dale Parichuk, Jr., Flemington, NJ
COURTNEY REBECCA FRASER, 20 May 1994, to Beth Shuster (9.5.9.2.1.2.2.4) and Andrew L. Fraser, Boston, MA
JACOB JENNINGS CREGAR, 30 June 1994, to Jeffrey Cregar (1.2.11.8.7.9.22) and Karen Marks
CASSIE LYNN APGAR, 17 Aug 1994, to Gregory Apgar, Jr., (1.2.11.5.3.3.1.5.1) and Karen McGeehan, Phillipsburg, NJ
LISA ELIZABETH APGAR, 29 Jul 1994, to Steve Apgar (6.4.3.4.5.8.5.2/23.1.8.1.4.2) and Sharon Brong
GENE WILLIAM ARMBRECHT, 27 Sept 1994, to Sara Apgar (12.3.3.10.2.21) and George E. Armbrrecht, Flemington, NJ
ROBERT JAMES LEE, 16 May 1994, to Kristine Clawson (3.7.8.5.1.5.2) and Jack Lee, Concord, MA

MARRIAGES:

CHRISTINE ANNE FARLEY (6.4.3.1.1.5.1.2.2/3.7.11.1.2.2) 25 June 1994, St. Magdalen Catholic Church, Flemington, NJ, to Christopher Gary Venditti
TAMARA ANN FARROW (3.7.11.1.22.1.2.1) 11 June 1994, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Grandin, NJ, to Scott Greenspan
ERIC JOHN CARR (3.5.5.23.2.1.1.2) 11 July 1994, Westchester, PA, to Alina Jolikko
DONALD PHILHOWER FREIBERGS (3.5.3.2.6.1.1.6) 11 July 1994, Cokesbury Methodist Church, Cokesbury, NJ, to Marie Theresa McNerney
GEORGE M. APGAR (3.7.9.12.2.1.1) 18 June 1994, Thatcham, England, to Beryl J. Boyd
DIANNE HANNA (3.7.5.2.2.1.1) 25 June 1994, First Methodist Church, Milford, NJ, to William Kappus
MYRINA ELIZABETH APGAR (4.1.1.6.3.3.1.2.3/23.1.21.2.3/1.2.3.1.1.2.23) 6 Mar 1993, Mt. Prospect, IL, to James Figiel
SUZANNE WINSLOW APGAR (3.7.9.12.4.1.21) 1 Aug 1992 to Joseph Fedorich

Family Members Attend Dallas Apgar Stamp Unveiling

by Phyllis P. Apgar, Apgar Family Association President

Apgar family members began arriving in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday, October 22, two days before the long-awaited unveiling of the Dr. Virginia Apgar Stamp. The scene was the American Academy of Pediatrics convention, attended by physicians from across the country. I don't think reality set in for any of us. We seemed to be moving in a dream world. Were we really here? Was this really happening?

We had barely settled into our various hotel rooms when the hectic pace of the next three days began. Sunday morning we met at the Dallas Convention Center and received our official badges. Our "duties" officially began at the History Luncheon at noon, where we were introduced by Dr. L. Joseph Butterfield. We felt like celebrities, a feeling that never left us during our entire stay. The principal speaker at the luncheon was Joan Beck, syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune, who co-authored the book, "Is My Baby All Right?" with Dr. Virginia Apgar, and who was also her personal friend. Joan brought Dr. Virginia alive for us, as if she were in the same room with us. What a wonderful person she was: warm, loving, funny (a hellor, really). We came away with a feeling of being touched by greatness for an all-too-short magical time. Joan, we thank you for portraying our famous relative in this light.

We had a fun time touring the exhibition hall and being mistaken for doctors, but we literally took the Dr. Virginia Apgar exhibit by storm. Dr. Selma Harrison Calmes was in charge of the exhibit and asked us to pose for some group



Association President Phyllis Apgar and Vice President Henry Apgar at the Dallas convention holding the cello crafted by Dr. Virginia. Looking on are (from left) Eric Apgar, Dr. Virginia's grand-nephew, Ruth Apgar, and Mary Apgar.

pictures. We were pleased to be asked, but as the

assembled group grew larger, we somehow toppled the entire backdrop. It was sheer disaster, and I fear that Dallas will never be the same! The Apgars, as usual, made an impression that few will forget.

As we all helped to restore order to the exhibit and get things righted, Dr. Calmes still wanted pictures, and we were even given Dr. Virginia's cello to hold (at that point, I wouldn't have trusted us with anything, much less a priceless instrument). Dr. Calmes, we apologize again and thank you for being so gracious. We will always remember your kindness.

Monday, October 24, and all 24 members of the Apgar Family Association were seated together in the reserved seating section in the Dallas Convention Center for the unveiling. The program began with a performance by the "Apgar String Quartet" playing Dr. Virginia's favorite selections on the instruments she had crafted in collaboration with Carleen Maley Hutchins, including two violins, one viola and one cello. Guest speakers for the ceremony included Doctors Betty Lowe, L. Joseph Butterfield, John Driscoll, Richard Johnston, columnist Joan Beck, and our own Henry Apgar, Sr, second cousin of Dr. Virginia, who spoke eloquently on behalf of the Family Association. Henry, we are all very proud of you, and happy for you, that your dream was finally realized.

We are all deeply indebted to the people who worked so hard for the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp, especially Dr. Butterfield, who led the 10-year campaign. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all of you.

We left Dallas on Tuesday morning with warm feelings of gratitude for all those who made this celebration possible. We were very aware that a page in history had been written that Apgars everywhere in the future may never be aware of, but 24 members of our Family Association were there, and we were very proud.

Members of the Apgar Family Association in Dallas:

- Henry and Ruth Apgar, Sr. (NJ)
- Henry and Dulcie Apgar, Jr. (CA)
- Eric Apgar (Dr. Virginia's grand nephew) (CA)
- Willard and Phyllis Apgar (NJ)
- Robert and Dorothy Apgar (FL)
- George and Mary Apgar, Sr. (NJ)
- Debbie Apgar (NJ)
- Robert Hartkemeir (OH)
- Jack and Hazel Shuster (NJ)
- Warren and Frances Apgar (KA)
- Nancy May Van Kirk (TX)
- Marybelle Hoffman (CO)
- David Spearence (TX)
- William Spearence (VT)
- William and Dorothy Apgar (NM)
- Cynthia Miller (PA)

APGAR FAMILY REUNION

Dr. Virginia Apgar



Pioneer Physician

SEPTEMBER 1994

The Dr. Virginia Apgar magnet that was distributed to everyone in attendance at the 1994 family reunion.

The Apgar String Quartet play the instruments that Dr. Virginia made by hand



Mary Apgar (left) with Elsie Lindaberry displaying the afghan Elsie made and donated to the association to be raffled off at the reunion.



The unveiling of the likeness of the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp in Dallas on October 24, 1994.



Phyllis Apgar chats with Eric Apgar, the grand-nephew of Dr. Virginia, at the Dallas unveiling ceremony.



Eric Apgar with Dr. Selma Harrison Calmes at the booth displaying Dr. Virginia memorabilia inside the Dallas Convention Center.



The speakers at the Westfield, New Jersey, unveiling ceremony of the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp included (from left) Westfield Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe, Jr.; David Steidley, president of the Westfield Stamp Club; Wayne T. Dilts, Apgar Family Trustee; Mrs. Susan Dickstein, a member of the Mount Holyoke College Class of 1971; Mrs. Linda Maggio, chairwoman of the Westfield Bicentennial Commission; Kenneth Brown, Westfield Postmaster; and Dr. Solomon Cohen, a Westfield pediatrician

Minutes of the Trustees Meetings

The following is a condensation of the minutes of each of the trustees meetings during the past year.

April 25, 1994 - Phyllis opened the meeting with a statement on how exciting this year will be for all Apgars when the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp is unveiled in Dallas in October. Henry has been appointed to speak at the ceremony on behalf of the family. The Richard W. Apgar family will be presenting a banner in his memory to the Association at the reunion. Richard, a genealogy buff, died suddenly in February of a heart attack. He was 49, and a cousin to Willard and Phyllis Apgar.

Robert O. Apgar has been in touch with the people in Harrisburg regarding the time capsule. Ruth reported that Westfield is planning to honor Dr. Virginia in some way later this year, possibly a First Day cover of the stamp. It was decided that since this was our 20th anniversary of holding reunions, that everyone attending this year would receive a Dr. Virginia Apgar magnet as a gift. Any magnets left would be offered for sale.

June 6, 1994 - Wayne Apgar reported receiving a letter from New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman's office acknowledging the fact that we invited her to speak at the reunion. The letter was noncommittal about whether or not she would attend. (She didn't.) Wayne T. Dilts expressed displeasure to Phyllis about the quality of the pictures in this past year's newsletter. He apologized, again, that he had had to borrow a camera; but promised this year's would be better.



Fred and Marion Braun, married 64 years, were the longest married couple at the 1994 reunion.

Phyllis reported that George found the mechanicals for the T-shirts that Dorothy had turned over to the association.

Robert O. Apgar reported that we were going to defer until 1995 burying the time capsule, in order to include memorabilia from the Dr. Virginia Stamp. The church minister at Cokesbury okayed the burial of the time capsule at the church, which is going to take down a big pine tree to accommodate us.

Ruth reported on the length of the upcoming Dallas program for the unveiling of the Dr. Virginia Stamp. The Apgar String Quartet will be playing the very instruments that Dr. Virginia crafted herself. Phyllis reported that an article written by Dr. Butterfield was published and in the article, Dr. Butterfield gave the Apgar Family Association recognition.

Wayne Apgar puts flags in the old cemetery on Cherry Street in Lebanon. He has been putting flags on the graves of veterans for the past 20 years.

August 8, 1994 - Discussion centered around Dorothy Apgar's updating and printing copies of the Conrad Vol. II book. The trustees agreed that we are not in the book business, that Dorothy is doing this on her own, and that any profit realized from the sale of these books goes to Dorothy and not to the family association.

Ruth and Mary went to the Westfield Historical Society and library and xeroxed Dr. Virginia information they had. Mary also contacted Mt. Holyoke College that Dr. Virginia attended in Massachusetts. They have her medical bag and several boxes of things she donated to them. We would be welcome to come video the contents if we liked.

Commemorative magnets featuring Dr. Virginia Apgar and a baby will be given away free to each adult that attends the reunion. Others will be sold for \$3.00 each.

Phyllis was able to borrow a 20-minute film entitled "Apgar on Apgar," featuring Dr. Virginia explaining the Apgar Score. The film is on loan from Ocean County College Library, and will be shown at the reunion. The trustees agreed to donate \$500.00 toward the cost of flying Dr. Virginia's hand-crafted instruments to Dallas. In return, we would get a copy of the film of the ceremony and would be listed in the credits of that film.

Robert H. Apgar submitted his resignation from the trustees since he is moving to Pittsburgh. Phyllis made the recommendation, seconded by Ruth and a unanimous board that Wayne Dilts replace Robert H.

September 17, 1994 - following the reunion Al Tiger nominated the same slate of officers as last year plus the reappointment of Robert O. Apgar as Honorary Trustee. Motion carried. Trustees were elected at the General Association meeting today adding Wayne Dilts to replace the resigning Robert H. Apgar.



Muriel Dilts at the 1994 reunion with daughter-in-law Lorrie and granddaughters Kelsey, 1, (left) and Katie, 6. Katie was the youngest in attendance at the 1989 reunion at 53 weeks when her great-grandmother, Lenola Layden (Muriel's mother) was the oldest, at 96.

Phyllis asked Jack to send thank you letters to the following: Melvina and the ladies and gentlemen of the church for the great job they did with food; Elsie Lindaberry for again making and donating an afghan, hats and booties to be raffled at the reunion; Ocean County College Library for the loan of the film "Apgar on Apgar;" Debbie Apgar for the name tags; George Apgar for parking; and Dr. Gary Eddy for his presentation. It was discussed that we have a separate account for donations to the time capsule with only \$10 in donations to date. Wayne Dilts donated a check for \$100 towards the time capsule, and assured us that an article about donations would appear in the newsletter. George N. Apgar, Jr. suggested that some time in the future we could purchase a new cemetery sign for the Cokesbury Methodist Church cemetery.

October 3, 1994 - The new Apgar Family Association banner was presented to us at the reunion by Cassie Apgar and her family with the request that Phyllis Apgar be the banner keeper.

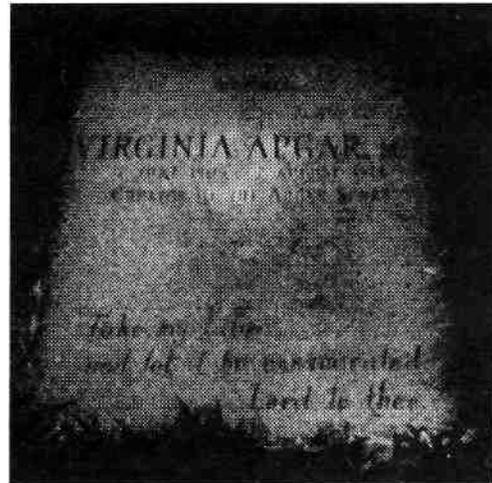
One correction to the minutes of the reunion meeting was that the couple that traveled the furthest to the reunion were Jean and Orlin Apgar. George N. made the motion to take whatever magnets we had left to Dallas to distribute to Dr. Butterfield and others there. More magnets will be ordered. Mary made the motion to donate a Conrad book to the Mt. Holyoke College and the Westfield (NJ) Library. Dr. Virginia was from the Conrad line. Barbara volunteered to undertake a membership drive after the first of the year. It was decided to have her send out 150 letters in the beginning of 1995. Jack also suggested that whenever anyone travels, they check the telephone

directory and write down names and addresses for Barbara.

Kenneth Apgar is a new Time Capsule Committee member, along with other members Robert O. Apgar, George N. Apgar, Jr., and George M. Apgar, Jr. The committee will report in the spring, and were reminded that the trustees had decided that money to pay for the time capsule was to come solely from donations.

George N. Apgar, Jr. suggested that the family historians research the Apgar Family Association reunions that were held in the 1920s-50s and come up with a new number for our own reunions, instead of the "21" in September, 1995. Discussion was tabled.

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The stone marking Dr. Virginia Apgar's grave in Westfield, NJ.

Attention Family members:

We would like to encourage those family members who would be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees to contact us and make your intentions known. While there are currently no vacancies on the board, your interest and concerns are valuable to us. Please contact any board member and let us know how you feel.

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Apgar Family merchandise for sale:

The Dr. Virginia Apgar commemorative magnet - \$3.00, plus postage.

Apgar Family Association tee shirts -\$10.00, plus postage

The above are available from Phyllis Apgar, 57 Parker Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853 (908) 876-3423

Hardcover edition of Volume 2, part 3 -Jacob and William lines available for \$40.00, plus postage, available from Mary Apgar, 416 Runyon Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846 (908) 968-3065