

# APGAR

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## A Tribute to Robert O. Apgar

*(Editor's note: One of our founding Trustees, Robert O. Apgar, passed away suddenly last May while at home in Florida. The following is a tribute to him written by his wife and our historian, Dorothy. Ed.)*

### **Robert O. Apgar - Jacob Line**

**(Nov. 22, 1919-May 7, 1995)**

*by Dorothy E. Apgar, Historian*

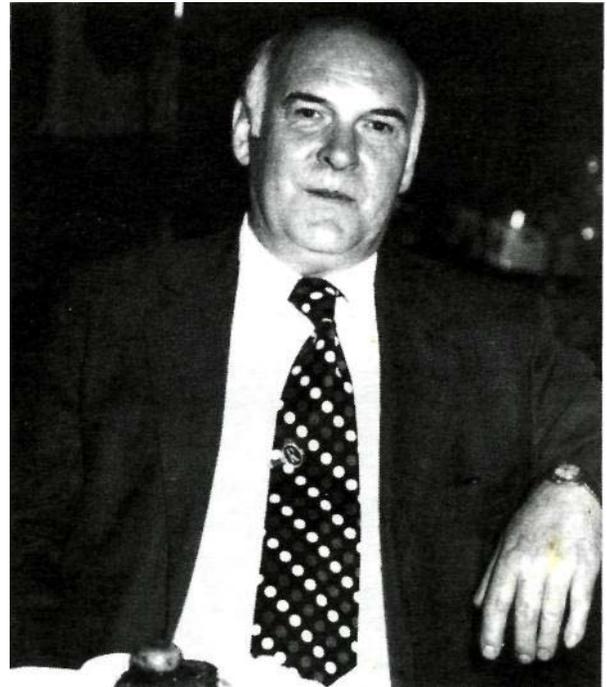
Bob was a product of his early life. He grew up in the small town of High Bridge, New Jersey, that was totally dependent upon the Taylor-Wharton Iron & Steel Company for its life. Everyone either worked for the company or their income came from businesses that flourished as a result of its existence.

The railroad came to High Bridge because of the products the company engendered. Many Apgars were employed on the railroad, and Bob's family worked at the plant. As each grew into teen years, boys and girls alike looked to Taylor-Wharton for work. Steel was in the Apgar blood.

Bob was also born into an era of high patriotic feelings. The "war to end all wars" was over. The men of the town formed the American Legion, band, baseball teams, marched in parades, and were proud of their service to their country. Bob's thrill of military parades never left him, and he was very proud of the six years he had served in the U.S. Army.

Growing up in a small town in the 1920s and '30s was a wonderful time and place to be a kid. Crime was almost nonexistent. Children, especially the boys, were free to roam, fish, swim, skate, and sleigh ride all without a thought of fear. People raised their own vegetables and chickens, and what else was needed was either bought from the local store or was delivered to the door: the fish man, the bread man, the milk man, the scissor and knife sharpener

Because Bob's mother was a nurse and cared for whomever needed her, he learned to give of himself. Bob thought of High Bridge as the friendliest town where everyone spoke to each other and would never pass by someone else without saying "hello." Bob knew every person in town, and everyone knew him. He never lost that openness. He always found



*Robert O. Apgar (1919-1995)*

someone he knew, wherever he went. His jokes were well known, and he could make a joke almost any time. The stories he told were repeated over and over again, and because of his great memory, he was able to write his own life story so that his future generations would know what his life had been like. He had labeled many an old picture for the High Bridge Historical Society.

Bob was a machinist by trade and very proud of it. He loved showing the younger guys the tricks of the trade, and every piece of work he made had to be the best. Bob was no saint and he would be the first to tell you so. He was open with his ideas and was very honest about what he believed in. He believed in the Apgar family. He passionately wanted the entire family history to be preserved so that the story could be passed down to future generations. He believed that families were the most important part of anyone's life. He spent 20 years doing what he believed in and, as his family had

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taken him to the early reunions when he was a boy, so he has attended all but one of our restarted Apgar reunions over the past 20 years. This organization gave his later life purpose and he enjoyed meeting and talking to all of you. As he gave of himself to make this family strong, so all of you gave to him, family.

Many people remember the jewelry he made and gave to the oldest lady and man. He loved to find a stone and make it come to life. In his last years, he took up painting and his creativity came to life in another way. We will all miss his company and his wit. His last wish was to see the Apgar Time Capsule completed. Even though he did not see it

to his

Robert O. Apgar



come pass,



Robert & Dorothy Apgar

the present Apgar Family Association, organizing the first of our reunions more than 20 years ago. All three were charter Trustees of the current family organization, and Robert served as an Honorary Trustee for the past five years.

Born in High Bridge, where he lived most of his life, Robert had worked most recently as a machinist for A & B Tool Co. in High Bridge, before retiring to Florida in 1988. Prior to A & B, he had followed a long line of his ancestors in working for the Taylor-Wharton Steel Company in High Bridge until the plant shut down in the 1970s.

Robert O. served in the U.S. Army from 1936-39, then was recalled to active duty in 1942, where he served out the remainder of World War II on a mine-laying ship in the Panama region. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He was a member of the Memorial Methodist Church in Lake Placid, Florida, and was a former member of the High Bridge United Methodist Church.

Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy E. Young Apgar; two sons, John S. of Cherryville, NJ, and William C. Farrow of Hampton, NJ; two daughters, Mary Wolfe of Bensalem, Pa., and Ruth Fillebrown of Baptistown, NJ.; 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

immediate family will carry on the project.

## Association Loses Co-Founder

by Wayne T. Dilts, Newsletter Editor and Trustee

The Apgar Family Association suffered one of its most severe personal losses in a long time during this past year. Co-founder Robert O. Apgar passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 7, 1995 at Florida Hospital in Lake Placid, Florida, from an apparent heart attack.

Robert, 75, and his wife Dorothy, our current historian, along with Helen Apgar, who currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland, were at the genesis of

# Dr. Virginia Apgar Inducted Into Women's Hall of Fame

by Eric Apgar

On Saturday, October 14, 1995, I had the great privilege of representing the Apgar family on behalf of my great-aunt, Dr. Virginia Apgar. She was inducted that day into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York, home of the women's rights movement.

Words are not an acceptable substitute for physically walking through the Hall of Fame with the eyes and stories of 125 amazing women looking back at you. Everyone should visit the Hall of Fame and the Women's Rights National Historic Park to experience the history and inspiration that these women provide.

Dr. Virginia Apgar was one of 18 new inductees this year that also included Elizabeth Dole, the first female Secretary of Transportation and now the president of the American Red Cross and wife of Senator Robert Dole; Congress-woman Patricia Schroeder of Colorado; great jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald; polar explorer Ann Bancroft; Duke University President Nanerl Koehane; and U. S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Other members of the Hall previously inducted include such female luminaries as Susan B. Anthony and Rosa Parks.

At the induction ceremony, a brief biography of each new inductee was read. Then, the honoree or her acceptor came forward to receive a medallion and to make a few remarks. The following is the text of the speech I read:

"It's a great honor to be here representing my family. Virginia was my grandfather's sister and I was 10 years old when she died. My grandmother gave me the following story that Virginia wrote:

Tuesday, November 9th, 1965

I left the office at 5:30 and walked south on Second Avenue to get my car on East 40th. I was disturbed by the flickering traffic lights. All the neon lights were also flickering and I wondered 'Why, oh, why neon lights could not be serviced so that they would not flicker.' After walking another block, something sudden happened, silently. A quick check showed that ALL the lights had gone out....those in the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, everywhere.

The moon was shining brightly, almost full, and all the more bright, because of the New York City darkness. Proceeding by car inch by inch westward on 42nd Street, my new Falcon was bumped only once from behind.

Just east of the Hotel Commodore, a young man tapped on my window and asked if I was a doctor. I said, "Yes," and he asked if I would take care of a woman who was twitching all over. I double-parked near the entrance and he watched my car while I went



*Eric Apgar with Debbie Apgar (left) and Mary Apgar at the Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony.*

to see the patient. I talked with her a bit...her pulse was good, and then she told me she had been in a concentration camp for several years and she always reacted with twitching when she was under stress. She hated darkness, and crowds, both of which were certainly present right then. There was nothing to do but reassure her and let her sit out the emergency.

"The next thing I'd like to share with you is Virginia's pocket watch. This was given to her by her staff and the inscription reads, "To the Queen (sic) bee, from the hive." This watch has a second hand on it and I like to think that Virginia used this watch to help administer the Apgar score to some of the 17,000 babies she helped deliver.

"Finally, no tribute to Virginia would be complete without telling one of her favorite jokes: 'How do you tell the sex of a chromosome? You pull down its' genes!'"

"Dr. Apgar would definitely give this award her STAMP of approval." (The speech ended here)

This amazing honor for the Apgar family could not have happened without the hard work of many individuals, including: Dr. Joseph Butterfield, the primary mover and shaker behind the Apgar stamp; Dr. Selma Harrison Calmes, an eloquent fan who has published several articles about Dr. Virginia; Dr. Mary Ellen Avery; Jill Baylor; Nina Ditmar; and Nan Johnson; all of whom nominated Virginia to be in the Hall of Fame.

I got to chat with Jill after the ceremony and we discussed our plans to write a book about Virginia. Stay tuned for more news.

Finally, I wish to thank Mary and Debbie Apgar who drove all the way from New Jersey to attend the ceremonies and share the famous Apgar three-ring binder with all who were interested.

See you at the next reunion!

# Minutes of the 21st Reunion

September 16, 1995

President Phyllis Apgar welcomed family members and friends to the 21st Apgar reunion. "This past year has been rewarding for all of us," she stated. "As you know, the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp became a reality and 24 family members were able to attend the unveiling in Dallas, Texas. Our own dear Henry Apgar, second cousin to Dr. Virginia, was one of the honored speakers, at the ceremony."

Phyllis then called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Mary Apgar reported that there were 123 in attendance today, down slightly from the previous year. Recording Secretary Brenda Zimmerman then read the minutes of last year's meeting.

## **Reports from the Officers**

First Vice President Henry Apgar said he was glad to see so many people here with the same last name and thanked everyone for their continued support.

Treasurer George M. Apgar reported a balance in the General Fund of \$3,957.74, and Corresponding Secretary Jack Shuster reported on the reunion invitations he had sent out.

## **Reports from the Trustees**

Mary Apgar reported that there would be an exhibit of Dr. Virginia Apgar Stamp memorabilia on display during November at the Hunterdon County Library in Flemington, NJ.

## **Membership Committee Report**

A total of 142 individuals and families became members of the Association in 1995, a decrease from the previous year.

## **Reports from other Committees**

Historian Dorothy Apgar thanked everyone for their expressions of condolence and concern during the past year at the passing of her husband, Robert; for when she fell; and for thinking of her son-in-law when he underwent surgery.

Dorothy reported on the preservation of old photographs and papers, locating and preserving important documents such as birth certificates, house deeds, and marriage licenses (for full text of her comments, see Historian's Report, page 6.Ed.)

Wayne Dilts reported that we still need photos, old and new, and articles to go into the newsletter.

President Phyllis then said, "As I have said before, the execution of my duties are only made possible through the support of the Trustees and Committee members. I am deeply grateful to you all."



*Mary Apgar (right) working one table of memorabilia at the 1995 annual reunion*

Phyllis then acknowledged the hard work and dedication put in this past year by Public Relations Chairwoman Mary Apgar, and again thanked the husband-wife newsletter team of Wayne and Lorrie Dilts for "keeping our large and widespread family in contact with each other."

Phyllis also pointed out that her brother-in-law George Berger from Williamsburg, VA, was roving the grounds with a video camera and, with the help of George N. Apgar, Jr., interviewing some in attendance today so that we might be able to show it at the reunion next year.

Wayne Dilts then paid tribute to those members who had passed away during the previous year:

Robert O. Apgar, 75 (Jacob line)

Wilma Apgar Novak, 83 (Robert O's sister)

Harry P. Apgar, 84 (John Peter line)

Samuel Bush, 74 (hus. of Frederick line)

Arthur C. Apgar, 83 (Jacob line)

Elizabeth C. Probasco, 93 (Catherine line, and mother of the author of the Catherine line)

Wayne also paid tribute to Robert O. Apgar by reading a tribute to him written by Dorothy (for text of the tribute, see page 1)

Al Tiger reported that two Trustees terms expired this year but George M. Apgar, Jr., agreed to serve one more year and George N. Apgar, Jr. has agreed to serve one more three-year term.

Phyllis then reported that the Trustees, at their August meeting, had voted to make Dr. L. Joseph Butterfield of Denver, Colorado, an Honorary Apgar.

He was a colleague and friend of Dr. Virginia and had lobbied for 10 years to see her stamp get issued.

In March, 1995, Colorado Senator Dottie Wham read a Colorado Senate Joint Resolution in honor of Dr. Virginia and the United States Postal Service that was dedicated last October in Dallas. Dr. Butterfield had asked for a member of the family to be present in Denver when the resolution was passed, and Marybelle Apgar Hoffman graciously consented to represent us all. Marybelle shared her experience with us and read the resolution aloud. It was quite moving.

Phyllis also read a letter from Dorothy Apgar of Millburn, NJ, who is now 90 years old. Her husband John has passed away but she wanted to let us know that the last four reunions they had attended they had been honored as the longest-married couple. John died Christmas week, 1989. Dorothy wanted to let us know that she felt the articles in the

newsletter about Dr. Virginia, whom she had met years before, were excellent.

Wayne Dilts reported that, due to the death of Robert O. Apgar, the Trustees had tabled the Time Capsule project, which was now leaderless, until such time as someone is willing to take it over and see it through to completion. In the meantime, we had still received more donations for the project, and Wayne said he would make a formal report of the current status in the next edition of the newsletter, (see update on page 7)

Jack Shuster again implored those in attendance who might be so inclined to volunteer to serve on the Board of Trustees. Several current trustees have indicated a desire to retire in the near future, and we need new faces. Terms are for three years, and we hold four meetings a year. Interested parties were encouraged to let any trustee know.

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*The 1995 Apgar family reunion portrait.*

# Minutes of the Trustees Meetings

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

**April 17, 1995** - Jack Shuster reported that he wrote a letter to Dr. Butterfield after the Dallas unveiling of the Dr. Virginia stamp thanking him for his efforts.

Phyllis read a letter from Robert O. Apgar to the trustees that urged the trustees to continue to work on the Time Capsule project. There was lengthy discussion about the project, with the board ultimately deciding to table any more discussion until a more complete report can be offered by the Time Capsule committee. There are more questions than answers at this point. Wayne Dilts agreed to write a letter to Robert O. in response, detailing the board's decision.

Discussion then ensued around fund-raisers we can offer at the reunion, including post cards with Dr. Virginia's likeness on them and a cancelled stamp, Dr. Virginia T-shirts, "First Day of Issue" stamps from the Westfield ceremony, and envelopes cancelled in Dallas.

**June 19, 1995** - The trustees received a thank you card from Dorothy Apgar for the expression of sympathy and a flower arrangement that was sent to her at the passing of her husband, Robert O.

Discussion continued on the Time Capsule project. With Robert O's passing, there are many questions unanswered, since he had been doing most of the work. It was agreed that the project would be tabled until information can be secured.

We will be selling posters, pins, envelopes, and T-shirts at the reunion commemorating Dr. Virginia's stamp unveiling.

A videotape of the Westfield ceremony has been secured by Ruth. It was decided that that videotape, along with the one from the Dallas ceremony, will be our program at the reunion this year.

**August 21, 1995** - Phyllis reported that we received the copy of the videotape of the Dallas ceremony, and that Wayne D. will make arrangements for it to be shown at the reunion. Also, Dr. Butterfield had to decline our invitation to attend the reunion.

Phyllis read a letter she received from Dorothy Apgar of Millburn (see "Reunion minutes" - page 5) who is now 90 years old. Dorothy and her late husband, John W., were the oldest married couple at some of our previous reunions.

Discussion about the Time Capsule project included looking for alternate ways to preserve the family history and artifacts since Robert O. seemed to be the only one that knew anything about a capsule itself

**September 16, 1995** - following the reunion. Al

nominated the same slate of officers as last year. All approved. George M. Apgar has agreed to serve one more year and George N. Apgar, Jr. will serve another three-year term as Trustee.

Discussion centered on new people who have expressed interest in serving as Trustees.

**October 30, 1995** - Phyllis was presented with a 1968-69 Manhattan telephone directory by Mr. Kersting (who rents an office from Robert Apgar). The directory has Dr. Virginia Apgar's listing in it.

Mary Apgar reported that she and her daughter Debbie, along with Dr. Virginia's great-nephew Eric, attended the Women's Hall of Fame ceremony, and that Eric was writing an article about it (see page 3. Ed.) Also, Mary and Debbie were setting up a Dr. Virginia display at the Hunterdon County Library that would be on exhibit through the month of November.

Dorothy reported that she attended a genealogy meeting in Florida where the speaker had researched the Palatine Association, which hires genealogy investigators to research German ancestry. She suggested we contact them and inquire on the cost of pinpointing Johannes' ancestry.

Several trustees have suggested that this will be their last term on the board, and discussion ensued about possible replacements.



*Youngest Apgar at the 1995 reunion was Justin Matthew Alpaugh, age 4.*

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At this time, gifts were presented to the following honorees:

Oldest male Fred Braun, 92, from Clinton, NJ  
Oldest female Marian Braun, 88, from Clinton, NJ  
Youngest child Justin Matthew Alpaugh, age 4  
Longest married Fred & Marian Braun, 65 years  
Traveled longest distance Henry Apgar, 2488 miles (son of 1st VP Henry Apgar)  
Largest family George M. Apgar, Jr. deferred with 16 members present; Richard & Barbara Apgar, of Clinton and Glen Gardner, NJ, had nine members present.

Phyllis called on Iva & Elsie Lindaberry to draw the 50/50. The two drawings for \$25 each were won by Ruth Apgar and Katie Dilts. Phyllis also thanked Elsie for the many years she made and donated afghans, booties and hats that we raffled off. While she is no longer able to do this, we thank her for her many years of dedication.

At this time we were to view the videotape of the Dr. Virginia stamp unveiling ceremony from Dallas, Texas, but the sound was not working properly and we couldn't hear the tape, so it was stopped.

It was also noted that Dr. Virginia will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY on October 14, 1995, and that her grand-

nephew Eric Apgar would accept the award on her behalf.

Phyllis also announced that there is a strong possibility that the Dr. Virginia stamp is scheduled to be flown into space aboard one of the shuttle launches this fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Zimmerman, Recording Secretary

Mary Apgar, Charles E. "Scotty" Apgar, Dr Apgar's nephew, & his wife Pamela H. Apgar



## Time Capsule Report

With the sudden death of Robert O. Apgar last spring, the trustees found themselves in an awkward position regarding the Time Capsule project. Most of the work that had been done had been the result of Robert O.'s efforts.

In the meantime, we had received numerous other donations from family members and friends after the last newsletter went out in support of the project.

The trustees were stumped. We literally did not know what to do or what had been accomplished, but we felt there was support on the part of the family to continue the project.

So, at the August Trustees' meeting, it was decided to table any activity on the project unless and until someone or ones could step forward and pick up the reins of the project and see it through to completion

At the reunion in September, members of Robert O.'s immediate family indicated that they would like

to help see the project through, but with Robert's passing still such a painful memory, we were not in a position to have formal discussions about it.

So that is where we stand at the moment. While we will hold on to the money that has already been donated (each donation has been clearly identified), we will not actively pursue any additional monies until we can get the project back on track.

We want to thank those who have donated so far, and we will keep you posted on progress through the pages of the next newsletter. If any-one who has made a specific donation to this project would like a refund of their money because of the circumstances we find ourselves in, we fully understand and will gladly send you your money back. Please simply send a note to our treasurer, George M. Apgar, Jr. in Chester, NJ.

# Historian's Report

by Dorothy E. Apgar

(The following is the text of Dorothy's report to the membership at the reunion Ed.)

Today I would like to talk about proper storage for your personal papers and photographs. As we age, we often forget that our history is important to preserve for future generations. We have all been researching our families, and I bet you have come across a picture album that, when you look at it you know very few people in it, but yet they were your ancestors. We have received many old pictures with no identification on them, and the people donating them don't know who they are, either. So please sit down one day soon and put names, dates, and places taken on the back. (One way to do this is to use an address label).

Where are your birth certificates, marriage certificates, old deeds? These are just a few of the personal papers you should gather together and store properly in a place safe from temperature extremes, insects, humidity, and fire. Please don't repair any items with tape or glue: Over time, tape's cellophane will yellow and detach from your document, leaving behind a gummy residue; and glue is a substance made from animal products that deteriorate quickly and are loaded with acids. Never use Elmer's Glue as it is made of PVC. You should always avoid PVC's.

Storage of pictures and documents can be easy with the proper acid-free products that are easily purchased. If your picture smells of vinegar or has a silvery shine, have a copy made by a reputable photographer. Tintypes should also be copied as they fade with age, light, dust and handling. Store your photos in an acid-free sleeve or photo album, or Mylar sleeves. Never use magnetic sleeves as they will destroy your pictures. If you use a photo album, use corner holders since paste will deteriorate the picture over time.

Another thing we all do is to cut out newspaper items. Since newspaper yellows and gets brittle with time, the best thing to do is to make acid-free copies of the clippings and throw away the newspaper. I inherited a large number of old High Bridge Gazette newspapers that were wonderful for research but were in terrible shape: they fell apart with a touch, and were so yellowed they were difficult to read.

I realize this is a lot to remember, but we, with the Apgar Memorabilia, are trying to store everything we receive in the proper way. Libraries, historical societies, and good photography stores can help you get the proper materials if you are interested in receiving more information or some help.

Take care of your heritage. None of us is getting

any younger and we need to pass on our heritage to future generations.

## **HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS**

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 full information on the birth, death, or/and marriage. If you send a clipping, please identify the newspaper and date of notice. Thank you, to those of you that sent notices this year, and thanks in advance to those of you that have information for me this coming year.

Dorothy E. Apgar  
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## **DEATHS:**

ROBERT O. APGAR, (6.12.10.5.2.3.) 75, d. 7 May 1995 at home, Lake Placid, FL, Int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ; First President of restarted Apgar Family Reunions

WILMA APGAR NOVAK, (6.12.10.5.2.2.) 83, d. 13 Oct. 1994, Walnut Creek, CA, Cremation –Inurned Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ. (Sister of Robert O. Apgar)

CRAIG W. APGAR, (3.5.5.2.5.1.1./10.12.4.1.2.1.1.) 51, d. 8 Oct. 1994, Somerville, NJ, Int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

WILLIAM A. CLAWSON, (3.7.8.5.1.5.1.) 56, d. 16 Oct. 1994, Union Twp., Hunterdon Cty, NJ

ANNA APGAR RISINGER, (3.3.5.2.2.1.) 87, d. 23 Oct. 1994, Int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ.

CARRIE C. HOPPAUGH SALTER, (6.10.2.2.1.3.) 92, d. 14 Oct. 1994, Int. Fairmount Cem., Tewksbury Twp., NJ.

DAVID GORDON SHARP, (4.1.1.6.3.4.1.), 84, d. 12 Nov. 1994, Chapel Hill, NC, Cremation.

MARSHA BUSH PURSELL, (9.5.9.9.4.3.3.) 48, d. 2 Dec. 1994, Erwinna, PA, Int. Upper Tincum Cem. Upper Black Eddy, PA

PAUL W. SLIKER, (1.2.3.7.2.4.7.) 88, d. 4 Jan. 1995, Bradendon, FL, Int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

ADA LYONS, (7.9.6.1.1.2.) 104, d. 13 Jan. 1995, High Bridge, NJ., Int. Lower Valley Cem., Califon, NJ.

ADDIE F. HOCKENBURY (2nd. wife of 1.2.3.1.3.7.1.), 90, d. 19 Jan 1995, Int. Spruce Run Cem., Glen Gardner, NJ

LULA APGAR WISE, (2.3.1.7.1.1.) 84, d. 27 Jan. 1995, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ.

RUTH ROCKAFELLOW KLINGLER, (3.3.5.2.3.5.) 81, d. 10 Mar. 1995, Int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ.



*Marion and Fred Braun of Clinton, NJ, took three awards at the 1995 reunion, including longest married couple (65 years), oldest female (88) and oldest male (92).*

FRANK G. COX, (hus. of 10.12.2.3.2.4./4.1.2.2.3.6.4.) 81, d. 10 Feb. 1995 at home, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ  
 BERTHA JANE PASSERELLO, (6.10.10.1.4.3.) 73, d. 24 Feb. 1995, Somerville, Int. Rural Hill Cem., Whitehouse, NJ.  
 MAUDE V. ROBINSON, (3.7.1.8.4.1.) d. 29 Mar. 1995, Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ  
 ALICE APGAR FABIAN, (2.3.1.11.4.3.) 68, d. 27 Mar. 1995, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ  
 GRETA R. DUDA, (3.3.5.2.2.1.1.) 64, d. 28 Mar. 1995, Int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ  
 MINNIE MANNING, (wife of 7.3.1.6.2.3.) 88, d. 28 Mar. 1995, Gainesville, GA, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ  
 SARAH E. PAVICS, (7.3.1.6.2.4.1.) 81, d. 11 Mar. 1995, Int. Frenchtown Cem., NJ  
 BERNARD F. PHILHOWER, (3.7.7.7.5.1.5.) 68, d. 26 Apr. 1995, at home, Int. Fairmount Cem., Tewksbury Twp., NJ  
 BEULAH SCHUYLER, (wife of 3.7.5.2.2.2.2.) 85, d. 20 Apr. 1995, Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ  
 VERNA E. APGAR (10.14.2.2.1.) 89, d. 24 Apr. 1995, at home, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ  
 RONALD F. HARNER, (hus. of 1.8.8.5.1.1.1.) 48, d. 16 May 1995 while fishing. Cremation  
 ELIZABETH BURRELL, (wife of 1.2.3.6.3.2.1.) 93, d. 18 May 1995, Int. Cokesbury Presbyterian Cem., NJ  
 LINDA L. NEMEC, (1.8.8.8.1.2.1.) 50, d. 19 May 1995, Int. private  
 ROBERT APGAR DILTS, (6.7.6.3.3.2.) 67, d. 22 May 1995, Int. Union Cem., Hackettstown, NJ.  
 RUTH BROWN ALPAUGH, (div. wife of 1.2.2.3.3.2.1.) 77, d. 10 June 1995, no services.  
 HARRY P. APGAR, (2.3.1.7.3.1.) 84, d. 3 June

1995, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ  
 SAMUEL BUSH, (hus. of 9.5.9.9.4.3.) 74, d. 21 Jul. 1995, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ  
 ARTHUR C. APGAR, (6.4.3.6.6.2.) 83, d. 21 June 1995, Int. Newell Cem., Stanton, NJ  
 R. KENNETH CONOVER, (6.4.3.4.2.1.2.8.) 81, d. 1 Aug. 1995, Int. New Germantown Cem., Tewksbury Twp., NJ  
 VERNON C. CONOVER, (6.4.3.4.2.1.2.2.) 70, d. 7 Aug. 1995, Int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ  
 ELIZABETH B. PROBASCO, (wife of 4.1.1.6.2.2.1.) 93, d. 18 Jul. 1995, Int. Bethlehem Presbyterian Cem., Grandin, NJ  
 EVELYN G. SCHUYLER, ( wife of 3.7.5.2.2.2.3.) 80, d. 19 Jul. 1995, Int. Mount Peace Cem., Allerton, NJ  
 ELIZABETH APGAR SWEETEN, (1.2.1.6.2.4.2.) 90, d. 9 Aug. 1995, Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ  
 HELEN B. YOUNG, (wife of 4.1.3.1.5.2.3.) 77, d. 2 Apr. 1995, Int. private  
 J. WILSON APGAR, (1.8.8.5.2.1.) 72, d. 3 Apr. 1995, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ  
 MALIA E. APGAR, (wife of 2.3.1.8.2.) 95, d. 3 Jul. 1995, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ  
 JOSEPH L. KINNEY, (9.5.5.2.3.7.) 82, d. 25 Aug. 1995, Int. Milford Union Cem., Milford, NJ.  
 DOROTHY N. APGAR, (wife of unk.) 71, killed in a car crash 1995, Princeton Memorial Park  
 LESTER PHILHOWER, JR., (3.7.7.7.5.1.2.) 73, d. 9 Sept. 1995, Int. Fairmount Cem., Tewksbury Twp., NJ  
 FLORENCE APGAR WOOLF, (1.5.3.1.4.5.8.) 80, d. 14 Sept. 1995, Int. Stewartsville Presbyterian Cem., NJ.

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*The Richard and Barbara Apgar family were designated the largest family to attend the 1995 reunion.*

DONALD H. ALPAUGH, (10.14.3.1.3.3.) 76, d. 26 Sept. 1995, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ  
SAMUEL WILSON RILEY, (9.5.5.6.4.2.) 90, d. 24 Sept. 1995, Int. Easton Cem. Easton, PA.

#### **BIRTHS:**

COLTON JOHN BUNN, b. 2. Nov. 1994 to John W. Bunn IV (6.11.11.3.4.2.2.) and Kay B. Nelson, Milwaukee, WI  
ZACCHARY JOHN HARABADIAN, b. 8 Oct. 1994 to Donna Homulak (2.3.1.11.2.1.1.) and John Harabadian  
KEVIN DANSEN MITCHELL, b. 1 Nov. 1994 to Gail Homulak (2.3.1.11.2.1.2.) and Robert D. Mitchell  
COLIN ANDREW BRAUN, b. 30 Dec. 1994 to Brian Braun (9.5.5.2.3.6.1.4.) and Donna Schwietering, Bradenton, FL  
ANNIE MARIE ROBINSON, b. 26 June 1994 to Michael L. Robinson (6.12.10.5.2.2.3.1.) and Mureen Riedle, Alaska  
ELIZABETH CHRISTINE VENDITTI, b. 9 June 1995 to Christine Farley (6.4.3.1.1.5.1.2.2.) and Christopher Venditti, Flemington, NJ  
MADISON ANN FRANC, b. 27 June 1995 to Carol Apgar (2.3.1.8.1.1.) and Matthew Franc, New Brunswick, NJ  
NATHAN MILLER, b. 22 Jul. 1995 to Terry (9.5.9.9.4.4.1.) and Deane Miller  
JONATHAN FRANKLIN GUNDERSON, b. 24 Mon. 1995 to Robert Hunter Gunderson (9.5.8.6.2.1.2.) and Olga Gunderson  
MATTHEW EDWARD KELLY, b. 6 Mar. 1995 to Jann Kiely (9.5.9.2.1.2.2.5.) and Mark Kelly, Belmont, MA  
ANDREW DAVID CAMP, b. 24 June 1995 to Nancy Lee Keil (7.4.7.6.1.4.1.2.) and U.S. Representative David Lee Camp, Michigan  
LAUREN NICOLE APGAR, b. 1 Sept. 1995 to Timothy Apgar (6.2.8.1.2.3.1.1.1.) and JoAnn Tigar, Flemington, NJ  
CONNOR JOSEPH COBB, b. 29 Jan. 1995 to Jayne D. Farley (6.4.3.1.1.5.1.1.3.) and Joseph P. Cobb

#### **MARRIAGES:**

RANDALL SCOTT BUNN (6.11.11.3.3.2.3.) to Karen Marie Underdahl, 9 July 1994, St. James Long Island, NY  
MICHAEL APGAR (2.3.1.2.1.2.1.1.) to Carol, May 1995  
CHRIS SLOSS (6.4.3.4.2.1.6.2.2.1.) to Francine Pam Chisesi, 19 Aug. 1995, St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Easton, PA

## **WHERE ARE THEY NOW??**

*By Wayne T. Dilts*

We'd like to start a new column with this newsletter that highlights members of our family who have attained accomplishments that we are proud of, or who were honored at one of the reunions years ago, such as the youngest in attendance and see how much they've grown. If you have a family member who has achieved some kind of recognition, or are one of our youngest in years gone by, drop me a line (along with a current photo PLEASE).



*Dr. Kristi Zimmerman*

This year's highlight is Kristi Zimmerman, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and daughter of David and Brenda Zimmerman, our current recording secretary.

Last year, Dr. Zimmerman completed a four-year doctor of veterinary medicine program at Virginia-Maryland Regional

College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Va.

In 1989 she graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. In addition to her studies, she worked as a groom at the U.S. Park Police Stable in Washington, D.C., and as a small animal veterinary technician at a hospital in Arlington, Va. She continued her graduate studies at the University of Maryland and began to work in molecular genetics at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., where she became involved in the feline chromosome mapping project.

While in veterinary college, she was a member of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, and served as president of the Wildlife and Exotic Animal Club.

In May, 1995, Dr. Zimmerman began work on a black rhinoceros genetics and immunologic research project at the San Diego Zoo in California.

## President's Message

*Sadly, as the years go by, death is taking so many of our family members. These people gave unstintingly of themselves to preserve our heritage for future generations. Let us not let them down. This is your family. Your continued help and support are needed to ensure that our riches of yesterday will not be lost tomorrow.*

*I am deeply grateful to all the Trustees, committee and association members for your dedication. It is through you that our family remains united and strong.*

*In family unity,*

*Phyllis P. Apgar, President  
Apgar Family Association, Inc.*

## Membership Committee Report

A total of 142 individuals and families became members of the Apgar Family Association for the year of 1995. This is a slight decrease in membership from the previous year.

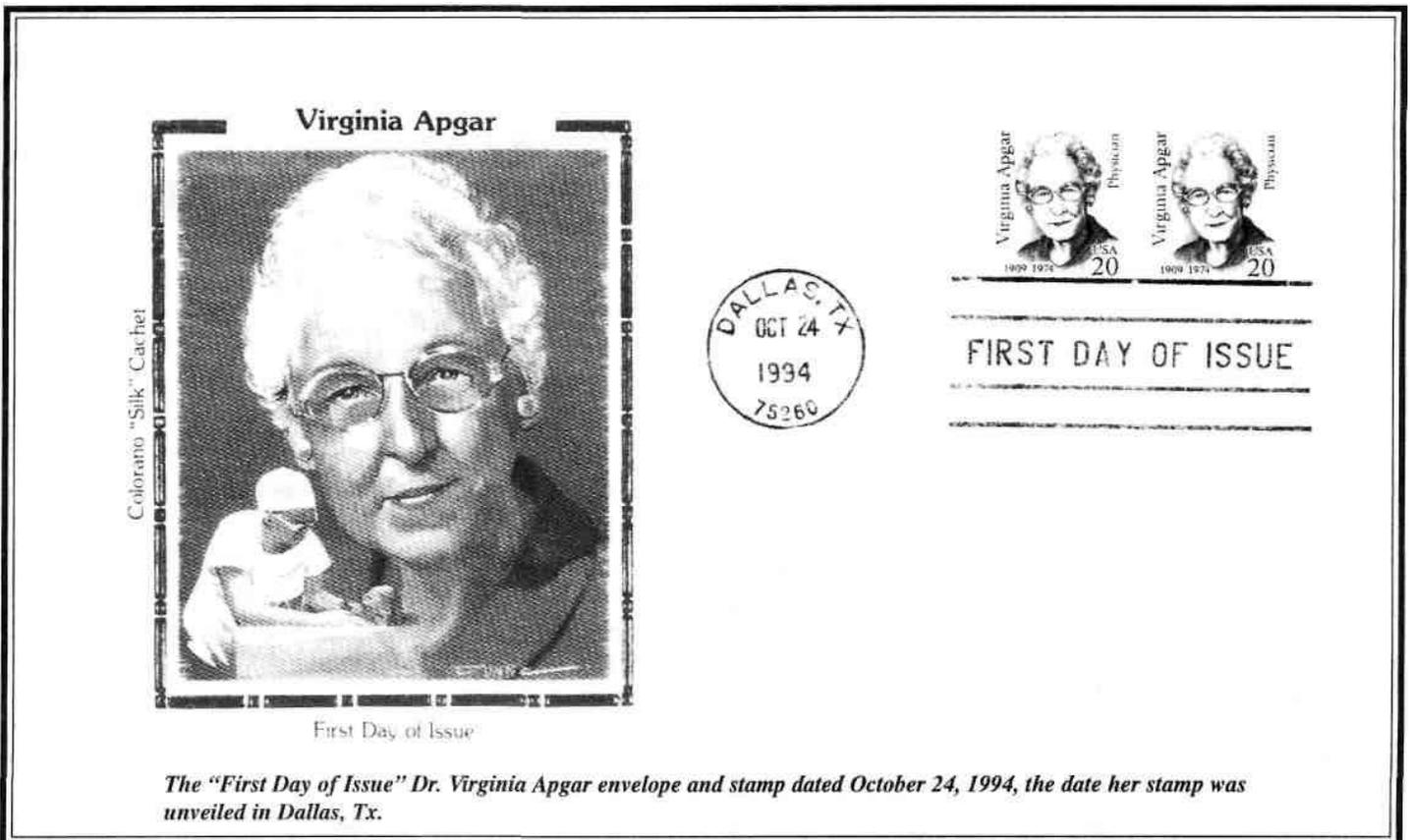
Membership cards were mailed out in January of 1996. Again, it is very important to notify me of any address changes. Only paid members will receive the newsletter and notification of our reunion. If we do not have your correct address you will not receive these communications.

The association is looking forward to a great 1996 membership year. Please let your families know about our association and get them involved! We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions from families so keep us informed.

Dues: individuals = \$6.00/year; families = \$11.00/ year

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Apgar  
Membership Chairwoman



*The "First Day of Issue" Dr. Virginia Apgar envelope and stamp dated October 24, 1994, the date her stamp was unveiled in Dallas, Tx.*

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The following items are still available for purchase. Prices quoted are for each item, and do not include the cost of postage and packaging.

- 1) The Dr. Virginia Apgar commemorative magnet - \$3.00
- 2) Apgar Family Association tee-shirts - \$10.00
- 3) The Dr. Virginia Apgar Stamp shirt - \$20.00

To order the above, contact Phyllis Apgar, 57 Parker Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853 (908) 876-3423

Hard cover edition of Volume 2, Part 3 Jacob and William lines available for \$40.00

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