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Saturday Schedule

10:00 am Check-in: Coffee and Homemade Baked Goods
10:40 am Opening Remarks
11:00 am Genealogy Exchange, Show & Tell
11:30 am Main Speaker
12:30 pm Annual Group Photo
12:45 pm Family Style Lunch
2:15 pm Show & Tell
3:00 pm Business Meeting
4:00 pm Close: Safe Journey

You are Invited to our 42nd Reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the Stanton Grange Hall in Lebanon

Your 42nd Apgar Family reunion will be held on **Saturday, September 17**, at the Stanton Grange Hall in Lebanon, New Jersey. As with all our reunions, this unique coming-together is a time for learning, sharing stories and visiting with old friends and family. It is our annual opportunity to explore our heritage and discover more about who we are as Apgar descendants.

The reunion will include a **family style hot lunch** for \$15.00 (half price for children under 10). See page 2 for the menu. You may pay at the door.

There is **no charge** to attend the reunion. Bring your family and friends.—and be prepared for “Show and Tell.”

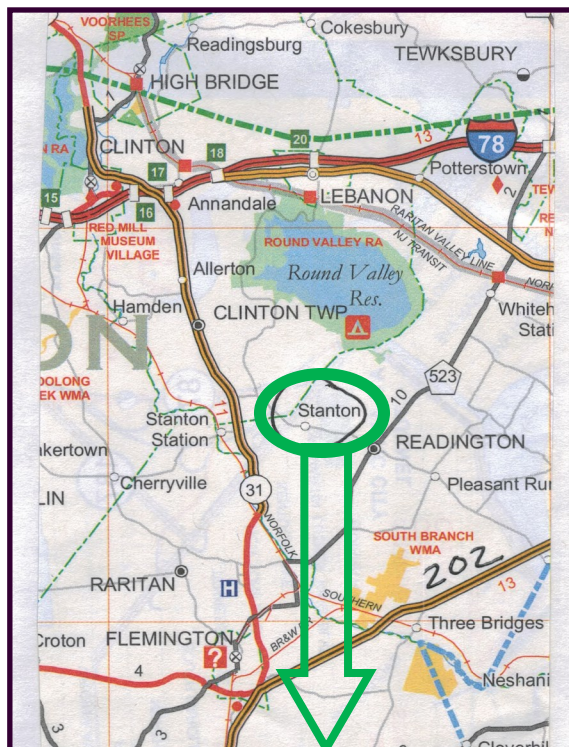
Driving Instructions

The **Stanton Grange Hall** is at **16 County Road 618**, in **Lebanon (Stanton)**, New Jersey **08833**. Use this address to set your GPS unit..

Take Route 618 East; from US 31. Exit is about 5 miles north of the Flemington traffic circle (US 202), and about 4 miles south of Interstate 78.

The Grange hall is on the left at the crest of the hill, about 1/4 mile from US 31. Look for the Apgar Family sign and the **tan building**.

But, We Need to Know if you are coming so we can plan how much food to prepare. So, please return the **Reunion RSVP** which came with this newsletter.



George Apgar Jr.— Greeter at Stanton Grange Hall

Plans for our 2016 Reunion on September 17th

Apgar Family Store

Shop at our **Apgar Family Store** for souvenir crocks, coffee mugs, T-shirts, tote bags, and colonial merchandise.



Store Master Robert Apgar is looking for a few volunteers to staff our Apgar General

Store during the Reunion Meeting., starting at 9 am. Contact Robert Apgar at 908.595.1324



Carol Apgar and Kristie Apgar are store volunteers

Planned Weekend Activities

- ◆ **Reunion setup** at Grange Hall, Friday evening, Sept 16 at 5:30pm; contact Karen to volunteer.
- ◆ Willing to help George **park cars** (wagons) at the Saturday reunion,? Call George at (732) 297-6686 to volunteer.
- ◆ George is organizing a **group dinner** the Friday (September 16) before the reunion at **The Clinton House** (a real English Tavern) at 2 West Main St in Clinton, exit 15 off of Route 78. To confirm schedule and to secure a reservation (space is limited), call George.



Clinton House in 1920—Group Dinner in 2016

Meet with your Historian and Genealogist

Help keep our records (our Genealogy CDs) up to date. Bring items for show-and-tell such as **photographs, diaries, newspaper clippings, quilts and other family heirlooms**, and original genealogical research.



Genealogy research is a common reason for attending the Apgar family reunions.

Store Feature Items

The 2015 Family Crock (with lid) is still available in limited quantities at the Apgar Family Store for \$35.

Alternatively, this item may be pre-ordered by mail (postage is extra) from George at (732) 297-6686.

Limited supply of 2013 (Fraktur Goblet \$25) and 2014 (German Barn Goblet \$25) crocks are still available.



Apgar Family Crock —\$35

Consult with your Webmaster

Not sure what family line you are from? Mary will be happy to search through our electronic records to help you out. She can also scan any documents or updates you bring to the reunion, or can photograph family keepsakes, you'd like to put on display in our on-line Virtual Museum.

See page 16 for more information on our web site and how you can order one or more genealogy database CDs.

Family Lunch for \$15 (half price for children)

- ◆ Roast Turkey
- ◆ Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Dessert
- ◆ Coffee, Tea & Cold Beverages



Plenty of food for all

A Message from our Association President — Karen Prince-Steinberg

For those who do not yet know me from the 2015 reunion, I am looking forward to meeting you this September.

Entering my second year as your President, I want to assure you that the goals of the Apgar Family Association remain the highest priority for all our trustees. Our by-laws direct our efforts to discover,

record; update and publish our genealogy; preserve family artifacts, documents, records and items of interest; promote goodwill and friendship among



Karen Prince-Steinberg

members; hold an annual reunion; and publish and circulate a family newsletter.

It is my belief that promoting goodwill and friendship will facilitate most of our goals. I welcome each idea that brings us closer as family.

Our trustees are a wonderful group of dedicated souls who continue to pitch in wherever and whenever needed. They are committed to a three-year term, as per our by-laws. Most have done so for far longer. It is our hope that we can entice several of you to join us. We look forward to adding your talents and fresh ideas to our talented and industrious crew.

The position of Newsletter Editor is now open for 2017. Please contact me or Hank Apgar for more information.

Karen

Report from the New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution submitted by George Apgar Jr.

Speaking at the **June 11 2016** Ceremony of Disposal of Unserviceable American Flag, their Flag Chairman, Ann Rotunno, reported that on June 14, 1777, Congress resolved that "the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be **13 stars**, white in a blue field representing a new Constellation."

Each time a new State joined the Union, a new stripe was added. Then, in 1818, Congress decided there would be **20 stars**, one for each State with another star added for each additional State but that the number of stripes would remain at 13.

Keeping with the theme of the ceremony, each retired flag was then placed upon the fire, while silence was maintained.

At the placing of the last flag, "Taps" was played. At completion of the ceremony, a new flag was raised upon a flag pole.



1818 Flag with 13 stars and 13 stripes

Pictures from the 2015 Friday Night Group Dinner at Clinton House by Hank

Every year, on the Friday evening before our reunion, George Apgar Jr organizes a colonial-style no-host dinner at the Clinton House, a favorite watering hole since colonial times.

This is a special opportunity to meet



Robert & Matt Kreuger with President Karen



Matt Kreuger and President Karen

with out-of-town guests who travel to New Jersey a day early and who seek shelter and refreshment from their long journeys to the New Jersey colony. Last year participants came together from

California, Ohio, Illinois, and points East.

See page 2 for details on the 2016 Friday night dinner. George has invited General George Washington to dine with us.



Lee Apgar Anderson with George Apgar Jr.

Meet Your Trustees and Officers for 2016



Question: How does a member become a trustee (for a 2-year term) ?

Trustees are nominated (or volunteer) during each year's annual meeting and are then confirmed by acclamation of the members attending.

A few of the Trustees and Officers present at 2015 Reunion; From L to R: Hank Apgar, David Rich, Mary Carpenter, Karen Prince-Steinberg, Robert Apgar. See page 17 for the full list of **2016 trustees and officers**.

Lisa Berman, Public Relations Director

Creation of Public Relations Director Position

By vote of the Trustees at the June 28th, 2015 Trustee Meeting, a new committee position has been created -- Public Relations Director. And, appointed to that position was one of the association's newest members, Lisa M. Berman. Lisa is currently developing an educational program in conjunction with national STEAM organizations based upon the legacy of Dr. Virginia Apgar.

It is with great honor that I accept the position of Public Relations Officer on behalf of the APGAR Family Association and to continue the tradition of educating and informing our family members about our "living" legacy. While researching for a recent public speaking engagement, I came to realize and understand the amazing historical lineage of the APGAR family from which I am a descendant (Minnie & William Apgar). Being raised on the West Coast by my Mother Linda Lee Wright (Bruce), I had little knowledge about the impact of our rich and vast family history. I hope to carry on the tradition of strong APGAR women: My great-grandmother was Inez (Apgar) Bruce and my grandmother was Ellen (Bruce) Wright. My husband, Robert Yuhas of Denora, PA (Columbia University) passed when our daughter Chiara Lisette was only one year old.

Originally from Youngstown, OH, I was raised in Laguna Beach, CA where my love for the arts, the ocean and an appreciation of a giving community was cultivated at an early age. I relocated back to this picturesque jewel after 28 years of navigating Los Angeles as a gallery owner (Sculpture to Wear) and jewelry designer & Manufacturer (Statements Accessories), celebrity stylist, Branding / PR / media specialist, magazine editor (Original Living), on-camera red carpet host, and arts advocate. My work in Public Relations focuses on: philanthropic causes, art, design, fashion and inspired ideas to create positive change. My business, Lisa B. Connects, utilizes my desire and ability to connect and promote people, places and products (for non & for profit organizations).

My daughter Chiara Lisette Berman-Yuhas, 7 years old, has already begun to immerse herself in her love for science... this was yet another catalyst for me to research the astonishing life and contributions of our most famous family member (to date), Dr. Virginia Apgar. "Queen-Bee" (as her staff called her) was both a trailblazer and a "Global Citizen" before it was a universal term. One of my objectives on behalf of our Family Association is to introduce and promote her indelible contributions in Science, Medicine and love of Music, Athletics (flying airplanes & fly-fishing) to an even broader audience - both young and old. Her accomplishments can be used as tools to inspire the next generation of girls to be leaders in Science and Medicine (as was her mandate during her televised acceptance Speech as Woman of the Year in Science 1973). Utilizing my degree in Plastics Technology & Manufacturing and love for design, I'm also launching a wearable high-tech ceramic product (think the tiles for the Space Shuttle) for the jewelry industry. And so, the science continues...

Family Legacy has an important lasting impact on future generations. All APGARS have a story to tell. What contributions will you make to our legacy? I'm looking forward to connecting with you, learning and sharing about all things APGAR. Please contact me via e-mail (publicrelations@apgar.org) or a telephone conversation is always welcome.



Power of the Media by Lisa Berman, Public Relations Director

The power of the media is unrivaled with its intent to inform and tell a story. This is especially true with our own APGAR Family Association, as it is our responsibility to share our rich history with each other for future generations.

Upon my recent appointment to Public Relations Officer, I received an email in January from Renee Byer that literally changed my life... she introduced herself as a APGAR family member and her powerful work as a photojournalist (see her article in this newsletter). We talked for what was scheduled to be only a few minutes, progressed into hours as the connection of family (we declare ourselves "cousins"), synergistic appreciation for the arts and the content her life's body of work. However it wasn't until the end of April that we actually met for the first time in person at her art opening in Los Angeles. The guests couldn't believe that we had never met. Yet, somehow there was a golden thread connecting us - it's called family. I am honored to be related to her and to share her accomplishments.

Renee introduced me to her amazing brother Tom Byer (see his article in this

newsletter). We have extraordinary APGAR family members and thus the idea of the "AMAZING APGARS" chronicles was born. In future Newsletters and other media sources (our association website, FB pages, etc.) my goal is to publish these stories or events on an on-going basis. I will however, need your help in order to achieve this. Please contact me via e-mail, private message FB or call me.

Realizing there are many members that are not comfortable with using social media, but for those who are, you know it's an important way to connect and stay informed instantly and to support each other. There's a Facebook page called: APGAR APGER APKAR. Please "like" the page and ask other family members to "like" the page. If you have an Apgar related event or news, please post it on that FB page. This will also help us grow our Family Assoc. membership.

Other than this Annual newsletter sent via traditional mail, one of the easiest ways to communicate with the majority of the members may be via e-

mail. Perhaps a quarterly newsletter with the use of an email service such as "Constant Contact" could be utilized. The idea is that you can sign up on our own APGAR Family website (secure) using your e-mail address and will then receive the Family Newsletters. This is also an easy way to promote and publicize the upcoming reunion or other related events.

One of the urgent requests from the Board of Trustees for the office of Public Relations to perform was to apply and confirm the induction of Dr. Virginia Apgar into the New Jersey Hall of Fame. I will begin this process over the summer. If you have any ideas, please contact me.

The worlds largest genealogy family history conference takes place in Salt lake City, Utah next February 2017. The APGAR Family was invited to be a featured family or to give a presentation.

Looking forward to hearing your ideas for connecting the AMAZING APGARS. Please Stay in touch.

Museum of the American Revolution, submitted by George Apgar Jr.

Trustee George provided a description of the Museum of the American Revolution being built in Philadelphia's historic Old City, just steps from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Christ Church, and the Betsy Ross House. This museum is dedi-



cated to telling the full story of the struggle to separate from Great Britain and form a new American nation based on the principles of self-government and inalienable rights.

At the dawn of the Revolutionary War, Great Britain wielded the most powerful navy in the world, along with tens of thousands of the world's most highly-trained, best-equipped soldiers. Eight long years later, they were finally defeated by a group of colonists of different religions, races, and economic circumstances, who united under the banner of liberty.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

The 2017 appointed position for Apgar Family Association Newsletter Editor is open for nominations or volunteers.

The requirements are:

- Interest in writing or story telling.
- Basic proficiency in computer word processing and photo editing.
- Interest in providing the members an annual view into the workings of the association.
- Contact Karen Prince-Steinberg or Henry Apgar Jr.



Specific newsletter editing experience is not required. We provide free on-the-job training.

Genealogy News Updates- by Lynn Conley

As we all continue our search for ancestors and their place in the family tree, I have found a few interesting updates to help us in our search.

Recently, the genealogy world was rocked with the news that **Ancestry.com** would be parting with their "*Family Tree Maker*" (FTM) genealogy software. But the question everyone has been asking has been, "Will any other software be able to search and synchronize with *Ancestry* the same way that *Family Tree Maker* did?" There now is an answer to that question-

"**Yes! RootsMagic** is pleased to announce that we will be working with *Ancestry* to bring these features to *RootsMagic* in the near future. The *RootsMagic* software will allow you to search *Ancestry* and they will be the only software besides FTM with the ability to search *Ancestry's* extensive collections of historical records from around the world and let you download those records into your own file.

However, on June 20th, I called **Ancestry.com** to update my annual subscription and inquired about the *Family Tree Maker* situation. Erica, the **Ancestry** support individual, stated that due to how upset everyone was about losing the interface with *Family Tree Maker* they made a change and **Ancestry** will be keeping FTM. They have a blog about it which I copied. (<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/02/02/good-news-for-users-of-family-tree-maker/>) The final outcome is that genealogists will have a choice of two programs that will interface with **Ancestry.com**.

"Since our *Family Tree Maker* announcement last December, we have continued to actively explore ways to develop and support *Family Tree Maker* and ensure you have choices to preserve your work in ways that matter to you. Today, I am pleased to announce two options for desktop software that will work with **Ancestry**. **Software MacKiev**, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the *Family Tree Maker* software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. **Software MacKiev** has been the developer of *Family Tree Maker* for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of *Family Tree Maker* for Mac and Windows. This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from **Software MacKiev**, and have the ability to purchase new versions of *Family Tree Maker* from **Software MacKiev** as they are released.

"You will have continued access to **Ancestry Hints**, *Ancestry* searches, and be able to save your tree on *Ancestry* with *Family Tree Maker* moving forward. **RootsMagic**-We have made an agreement with *RootsMagic*, a leading genealogy desktop software program publisher, to connect *Ancestry* with the *RootsMagic* software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, *RootsMagic* can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to *Ancestry* hints, *Ancestry* searches, and the ability to save your tree on *Ancestry*. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on *Ancestry* and *Family Tree Maker*, and enable future features and benefits to help you discover your family history.

"**Be assured that Ancestry, in cooperation with Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, will continue to support you as you discover your family history.** We ask for your patience as we work diligently through all the details to make these solutions available. Be sure to check back here on our blog as we share more information about *Family Tree Maker* in

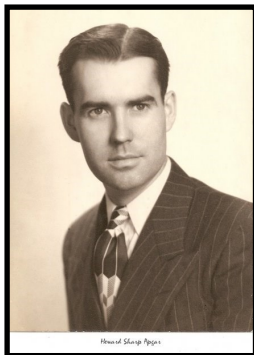
the next few months."

My second update is that paying for genealogy sites can be very costly, but what can we do, we need the data and information to find our long lost relatives. I found a great website "**familyhistorydaily.com**" that has great articles and information on finding our relatives without a fee. I highly recommend that you go to FamilyHistoryDaily.com for the treasure trove of hints and new sites available for finding our ancestors. Some of their articles include: "**9 Free Military and War Related Record Collections for Genealogy, The 13 Reasons You Can't Break Down Your Brick Walls, These Old Passport Applications May Hold the Missing Genealogy Info You Need, Search 10 Million Free Newspaper Pages for Your Ancestors, How To Quickly Find Free Genealogy Records from Hundreds of US Repositories, and 50 Free Genealogy Sites to Search Today.**" Listed below are the *Family History Daily's* 50 free sites:

1. **FamilySearch**: largest collection of free genealogical records in the world
2. **WikiTree**: enormous collaborative family tree
3. **Fulton History**: historical newspapers from the US and Canada
4. **Find a Grave**: locate your ancestors in cemeteries across the globe
5. **Google News Archive**: millions of archived newspaper pages
6. **US National Archives**: official US National Archives site, many free genealogy databases and resources
7. **Automated Genealogy**: indexes of the Canadian census
8. **FreeBMD**: civil registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales
9. **USGenWeb Project**: massive free genealogy resource directory by US state and county
10. **WorldGenWeb Project**: genealogy resources by country and region, not to miss
11. **Cyndi's List**: highly respected directory of free genealogy resources and databases online
12. **Library and Archives Canada**: official archives of Canada, census records and more
13. **Ellis Island**: immigration records, free indexes and original records, fee to download copies
14. **FreeReg**: baptism, marriage, and burial records from parish registers of the UK
15. **Crestleaf**: various genealogy records
16. **RootsWeb**: world's largest genealogy community, huge amount of free information
17. **Castle Garden**: immigration records, pre Ellis Island
18. **Chronicling America**: giant database of archived US newspapers from the Library of Congress
19. **Dead Fred**: genealogy photo archive
20. **African Heritage Project**: records on former slaves, freedpersons and their descendants
21. **Family Tree Now**: various genealogy records
22. **Daughters of the American Revolution**: military service records and more
23. **JewishGen**: Jewish ancestry research
24. **FreeCEN**: transcribed census records from the UK
25. **Access Genealogy**: vast family history directories and more, good Native American resources
26. **British Library, India Office**: records on British and European people in India pre 1950
27. **Guild of One-Name Studies**: extensive surname research site
28. **Geneabloggers**: massive directory of genealogy related blogs with a huge amount of free information

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In Memory of Howard Sharp Apgar (1923-2016) by Lynn Conley



Howard Sharp Apgar Remembered - *"A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others"*

Howard Sharp Apgar AFA

2.3.1.2.1.2.1 was loved by all who ever met him and he was an inspiration to all of us. He taught us all how to be a wonderful fathers, grandfathers, patriarchs, as well as outstanding citizens, intellectuals and friends. A life well lived is how

we will honor and remember Howard S. Apgar.

First and foremost, Howard S. Apgar was a family man. His love of family was seen every year at the Apgar Association Reunions by the gathering of his family from all corners of the United States just to be with him and be thankful for his life. Howard's love of church was a major part of his life and we will all remember the blessing of thanks he gave at each and every meal we had at our annual reunions. Howard went to be with his family in Heaven, on May 17, 2016.

Howard was born June 5, 1922 in the home of his parents Clarence Wyckoff Apgar and Mildred Cramer Sharp on 30 Church Street, High Bridge NJ. Hunterdon County is where he embarked on a life of involvement and service to his church and community.

As a member of the Greatest Generation, Howard served in the United States Army Air Force in World War 2. He did his basic training at Maxwell Field Alabama in 1943 and completed Army Air Force School in Greenwood, Mississippi as a B-24 pilot.

After the war Howard obtained bachelors and masters degrees in education from Rutgers and Temple Universities.



Howard and Ellen (Helen) Burke

Howard taught high school in Flemington, New Jersey than transitioned to spent most of his career in the insurance business.

Howard's love of family was evident by his marriages, to three wonderful women. His first wife was Ellen Burke who left him too soon in 1958. Ellen was the mother Mike, Kevin and Jim.

His second wife of 46 years was, Althea Louise Smith. Althea and Howard were active Round Dancers and enjoyed doing choreographed ballroom dancing. They were both committed Christians and faithful



WW2 B-24 Pilot



Althea Louise Smith

parishioners of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Plant City until her passing in 2011.

In 2014, Howard married Diane Demais Holter-Sorensen Fowler and they had two all-too-short, idyllic years in Lakeland, Florida. In all, Howard was happily married to three wonderful women for a total of 62 years.

Howard was predeceased by his brother Ken. He is survived by sister-in-law Joyce Apgar of Asbury, NJ and his brother Olin and wife Doreen Apgar of Wheeling, IL. Howard's children include Michael and wife Carol of Dover DE, Kevin and wife Becky of Anchorage AK, Jim and wife Lesley of Russell PA, Connie and husband Steve Ray of Leesburg FL, Mark Alvarez and wife Kathy of Levittown PA, Rolf Holter-Sorensen and wife Inger Danneborg of Asker, Norway, and PerArthur Holter-Sorensen of Norway, plus at least 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Howard will be missed by all who loved him and all who knew him.



Howard and Diane Fowler

"A life well lived is a precious gift of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place. It's filled with moments, sweet and sad, with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts we'll treasure!"



Howard teaching English at Flemington High School

September 29, 2015 Apgar Family Association Business Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carpenter



The business meeting was called to order at 3:24 P.M. by President Karen Prince-Steinberg. A

motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2014 Apgar Family Reunion business meeting as written in the 2015 newsletter. The motion was seconded and they were accepted as written.

Report of the Officers

President: Karen Prince-Steinberg reported the addition of a new committee chair. **Lisa Bermann** was appointed as Public Relations Director at the last Trustee Meeting. The announcement was posted on the website along with some background information on Lisa.

Treasurer: David Rich provided the Association's financial report for the period of 9/1/2014 to 8/31/2015.

The beginning bank balance was \$6,734.38. We had receipts of \$3,153.00 from membership dues, donations, 2014 reunion lunch deposits, store and raffle ticket sales. There were disbursements totaling \$1,455.70 for the 2014 reunion, including lunch, guest speaker and supplies, additional 2014 newsletters mailed and a family donation.



This gave us an ending balance of \$8,431.68. The current value of the C.D., effective 6/2/2015, is \$8,127.73 and it will mature on 3/2/2016. Total assets for the Apgar Family Association as of 8/31/2014 was \$16,559.41.

Dave noted that 2014 lunch disbursements significantly exceeded the deposits because most members attending that reunion had prepaid lunch prior to 9/1/2014. Deposits for the 2015 reunion were not recorded until after 8/31. The same was true of expenses relating to

the printing of the 2015 newsletter and mailing costs associated with the membership drive, newsletters and reunion invitations. These items will appear on the financial report for 2016. None of the other officers had anything to report.

Report of Chairs

Membership Chair: Debbie Apgar reported that the association has 160 members as of this moment and that 64 people attended today's reunion.

Technology Coordinator: Mary Carpenter reported that she was in the process of migrating the Apgar web-site to new environment that will take care of apply security patches automatically. This should free her time to enhance the site in the way previously discussed. At this point, the content on the site has been frozen and members cannot request IDs. Once complete, members will be able to request IDs again.



Trustees

Karen reported that the terms of the following trustees are expiring: Karen Prince-Steinberg, Lois Pfeffer, Jeanette Lesinski, Mike Apgar and George Apgar. She opened the floor for nominations.

Jeanette indicated that she would like to not serve again.

Lois Pfeffer was nominated and seconded by members from the floor.

George Apgar was nominated by Karen from the floor and it was seconded by a member from the floor. Mike Apgar was nominated by Lisa Fritts, which was seconded by Karen Hulick. Karen Prince-Steinberg was nominated by Mary Carpenter, which was seconded by Mary Pratt. Lisa Bermann was nominated by Karen Prince-Steinberg, which was seconded by Mary Carpenter.

George Apgar raised concerns suggesting that the by-laws limited the President from nominating a trustee. So Mary Carpenter nominated Lisa instead, which was seconded from the floor.

Both Kim Costa and Wayne Apgar were nominated by members from the floor and declined the nomination.

Mary Carpenter made a formal motion to accept the slate of trustees as nominated. Wayne Apgar seconded the motion. A show of hands vote was taken and all approved.

Old Business

Karen Prince-Steinberg reported that the attempts to date to have Dr. Virginia Apgar added to the NJ Hall of Fame have been unsuccessful. But with the appointment of Lisa as Public Relations Director, Karen has requested that Lisa pursue this again.

Mike Apgar reported that efforts to have the gravestones placed at the homestead have been unsuccessful. He is exploring legal options but suggested that we may need to for the property to change owners.

New Business

George Apgar Jr. reported that the Hoffman café on Route 22 east burned down. He also suggested that for authentic German cuisine, members could try Nik's Wunderbar in White House station.

Wayne Apgar reported that the Conrad Apgar house in Cokesbury was coming onto the market – it is a historical designation.

Mike Apgar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded from the floor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.



Karen Prince-Steinberg & Dr. Virginia

2016 Reunion Prize Winners



Olin Apgar won raffle for afghan made by Debbie Apgar



Karen Hulick—"2 Truths" winner



George Apker—most points on "Interview Game"



Charles Pratt traveled the farthest



Gretchen Apgar Lowecke—newest member



Barbara Lohman—first reunion



Howard Apgar, Patriarch of the largest family attending

The 1923 Reunion

Compiled by Helen Apgar and Dorothy Apgar (1975); retold by Hank Apgar, Editor

1. **Handwritten Minutes: June 9, 1923; Lebanon NJ**, Trustee Meeting to plan next reunion; met at O.A. Farley's Residence. Attendees included:

- George W. Apgar, President
- David C. Farley, Secretary
- Isaiah L. Apgar, et al

It was decided to have a Book to register all the Apgars and descendants at the reunion and also to have small buttons to wear on coats to recognize them as Apgars or descendants. Isaiah Apgar to get bids from different bands to furnish music at the reunion. Adjourned to meet at O.A. Farley's farm on June 16 unless it storms. If it should storm, then to meet the following week.

2. The reunion was described (some historical facts have since been challenged) by the **High Bridge Correspondent** on July 17, 1923:

"About 300 persons from Dunellen, High Bridge, Flemington, Long Valley, Far Hills, Oldwick, Whitehouse, Annandale, Lebanon, Cokesbury, Clinton, Califon, Middle Valley, Fairmount, Somerville, Plainfield, Newark, Elizabeth, and Washington attended the annual reunion of the Apgar Family in Riverside Park. There was a basket lunch.

"The Apgars (originally Ebger, then Ebcher, according to Chamber's history of the early Germans) came from the borders of Lombard in Italy to Philadelphia September 13, 1749. At that time, John Adam Ebger's name was signed by the clerk to the oath of allegiance. The first one of the name was John Adam, who is said to have been one of the two brothers who came to Hunterdon County, the other one going to Monmouth County."

Trustee Meeting Minutes - Meeting Date: 10/25/2015 - Mary Carpenter

Notice of the meeting was sent to all trustees.

Election of the Officers

Treasurer: While Dave was not present, he has not expressed a desire to step down. Mary C. nominated Dave to continue as Treasurer. Motion was seconded by George and approved by all.

Recording Secretary: Debbie nominated Mary Carpenter to continue in this roll, which Mary agreed to. Motion was seconded by George and approved by all.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary C. suggested either Lois or Lisa. Lisa was not interested. Mary or Karen will follow up with Lois to see if she is interested. No objections to the nomination were raised.

Vice President: Mary C. nominated Mary Riley to continue in this position. Motion was seconded by Debbie and approved by all.

President: Mary C. nominated Karen to continue as President. Motion was seconded by Debbie and approved by all.

Historian: Prior to the meeting, Karen has spoken with Judy who is willing to continue. George has offered to help Judy. Debbie nominated Judy to remain as historian. The motion was seconded by George and approved by all.

Election of Committee Chairs

Newsletter: Hank indicated to Karen that he would be willing to continue as chair of the committee. Debbie will be on the committee as well. Karen will try to find someone else to help Hank. As Mary C. helps Debbie with the mailing labels for the newsletter, she will be on the committee as well.

Reunion: Karen will be the chair of this committee. Also on the committee will be Mary R., Robert and Jeanette.

Genealogy: Mike will remain as chair of this committee along with Judy. Karen suggested that perhaps Lynn would like to server on the committee as well. She will follow-up directly with Lynn.

Nominating: Mike Apgar was suggested as the chair of the committee. Mary R. will check with Hank to see if he will agree to work on the committee with Mike.

Membership: Debbie will continue as chair of this committee and Mary will continue to assist Debbie.

Public Relations: Debbie nominated Lisa to continue as chair of this committee. Mary C. seconded the motion and all approved. Karen volunteered to work on this committee as well. Trustee Meeting Minutes

Old Business

Dr. Apgar Nomination to NJ Hall of Fame: Karen and Lisa are working through the nomination process for Dr. Apgar. George indicated that he had worked on it for the past 24 months. Karen will send his contact information to Lisa.

Records from Dorothy Apgar: These records were originally sent to Mike, who transferred them to Karen. Karen has been meeting with Judy to review. Some of the items included:

- Time Capsule – collection of items was started but it was never buried due to the issue of where to bury. All agreed that Karen can get rid of the notes.

- Genealogical Society of NJ newsletters – No one knew if they had been digitized or not. General consensus was to send them to the Historical society of NJ or Rutgers Special Collections.

- Old Apgar Newsletters – One suggestion made was to leave them out at the reunion for purchase. Another was to use as the New Member prize, which could include a sampling of old newsletters along with other old documents.

- Blue Book – Mary C. thinks it might have been scanned already. She took it and agreed to scan it if not already done and then will return it to Debbie.

- Genealogy Cards – Mary C. agreed to take them to see if there is any specific source information that can be added to the family history. She will then check with the NJ and Hunterdon County Historical Societies to see if they have any interest. If not, she will dispose of them.

Reunion Survey: Karen reviewed the result of the member survey .

- Issues between the trustees should be handled at a Trustee meeting and not the annual meeting. All present agreed. And Karen will be more conscience next year to let non-member attendees know that they can leave if they are not interested in staying for the business meeting.
- There was a question regarding why a person couldn't win twice. The

prizes were the same but Karen didn't explain that very well.

Technology: Mary noted that the site has been migrated. She still need to get in touch with members that are waiting to request IDs.

Membership: Debbie has not yet records and deposited those received at the reunion.

New Business

Specific duties of public relations: Public Director responsibilities will be:

- Publicity of the reunion
- Application to NJ Hall of Fame for Dr. Virginia Apgar

Reunion Activity: It's been a while since there was a cemetery tour. Judy thought it might be a good idea to do again.

Historical Data Entry: There was a discussion on adding a line item in the budget to pay someone to assist Judy with the updating of the genealogy, specifically integrating what she has with what has been published. George made a motion to have \$5,000 put it. Mary C. suggested reducing it to \$1,500 to get started. There was additional discussion about the amount. George amended his motion to be for the \$1,500 suggested by Mary C. Mary seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4 pm. Mary and Debbie both seconded the motion and all approved. Trustee Meeting Minutes

List of Officers and Trustees

(summarized from above)

President: Karen Prince-Steinberg

Vice President: Mary Riley

Treasurer: Dave Rich Recording Secretary: Mary Carpenter

Corresponding Secretary: Open Historian: Judy Beck

Newsletter Committee: Hank Apgar (Chair), Debbie Apgar, Mary Carpenter

Reunion Committee: Karen Prince-Steinberg (Chair), Mary Riley, Robert Apgar and Jeanette Lesinski.

Genealogy Committee: Mike Apgar (Chair), Judy Beck, possibly Lynn Conley

Nominating Committee: Mike Apgar (Chair), Hank Apgar.

Membership Committee: Debbie Apgar (Chair), Mary Carpenter

Committee Meeting Minutes - Meeting Date: 3/5/2016 - Mary Carpenter

Genealogy Committee

Lynn Conley has agreed to assist Mike with assisting members with research. She actually helped out with several this past month.

Store Committee

Karen discussed the idea of a Store Committee with Bob Apgar. He wasn't really interested and as there were no other volunteers, Karen will drop her suggestion for a formal committee.

Membership Committee

2016 Membership Flyers were mailed out the beginning of February. Debbie indicated that there were 92 paid members so far. Karen reviewed a letter that she received from George regarding changes to flyer for 2017. He did indicate that he wanted it discussed at the Business meeting at the reunion. Karen will follow-up with George. This is something that needs to be reviewed and approved by all the Trustees before being presented during the business meeting.

Debbie is still looking for ways to whittle down the mailing list, she would like to put something at the top of the reunion invitation notifying non-members that they will be dropped from the mailing list unless they notify us otherwise.

Action Items

- ☐ Mary C. to email trustees the Membership Flyer.
- ☐ Debbie to email trustees the wording for the mailing list notice that she would like to include on the reunion invitation and request that they vote.

Reunion Committee

Menu: Mary R. has been in contact with the Grange to discuss the menu. They had discussed doing a barbeque but the Grange does not have enough grills to support that. They agreed to doing a Thanksgiving style Turkey dinner to include mash potatoes, salad, a vegetable (maybe green beans), and something to drink other than coffee or water, such as lemonade or ice tea. Karen and Mary R. will make pumpkin pies for dessert since they are more traditional.

Speaker / Theme: Karen has been looking at topics available through the Horizon Speakers Bureau, focusing on

speakers or topics she could attend elsewhere prior to recommending for the Apgar Reunion. What she has at this point is:

Option #1

Theme: A Snapshot in Time Presentation: "Nineteenth-Century New Jersey Photographers", Gary Saretzky, Archivist, Monmouth County Archives

One of the photographers discussed in his presentation is actually an Apgar. With this theme, there could be a feature article in the Newsletter on Renee Byer, an Apgar and a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer. At the reunion, there could be displays featuring her photography. Mary C. volunteered putting together a display with photos taken by her great-grandfather of Taylor Wharton during the construction of a new plant. All of the photos are aerial views from around 1910. And Karen was thinking that members could be asked to bring in their own old photographs and perhaps the speaker could assist in identifying what type it is.

Option #2

Theme: Right to Representation – since it is an election year

Presentation 1: "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire", Michèle LaRue, Actress-Manager, Tales Well Told

Presentation 2: "Colonial New Jersey from Contact to Revolution", Jonathan Mercantini, Assistant Professor of History, Kean University

Newsletter and reunion displays could include topics such as the history of voting rights in New Jersey and fighting for the right of representation.

Karen is leaning towards the second option and was thinking that both presentations could be included in the same reunion with the satire being billed as the afternoon's entertainment.

Since she is concerned with getting feedback on the theme from all of the trustees, Hank suggested that she indicate in her email that if she didn't receive a response within x number of days, then she can assume that they agree.

Store: The only items that sold last year were the pottery and jewelry. So contin-

uing to offer the crocks makes sense. But instead of having the store, Mary R. suggested doing silent auction as way to raise money. She will take care of putting the baskets together. Mary C. suggested emailing trustees and letting them know she needs a Yes/No vote from each.

Action Items:

- ☐ Mary R. to provide Hank with menu details for the newsletter article.
- ☐ Karen to email the Trustees with the theme the Committee comes up with and ask for them to approve.
- ☐ Mary R. to email the Trustees regarding the silent auction and ask for them to approve.

Newsletter Committee

Debbie and Hank discussed the timing for this year. Hank established the following schedule:

- All articles to be submitted to Hank by June 1st at the latest. And the earlier the better.
- Final PDF will be sent to the printer by July 1st.
- Printed PDFs will be picked up by Debbie when ready, approximately 1 week later.
- Newsletters and reunion invitations will be mailed out by August 1st.

Action Items:

- Hank to:
 - Reach out to Mike, George and Lynn regarding their articles.
 - Let Judy know that he will need her information by June 1st.
 - Speak with Lisa Berman to get her Bio and see if she would be willing to write an article.
- Mary to provide Hank with the titles of newer genealogy books she has recently read/referenced.
- Karen to:
 - Speak with Bob and see if he can give her enough information on Mahala Apgar and the Woman's Aid Society for her to ghost write an article for him (to later be edited by Hank).
 - Write an article on voting rights in New Jersey.

Historical Happenings (2016) by Judy Beck, Historian; judithb@embarqmail.com; 908-823-0413

Please forward marriages, births, deaths and noteworthy events to Judy or to a trustee; new and updated information are much appreciated. If you know something about a person listed as "unknown", it would be great to hear from you. We are happy to assist with genealogy research.



DEATHS:

APGAR, Bradley J., (unknown line; s/o Phillip), 33, died 6/20/15. Res: Penn Laird, VA
APGAR, Cara L. (w/o 6.12.4.1.1.2.2.), 77, died 5/30/15. Res: Frenchtown, NJ
APGAR, Carole Cybrouch (w/o 9.6.2.10.7.1.), 74, died 12/25/15. Res: Hanover, PA
APGAR, Catherine Barnhardt (w/o 9.5.1.10.3.1.), 93, died 11/12/15. Res: Palmer, PA
APGAR, Clark F. (unknown line; s/o Clyde W.), 90, died 4/27/16. Res: Emmaus, PA
APGAR, Clifford M. Jr (6.12.10.5.2.1.1.), 79, died 4/12/16. Res: West Sand Lake, NY
APGAR Clyde Miller (1.2.3.11.1.4.1.), 85, died 9/29/1998. Res: Mechanicsburg, PA
APGAR, Clyde N. "Bud", III (7.4.7.8.2.2.1.), 76, died 4/3/16. Res: Milford, NJ
APGAR, Dolores Jean (unknown line; w/o Charles), 84, died 12/28/15. Res: Ramona, CA
APGAR, Douglas Melvin (unknown line; s/o Douglas & Doris Bray), 60, died 2/20/16. Res: Chipley, FL
APGAR, Earl W. (3.11.2.6.1.6.1.), 71, died 4/17/15. Res: College Station, TX
APGAR, Evelyn M. Schaefer (w/o 3.5.3.4.1.1.1.1.), 81, died 3/27/15. Res: Toms River, NJ
APGAR, Geraldine W. (unknown line; w/o Walter), 85, died 12/8/15. Res: Ormond Beach, FL
APGAR, Helen R. Fox (w/o 5.7.7.2.1.2.), 91, died 3/24/15. Res: Clinton, NJ
APGAR, Howard S. (2.3.1.2.1.2.1.), 93, died 5/17/16. Res: Lakeland, FL

APGAR, James (6.10.3.3.4.15.), 88, died 8/23/15. Res: Oldwick, NJ
APGAR, Janet DePizzol (w/o 1.2.11.13.1.1.2.), 73, died 11/18/15. Res: Collegeville, PA
APGAR, Leo H. (unknown line), 84, died 7/25/15. Res: Spring Hill, FL
APGAR, Leonard A. Sr (unknown line), 84, died 6/17/15. Res: Allentown, PA
APGAR, Leonard A. Jr (unknown line; s/o Leonard Sr), 57, died 11/18/15. Res: Cookeville, PA
APGAR, LeRoy L. "Skip" (6.2.8.1.2.3.1.1.), 72, died 3/26/15. Res: Myerstown, PA
APGAR, Lois Jean (unknown line; w/o Richard C), 88, died 6/10/15. Res: Hamilton, OH
APGAR, Margaret A. Longevin (w/o 1.5.3.1.2.6.1.2.), 64, died 1/21/16. Res: Newtown, PA
APGAR, Margaret R. Paracsi (w/o 6.4.3.6.4.2.1.), 94, died 2/13/16. Res: Joliet, IL
APGAR, Richard (7.3.6.1.6.3.1.), 73, died 4/29/16. Res: Deep River, CT
APGAR, Virginia Russ (unknown line; w/o Fred), 72, died 4/12/16. Res: Bloomsbury, NJ
APGAR, William Edward II (unknown line; s/o William), 35, died 6/28/15. Res: Highland Park, NJ
AMIDON, Ted C. (unknown line; h/o Annie Apgar), 57, died 1/21/16. Res: LaFayette, NY
BECKER, John "Phil" (unknown line; h/o Karen Apgar), 65, died 7/11/15. Res: Spring Hill, FL
BENN, Arlene M. (5.7.7.3.5.2.), 83, died 2/5/15. Res: Sedalia, MO
BRAWNER, LaVerle Apker (10.1.1.6.1.2.5.), 87, died 8/27/14. Res: Black River Falls, WI
BRAWNER, Volney E. Jr (h/o 10.1.1.6.1.2.5.), 84, died 2/12/11. Res: New Berlin, WI
CHILES, Harriet E. "Evie" (7.1.4.6.4.6.), 87, died 5/12/146. Res: St Marys, OH
CREGAR, Laura "Edna" (5.7.7.3.4.1.; w/o 4.1.2.2.5.2.1.1.), 95, died 8/2/15. Res: High Bridge, NJ
DUGGINS, Bettye C. (unknown line; d/o Amanda Ann Apgar Beaty), 87, died 4/28/15. Res: Evansville, IN
DUNHAM, Martha J. Apgar (3.7.2.9.1.2.2.), 80, died 7/10/15. Res: Milford, OH
EGRESITS, Virginia Sweger Apgar (w/o

1.2.3.11.1.4.1.), 94, died 7/14/07. Res: Middletown, PA
FARLEY, Doris "Nancy" Jean (w/o 6.7.7.1.3.3.), 85, died 4/6/16. Res: Palmetto, FL
FISCHER, John August Sr (3.7.1.6.2.5.1.), 81, died 12/12/14. Res: Vero Beach, FL
FOSTER, William G. (h/o 3.7.7.2.1.7.1.), 91, died 6/13/15. Res: York Harbor, ME
GOODWIN, Albert "Sluggo" (7.1.4.6.5.11.), 73, died 1/26/16. Res: St Marys, OH
GOODWIN, Judith Gray (w/o 7.1.4.6.5.11.), 71, died 6/19/13. Res: St Marys, OH
HAELIG, Shirley Apgar (3.5.3.4.12.2.2.), 82, died 12/6/15. Res: Bridgewater, NJ
HALLOCK, Charlotte Apgar (9.6.4.5.1.1.), 76, died 3/25/11. Res: Menlo Park, NJ
HUTCHISON, William Edwin (h/o 7.4.7.6.1.4.2.), 86, died 12/21/14. Res: San Diego, CA
KLAUSMAN, Bonnie Lee (unknown line; d/o Margaret Apgar Klausman), 63, died 7/15/15. Res: Morgantown, WV
LANCE, Tracy Apgar (unknown line; d/o Mary Apgar), 42, died 10/23/15. Res: Bangor, PA
LEWIS, Claude F. (h/o 3.5.10.3.2.3.), 91, died 4/3/16. Res: Hillsborough, NJ
LOCKWOOD, Dan Felix (8.4.1.8.10.1.2.), 52, died 8/22/1998. Res: Wayne, NY
LOCKWOOD, Ellen Wilcox (8.4.1.8.10.1.), 98, died 5/14/15. Res: Port Charlotte, FL
LOCKWOOD, Raymond C. (h/o 8.4.1.8.10.1.), 101, died 2/1/15. Res: Port Charlotte, FL
LOCKWOOD, Raymond R. (8.4.1.8.10.1.1.), 71, died 10/28/14. Res: Port Charlotte, FL
MERVIN, John A. Jr (9.6.2.10.5.3.2.1.), 33, died 6/6/15. Res: Lower Makefield Township, PA
MOORE, Bertha (unknown line; d/o Lillian Apgar Stewart), 64, died 8/29/15. Res: Detroit Lakes, MN
MOORE, Carolyn Ann Apgar (unknown line), 63, died 9/19/15. Res: Morrow, OH

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Another Amazing Apgar - Renee Byer by Lisa Berman

O'ROURKE, Sylvia J. Apgar (2.3.1.7.3.1.1.), 73, died 3/7/14. Res: Williams Township, PA
PAGET, Becky Forster Temperley (10.2.1.3.2.1.1.), 62, died 7/15/15. Res: Marietta, GA
PAPENFUHS, Glenn Franz (s/o 1.2.3.7.2.4.6.1.), 55, died 4/14/16. Res: Port Murray, NJ
PIEMONTE, Thomas F. (unknown line; s/o Lois Apgar Piemonte), 66, died 7/26/15. Res: Framingham, MA
REEVES, Harold E. Jr (unknown line; h/o Ann Apgar), 81, died 5/4/15. Res: Belvidere, NJ
RHOADES, June M. Lewis (8.4.1.8.3.4.3.), 78, died 7/2/15. Res: Columbia Cross Roads, PA
RISNER, Imogene (unknown line; d/o Mary Apgar Legge), 87, died 8/12/15. Res: Kenton, OH
SHEPHERD, Jean (d/o 6.2.2.2.4.3.2.), 65, died 3/29/16. Res: Washington, NJ
SMITH, Dolores Marie Julian "Lorrie" (1.5.3.1.2.4.3.2.), 83, died 5/18/15. Res: Glen Gardner, NJ
TAYLOR, Judy (7.1.4.6.5.10), 70, died 1/25/10. Res: St Marys, OH
TURNER, Virginia Apgar (9.6.2.10.5.2.), 91, died 1/30/16. Res: Hamilton Township, NJ
WOLF, Jean L. (unknown line; d/o Marian Apgar Lodge), 82, died 12/3/15. Res: Doniphan, MO
ZIMMERMAN, Donald L. (h/o 3.7.9.12.2.1.2.1.), 72, died 5/28/14. Res: Peapack, NJ

BIRTHS:

Evan John Thomas **KOTCH** was born on 5/19/15. His parents are Lisa Church and Jesse Lee Brookes **KOTCH** (3.5.3.1.3.3.4.3.).

Note: The following abbreviations are used in reporting historical happenings:

d/o-daughter of
 h/o-husband of
 s/o-son of
 w/o-wife of



Renée C. Byer (born in 1958 in Yonkers, New York) is the senior photojournalist at The Sacramento Bee, where she has worked since 2003. Byer is a dedicated documentary photojournalist and won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for her "A Mother's Journey" feature photo, from a series of photos, over the course of a year, about a boy at the age of 11 years who was battling neuroblastoma, a type of cancer. Byer was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2013, "For her heartwarming photographs of a grandfather raising three grandchildren after the violent death of his daughter and the loss of his wife to cancer."¹ Byer is married to Paul Kitagaki, Jr., the senior photographer at The Sacramento Bee - also a Pulitzer Prize awarded photographer. Renee, sister of

Tom Byer (Apgar soccer Icon; see page 16) **is the grand-daughter of Emily Mae Apgar- her grandmother's father was the brother of Dr. Virginia Apgar.** Renée C. Byer graduated cum laude from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Renée C. Byer is best known for her in-depth work focusing on the disadvantaged and those who otherwise would not be heard. Her ability to produce photographs with profound emotional resonance and sensitivity earned her the Pulitzer Prize for feature photography in 2007 and dozens of national and international honors, including the World Understanding Award from Pictures of the Year International, and Pulitzer Finalist in 2013. Known for her ability to translate stark statistics into images that connect us to our humanity, she has traveled throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, covering some of the most important issues of our time. Byer's stories have deepened our understanding of the environment, climate change, extreme poverty, genetically modified food, healthcare, women at war, domestic violence, and the drought and economic crisis in California.

Byer's internationally acclaimed book, Living on a Dollar a Day: The Lives and Faces of the World's Poor, illuminates the stories of people living on the brink of survival, and invites you to put an end to extreme poverty. The introduction of her book which won First Place Documentary Book from the International Photography Awards in 2014, is written by the Dali Lama. An interactive traveling exhibition drawn from Living on a Dollar a Day inspires viewers through compassion, education and to take social action with a newly developed proprietary APP. Byer also narrated a documentary film about the project, released in 2016 in conjunction with her non-profit called positivechangecan happen.org.

Byer's photographs have appeared in publications and exhibitions globally, including Paris Match, National Geographic, Time, and Newsweek, at Visa Pour L'Image Festival of the Photograph 2014 in France, as well as presenting numerous TED Talks about her indelible subject. An interactive video interview with Byer that shows her Pulitzer Prize-winning images is on permanent exhibit in the Pulitzer Prize Photographs Gallery at the Newseum Washington, D.C. Byer's images are syndicated worldwide through Tribune News Service, AP, Getty and ZUMA Press. Byer was a featured speaker for the Global Women Leader's Forum on behalf of UNESCO this May in Sofia, Bulgaria. Earlier this year, she celebrated the Pulitzer Prize 100 Year Anniversary **in the same room that Dr. Virginia Apgar received her Diploma from Columbia University almost a century ago.** Renee is a proud member of the Apgar Family Association.

Reunion 2015 Scrapbook—Reunion Speaker

In keeping with our reunion theme, **"How to tell our family stories,"** we were pleased to welcome **Denise McCormack, professional story teller.** Her story telling programs are suitable for all ages and venues.

Denise McCormack delighted us with traditional, fractured, and original tales as well as classic literature and myth. Through a thematic repertoire of stories, poems, and



songs, we shared a unique experience that fostered communication, learning, and – most importantly, fun. It's been said that storytelling builds character, cultural literacy, comprehension, vocabulary, listening skills, memory & recall.

Denise is a member of the New Jersey Storytelling Network, the Garden State Storytellers' League, the National Storytellers League, National Storytelling Network



Apgar Store



Apgars like to eat!



George thanks Elizabeth Lake, Grange Head Cook

65 attendees posed for the annual group photo for the 41st Apgar Family Reunion at Stanton Grange Hall, Lebanon, NJ



Reunion 2015 Scrapbook—Behind the Scenes



Genealogy Table



**Mike Apgar &
Debbie Apgar**



**Mary Reilly, Mary Carpenter, Karen
Prince-Steinberg**



Wayne Apgar



Registration Table



Another Amazing Apgar: Thomas (Tom) Byer by Lisa Berman

An icon in the global community of Soccer (football), Thomas (Tom) Byer is the brother of photojournalist Renee Byer [see related article, page 13] and the grandson of Emily Mae Apgar- his grandmother's father was the brother of Dr. Virginia Apgar. Tom is a former professional soccer player from New York, now based in Tokyo, Japan and is one of the most decorated and admired grassroots soccer coaches in Asia. Tom started his soccer career at Rondout Valley High School and continued to play soccer at SUNY Ulster while studying for his associate degree in Liberal Arts - Humanities and Social Sciences in 1982. Tom later played for the University of South Florida and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival. Tom trained with the Tampa Bay Rowdies franchise, then played with Leiston FC in England before becoming the first American Soccer player to play in Asia by signing for Hitachi FC. Judged by his Football (soccer) peers, the international media, and the countless number of young Japanese over the space of 25 years, Tom Byer has forever changed the way Football is taught and played throughout Japan. His dedication to his "work" of playing and coaching soccer continues in China, and many other countries around the world.

The Chinese Ministry of Education appointed Tom onto the Advisory Board for their 50,000 School Football Project. Tom is also a consultant for the Beijing Education Bureau and Professional Club, Beijing Guoan FC. The MoE has tasked Tom with creating a Football Technical corner for CETV, China Education Television which will be broadcast nationwide 365 days a year. He has also agreed to tour China's 32 Provinces to promote his philosophy on Youth Development.

According to VICE SPORTS, Tom "became a beloved children's celebrity, known nationally as Tomsan. He's credited with not just teaching generations of Japanese kids good technique, but for helping to change the country's sports culture.



Baseball used to be the emperor of Japanese sports. Thanks to Byer, soccer now sits on the throne". Tom appeared on Japan's Number One Kids TV Program, "Ohasuta", presenting the "Tomsan's Soccer Technics" Corner on TV Tokyo's morning Show, weekdays since 1998 and Coro Coro Comic features his character in their comics.

Tom has conducted over 2,000 Events for more than 500,000 Players/Coaches and Parents. He will be in Las Vegas this summer as a guest speaker for a convention.

His educational DVD's "Tomsan's 1v1 Technics" & "Tomsan's Coaching A to Z", are ranked as the Number One DVD Best Seller within the Soccer Category on Amazon. Working with his own two Boys from the time they could walk Tom documented their development which has proven that Parents are the key to becoming a good Soccer player much more than the role a Coach plays. Tom's most recent Book, "Football starts at Home", has been touted as a game changer for Soccer development worldwide.

Recognized by Adidas International in 1997 with a Golden Boot Award, received in Marseille, France, no other Grassroots Coaches has been so celebrated. Tom has also been appointed by Adidas China as Grassroots Ambassador.

Byers is Featured on numerous media outlets: FIFA Futbol Mundial TV, The Economist, Time Magazine, BBC Television, CNN, Sky Sports, Four Four Two Magazine, New York Times, ESPN, Fox Sports, NSCAA, MLS Mag, Slate and Vice Sports. Follow his educational events and news on his website www.tomsan.com or contact him directly - Tom Byer: E-Mail: tom@tomsan.com, The Tomsan Brand - Realizing the Potential - after all, "he's family"...

Summer 1916, German Valley, submitted by George Apgar Jr (Patriot Fuchs Vielhower)

By the time WWI ended in 1918, millions of Europeans, Asians, and Africans were killed. Three significant empires lay shattered by war – the Ottomans, Austria-Hungary, and Deutschland. A fourth empire, Russia, was in the throes of a revolution that helped define the rest of the twentieth century.

The impact on our grandparents and great grandparents is difficult to imagine one hundred years ago. Imagine living as a Teuton-Palentine American working, worshipping, and voting in 1916 German Valley and suffering social discrimination due to the war and our heritage.

Bring your family memories to share with others at our 2016 reunion.



Herman & Elizabeth with George Jr. 2016

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Mary Apgar (1988-1997)

Richard Apgar (1986-1990)

Wayne Apgar (1988-1995)

Judy Beck (2001-2005)

Lynn Conley (2002-2014)

Dolorita Cronk (2006-2007)

Lois Dege (2001-2004)

Wayne Dilts (1994-2003)

Roger Flartey (2003-2009)

Judy Hankinson (1996-2003)

Jeanette Lesinski (2007-2015)

Wendy Rumhill (2006-2008)

John W. Shuster, Jr. (1990-1996)

Al Tiger (1986-1997)

Stephen Tiger (1997-1999)

Brenda Zimmerman (1991-1997)

Deceased Trustees

(showing years of life)

Barbara Apgar (1929-2001)

Dorothy Apgar (1923-2005)

George M. Apgar Sr. (1921-2004)

Helen Apgar (unknown-2010)

Henry E. Apgar Sr. (1907-1998)

Louanna Rich (1946-2010)

Robert O. Apgar (1919-1995)



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DNA Testing – What's in it for Me! By Mary Carpenter

Over the past year, I have seen an increase in advertising for DNA testing. And I wondered if it was worth it. While I've just started my DNA project, I believe the answer is it depends on what you want to do with it. Perhaps a discussion of what I found might help you figure out if it is worth it for you.

AncestryDNA Results

What AncestryDNA gives you is two-fold: the percentage of DNA from various regions in the world and a list of other people whose DNA has been tested by AncestryDNA to whom you may be related. For each "Member Match" identified, you get the following information:

- The persons Ancestry ID with a link to their public information
- The estimated relationship, i.e. 1st cousin, 2nd cousin, etc.
- The confidence of the match: Extremely High, Very High, High, Good, ...
- The last time the person logged onto Ancestry
- The number of people in their Ancestry tree and whether or not it is public

Where the match does have a public tree, you get to see a condensed version of their tree showing the match and 6 generations of their ancestors. The rest of the information you get depends on other matches Ancestry can identify.

Any shared ancestor is highlighted. As are any shared surnames with a link that shows the individuals in both trees with that surname. Below is an example of both from the results of my father and his match to his first cousin.

SHARED SURNAMES	
Direct ancestor surnames that appear in both	
's tree and	's tree
Apgar	Eick
Hann	Jordan

Finally, you see a list of surnames in your match's 10 generation pedigree. Since the shared surname

list identifies exact matches only, you need to read through the list for variations on spelling or surnames that might be a match. In the example above, had our cousin used "Apgar*" as the last name instead of "Apgar", Ancestry would not have identified it as a shared surname.

My DNA Project

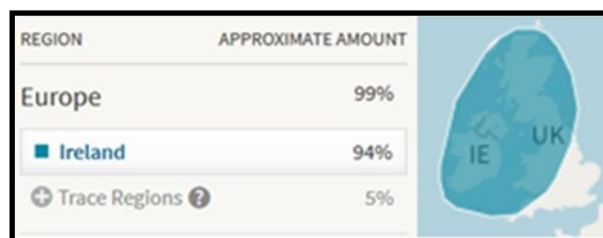
Earlier this year, I had both of my parents tested, but I was looking for different things from the results.

On both sides of the family, my mother's grandparents, great- or great-great-grandparents immigrated from Ireland. And while I have history on part of the family going back a couple of generations in Ireland, for most of the family I haven't even determined all of their immigration details. And there are the "cousins" that no one remembers which ancestor they were related to. My hope was the results would identify 2nd, 3rd and 4th cousins who might have information that would help me get back to Ireland for the remaining ancestors.

My father's ancestors are a different story. Almost all of them immigrated before the Revolutionary war. And for many of them, I have limited information on maternal lines. I was hoping that the results would point me in the right direction.

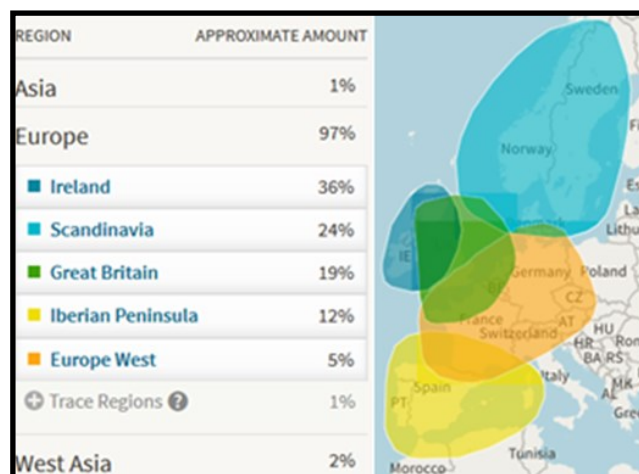
As for the percentage by region, my mother's results weren't a surprise – 94% Irish. But in looking at the map, the Ireland region includes most of England, Scotland and Wales. When I click on the "Ireland" heading, Ancestry gives me a

more in-depth discussion on the region and explains why the



map extends to Great Britain.

My father's results were definitely a surprise; 36% Ireland, 24% Scandinavia, 19% Great Britain, 12% Iberian Penin-



sula and only 5% from the European region that includes Germany.

Based on the Apgar genealogy and personal research, I had expected that would have been closer to 25%. Clearly most of those maternal lines that I don't have information on are not of German descent.

	Irish Mom	Apgar Dad
Shared Ancestor	-	35
1 st cousin	-	1
2 nd cousin	-	2
3 rd cousin	-	2
4 th cousin	89	198
Distant cousin	5,200	> 14,000

The table below shows some statistics for their member matches:

Since my mother had far less matches, I made an initial pass through her 89 4th cousin matches:

- Eight only had private trees
- 22 had trees with less than 50 people
- 26 had no tree at all.

That left me with only 18 matches that might assist with my research. One of those was a true gem.

In looking through census records for my maternal grand-mother, I had identified three adult males with the same last name living in the same home in the mid 1800's all of whom were born in Ireland: Henry Donnelly, Patrick Donnelly and Michael Donnelly. Through later census years I was able to determine that Henry was my mother's 3rd great-grandfather and Patrick was his son.

In the next census, Michael was still living with Henry, which Patrick had married and moved near-by. In Subsequent censuses show Michael married with a growing family and always next door to either Henry or Patrick. My suspicion was that Michael was somehow related.

My mother's gem of a match indicated that I was probably right. This match was identified as a 4th – 6th cousin with "Extremely High" confidence and the match's 2nd great-grandfather was the same Michael Donnelly. Given the estimated degree of relationship, Michael was most likely Henry's nephew and Patrick's 1st cousin.

As for my father's matches, I have been able to use some of the 35 shared ancestors to fill out additional details in his tree although I haven't yet been able fill in any of the maternal holes that exist.

Advice for Others

While I'm still working on this, I do have some words of wisdom for anyone who is contemplating DNA testing.

Regardless of who is being tested, the person that will do the research should be the person to register the test. We did not do this and while we eventually figured out how I could have access to most of the results, I don't have access to the raw data, which can be used for additional analysis (stay tuned for next year's article).

The number of member matches you are going to get is directly related to the number of people in your tree. So if you only have a small tree, you probably won't get that many matches.

On the flip side, if you have a lot of people in your tree, you may feel overwhelmed by the volume of results. I certainly did. I highly doubt that I will ever get through all 14,000+ of my father's distant cousins and at this point, have no idea where to start. I need to get through the 3rd and 4th cousins first.

If you contact one of your member matches, don't expect a response. Other than my mother's gem match, I have yet to hear back from any of them. And from others that have also used AncestryDNA, they had the same experience.

Finally, be realistic about your journey. It is not a magic bullet and reviewing the results is a time consuming process.

More 2015 Reunion Photos



Discussion during business meeting



Howard Apgar (with President Karen Prince-Steinberg) offering the Blessing of Thanks



Jeanette Lesinski, Trustee 2007-2015



Millicent Moore



Mary and Debbie Apgar



Lisa Fritts and George Apgar Jr. as Private Christopher Fuchs (Fox) Vielhower (Philhower)

Have you Visited our Web Site? www.apgarfamily.org

This web site is available to all members at no charge. The first time you access the site, you will need to apply for a password based on verification of your membership. Available information includes:

- ◆ Genealogy of 24,855 names, including 11,593 still living
- ◆ Group photos from past reunions (as far back as the 1930s)
- ◆ Member souvenirs for purchase from the Apgar Store
- ◆ Collection of longer newsletter articles (research-focused)
- ◆ Member statistics, such as average life span of Apgars in the database [66 years, 325 days]

The following database **CDs in pdf format** are available for purchase on the web site; price is \$25 each including shipping.

- **Volume I:** The Immigrants and First Four Generations in America

- **Volume II:** Descendants of the Fourth Generation in America

Part 1: Herbert, John Peter and Heinrich

Part 2: Johannes Adam and Catherine

Part 3: Jacob and William

Part 4: Peter, Frederick and Conrad



An example of a family tree down-loaded from our web site

Friedrich 'Fritz' Epgert (aka Frantz Epgardt and Frederick Apkert)

The following order of children born to Fritz Epgert and his wives as determined by **German church records**, ages of their children and presumed children, and grandchildren, dates of property acquisitions, and **Hunterdon County**

church records. The exact birthdates of Herbert, John Peter, Heinrich, Jacob, William, Frederick, and Conrad are known and it is believed that George was perhaps the youngest. Fritz arrived in the New World on **September 30, 1740.**

Children by first marriage, in the state of Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany:

1. Johannes Herbertus, died in infancy
2. Herbert, b. 14 September 1731
3. John Peter, b. 1735
4. Eva Elisabetha, died in infancy

Children by second marriage, in the New Jersey colony:

5. Johannes Adam, b. circa 1741
6. Maria Sophia, b. circa 1741
7. Catharine, b. circa 1743
8. Heinrich, b. 1745
9. Jacob, b. 18 July 1746
10. Peter, b. circa 1747
11. William, b. 1752
12. Frederick, b. 7 October 1753
13. Conrad, b. 3 January 1755
14. George

Copies of **older newsletters**, which you may read on-line and download to print.



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29. **NativeWeb Genealogy:** list of Native American genealogy resources and searchable databases
30. **Viximus:** member submitted biographical information
31. **WieWasWie:** for researching ancestors from the Netherlands (in Dutch)
32. **UK National Archives:** official National Archives of the UK
33. **The National Archives of Ireland:** official National Archives of Ireland
34. **GENUKI:** reference library of genealogical resources for the UK and Ireland
35. **German Genealogy Server:** German ancestry research (many sections in German)
36. **Preserve the Pensions:** War of 1812 pension records access
37. **Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Sys-**

- tem:** Civil War records from the National Park Service
38. **LitvakSIG:** Lithuanian-Jewish genealogy databases and resources
39. **Italian Genealogical Group:** Italian, Irish, German American genealogy resources and databases for New York Area
40. **Internet Archive:** a large amount of information useful to genealogists, but you'll need to do some digging
41. **Billion Graves:** headstone records
42. **Open Library:** good place to find family history books, search for surnames or locations
43. **GenDisasters:** for researching disasters and other events your ancestors might have been involved in
44. **RomanyGenes:** Romanichal ances-

try research

45. **Patriot and Grave Index:** revolutionary war graves registry and patriot index from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
46. **Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection:** vast number of archived US newspapers
47. **Seventh-day Adventist Obituary Database:** hundreds of thousands of obituary entries
48. **Släktdata:** genealogy records for Sweden (in Swedish)
49. **Hispanic Genealogy:** wonderful list of resources for researching Hispanic ancestry
50. **Free Genealogy Search Engine:** search hundreds of free genealogy resources at one time on Family History