



# Newsletter

of

## The Van Voorhees Association

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### From the President

While it may still be hot, summer is waning and our big 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting can't be far off. Yes, Saturday October 6 is the big day! You will recall that the Executive Committee determined that our growing numbers required larger facilities, and we are to meet in the very pleasant Hyatt Regency New Brunswick Hotel. We are particularly looking forward to Manning W. Voorhees' presentation in which he promises "to cover the Steven Coerte story in chronological and geographical manner," complete with slides taken on the highly successful Van Voorhees tour to the Netherlands and Hees this spring.

I'm particularly excited about this 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting because I see it as both a measure of our growth, and as a means toward much greater growth. The Executive Committee has just approved a program of broad solicitation among those bearing the Voorhees name in any of its forms. But that doesn't get us to all those who are just as eligible for membership, but don't actually bear the name. I want to use the Annual Meeting and the Newsletter to encourage all of us to invite into membership those whom we know to be descended from Steven Coerte, whether or not they bear the name.

I hope to see as many of you at the 52<sup>nd</sup> as can attend. Once again, Lois and I plan to have an informal get-together in our room at the Hyatt on Friday evening October 5 for any and all who can be there. Put 6:00 to

7:00 on you calendar and plan to go with other family members from there to dinner downstairs in the Hyatt.

Finally, I draw your attention to the ballot elsewhere in this Newsletter. While it so happens this time we have only the one office to fill, and no proposals requiring a vote, I view the inclusion of this ballot as very significant in terms of bringing the membership into more participation in the Association. We urge those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting to exercise this privilege of membership.

See you in October!

August 1984

Don Vorhis  
President

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#### NEXT DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting material for the November Newsletter will be October 15, 1984. Anything received after that date will be held for the May, 1985 Newsletter.

#### CALIFORNIA REUNION

Too late for publication in the May Newsletter, we received notice of a Southern California Van Voorhees meeting planned for June 3. We hope this was successful, welcome reports of similar meetings, and would be happy to print notices in advance, but please give us plenty of lead time, as there is almost a month's time between the preparation of copy and mailing of the Newsletter.

# MILESTONES

COL. STEVEN BOYLAN, U.S.A. recently received the "Cross of Honor in Silver" of the Bundeswehr (West German Army), which is seldom awarded to a foreigner. A 1956 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Col. Boylan and his wife Margaret reside in Bonn, where he is serving as the Chief of Liaison at the American Embassy. Steve is the son of William and Carolyn Boylan of New Haven, CT.

The golf art of DONALD VOORHEES was one of the attractions at the New Jersey PGA Golf Show this past March. A nationally recognized artist, he has done paintings of many of the most famous courses in the country, and his prints and paintings are found in banks, clubhouses, offices and private homes. In 1983, one of his paintings was used for the official program and poster for the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship at Harmony Hill, Colts Neck, NJ. Donald maintains a full time gallery in Middletown, NJ.

Association Secretary CLAIRE SWANSON sent a report on her trip to Iowa, during which she planned to search out some family history. She also stopped at the Pella, IA Tulip Festival (May 10-12), which celebrates (among other things) the Dutch heritage of the area's populace. Much in evidence were authentic Dutch costumes, as well as displays of Dutch crafts and activities. "Pella surely is the cleanest, friendliest town and the festival would rival a British Coronation! We had a ball!" (Could this have anything to do with Pella's Dutch heritage?-ed.)

"On our way north from Pella, we passed a sign pointing to Voorhies. Of course we turned off and drove the mile in from the highway, only to discover that Voorhies wasn't much more than a grain elevator! ... Anyway it was fun to see our family name on a road sign."

Another of our younger members whose musical career should be watched is pianist CHARLES TIMBRELL, who made his New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall last April 5. In 1981, he made his acclaimed London debut at Wigmore Hall, followed by recitals in Paris, Rome, Glasgow and Cardiff. Currently professor of piano at Howard University in Washington, DC, he is frequently heard as soloist with various orchestras and chamber groups. Charles is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Timbrell, and grandson of Mrs. Alma Timbrell, who has been recognized several times in recent years as the oldest member present at the Annual Meetings.

## In Memoriam

### REVEREND WILBUR A. VORHIS

Following a short illness, the REV. WILBUR A. VORHIS passed away on May 28, 1984 at Columbus, OH.

Born Dec. 1, 1890 at Natchez, Miss., he was a graduate of Wittenberg College and Boston University School of Theology. A member of the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church, he served 18 different churches from Bowling Green to Cincinnati, the last five in the Columbus area.

In the Lucas line of descent from Steven Coerte, he joined the Association in 1933. He attended his first meeting in 1959, and was a regular attendee from 1968 through last year, often giving either the invocation or benediction at the Annual Meetings.

A long-time member of Kiwanis, he received its Legion of Honor Award. He was past president of the Franklin Co. AARP, and was elected to Ohio's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

Rev. Vorhis is survived by sons Robert and Donald (our president), daughters Charlotte Knighton and Jeannette Bryant; 11 grandchildren; and two great grandsons, who he sponsored for life membership during the Association's fiftieth anniversary.

PROXY BALLOT

(If you cannot be present at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Van Voorhees Association, the Executive Committee urges you to participate in the business of the Association by voting this ballot and returning it before 6 October 1984 to the Association Secretary at the address shown below.)

For Vice President, 1985-86

Donald A. Sinclair

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incumbent, and candidate of Nominating  
Committee, Florence V. Cejka, Chairman

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, 6 October 1984, 12:30 PM

WHERE: Hyatt Regency New Brunswick  
Two Albany Street  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

WHAT: Luncheon, followed by the business meeting and our featured presentation, "The Land of Steven Coerte Revisited." Our principle speaker is Manning W. Voorhees who, with his wife and some 30 other Association members, toured the Netherlands and Hees this spring. And wait until you see his slides!

WHY: This is the largest single opportunity for family members to gather together and share with one another from within the common heritage as Van Voorhees descendants. Don't miss it!!

HOW: Just be there by noon so as not to miss anything. For those coming from a distance, please take advantage of the Hyatt Regency reservation form enclosed with the special rate being given to Van Voorhees members and guests. For those who can, come early, stay longer, meet more of the family!!

Special note to those desiring to stay in the Hyatt: A block of rooms is being held for the Association at \$50 each, single or double. To be sure of getting this rate, reservations must be received by the Hyatt no later than 15 September.

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The work of our Association is done by volunteers from within the organization. Your help and input is encouraged and heartily welcomed. If you would like to participate in the work of the Association, please contact the chairman of the committee you are interested in. If you have any suggestions or comments, contact the appropriate committee chairman, or any member of the Executive Committee, whose addresses are given below.

Note that the Association does not have a "headquarters" address. Please address all correspondence to the appropriate person (i.e. dues to the Treasurer-Checking), as indicated below or elsewhere in the Newsletter. This will result in much faster response to you.

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