



Newsletter

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The Van Voorhees Association

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From the President

Will the Van Voorhees Association be viable in the year 2000?

That seems a strange question to be asking now, but it was a question very much on my mind when, at the 49th Annual Meeting in 1981, you elected me to this office. Now that the 52nd Annual Meeting is history, I can honestly say that the question is not weighing on my mind. Our meeting was held in the larger space afforded by the Hyatt Regency because of our growing numbers, but near capacity attendance means we have to plan on even larger space for next year!

How do we explain this? First, we had an excellent program presented by Manning Voorhees in tracing Steven Coerte's 1660 odyssey from Holland to America through slides and narrative made possible by the 1984 Holland tour experience. But I think there are a number of other factors involved. Among these, I would mention the closely coordinated efforts of the Membership and Publicity Committees under the leadership of Arthur R. Voorhees and June V. (Mrs. Robert) Wick, respectively. Through their efforts a lot more people are becoming aware of the Association (see a related item elsewhere in the Newsletter). Also, I would point to the Newsletter under the editorship of Pat and George Davis and remind all that this is a vehicle for two-way communication and for bringing us all

together in closer family bonds.

Finally, I would note what may be intangible but feels very real at the Annual Meetings -- a spirit of familyhood that makes us all feel better for having had the experience of new and renewed family acquaintance. To those of you who have not yet had the experience, I can only urge that you plan now to be with us for the 53rd Annual Meeting next October. We shall have details and a reservation form for you in the next Newsletter due out in May. Meanwhile, happy holidays!

Nov. 1984

Don Vorhis
President



ALBERT LINE REPRESENTATIVE

The Albert Line of the family has long been represented on the Executive Committee by Miss Charlotte C. Voorhis of Philadelphia. At the most recent meeting of the Committee, Charlotte surprised the group by announcing her desire to retire from the role and recommended to the Committee that she be replaced by her niece, Ms. Cornelia Voorhis Mason. The Committee chose not to accept Charlotte's resignation from the Committee itself but welcomed Cornelia as the new representative of the Albert Line. Cornelia may be addressed at 2201 Palmer Ave., #4-M, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Van Voorhees Association produced what, with the exception of the 50th Anniversary Meeting, was the largest turnout in recent memory. Ninety six members were at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick on Oct. 6 for an afternoon of reminiscing with old acquaintances, and making new ones. This was far in excess of even the most optimistic prognostication.

Starting with the morning Executive Committee meeting, through lunch, and ending in Manning W. Voorhees' wonderful slide show on last April's Holland tour, this was another in a series of memorable annual meetings.

At the Executive Committee meeting, President Don Vorhis, announced and regrettably accepted the resignation of Secretary Claire Swanson. Membership Committee chairman Arthur Voorhees announced that he had received 39 new members thus far in 1984, well ahead of last year's record pace.

Publications Committee chairman Bob Vorhis apologized for the delay which has occurred in the publication of Volume I of the genealogy, but explained that much of the problem was due to the final typesetting phase occurring after April, when all of the printers start gearing up with election year work. In any case, the manuscript is about 90% typeset, with only proofreading and indexing remaining before the book goes to press. A notice will be sent out shortly to all who have ordered the genealogy, as to when delivery can be expected.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned to the luncheon in the hotel, followed by a short business meeting at which Donald Sinclair was reelected to the office of Vice President. The youngest member present was 6 month old Jimmy Vorhies, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Vorhies of Washington, DC. He took the honor from his sister Elizabeth, who had held it since the 50th Anniversary Meeting. The oldest

member present was Mrs. Clara V. Shannon from Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton and Mildred Voris Kerr traveled the furthest (all from California) to attend.

The culmination of the day's events was the excellent slide presentation, by Manning Voorhees, on the recent Holland tour. Beginning in Amsterdam, and traveling to Drenthe Province and the area around Hees, the presentation then followed the probable route taken by Steven Coerte on his journey to Nieuw Amsterdam. Interspersed throughout were accounts of incidents which had been shared by those who participated in the trip. Several other members present who had also taken the trip added their own comments and observations and shared their albums of trip photos, making all feel a part of that marvelous experience.



Regional Meetings

CALIFORNIA: Dick and Mary Hull of Escondido hosted a reunion of the Van Voorhis family on Sunday, June 3, 1984. About 40 family members attended, some of whom had moved away and were home on vacation. The group included two new families who hadn't attended before. Another reunion is planned for next May at Sun Valley, CA, to be hosted by Joanne and David Brookfield. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Joanne's parents, Milton and Margaret Van Voorhis, 12472 Reche Cyn Rd. #36, Colton, CA, 92324.

OHIO: Frank J. and Grace Van Voorhis' Limerick County homestead was the scene of a summer reunion of the descendants of Charles E. and Alice Van Voorhis. Charles and Alice's only living children, Clara Van Voorhis (age 84- up from Dayton Beach, FL for the first time in 35 years) and her 93 year old sister Ada Van Voorhis-Ewalt engaged in a lively game of "Genealogical Pursuit", which was, in the end, declared a draw. In all, close to 25 people attended.

Editor's Note

We apologize for the delay in the mailing of this Newsletter, but we are just now finally digging out of the boxes remaining from our move from Delaware in September. In this regard, we request that you all please note our new address:

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis
310 Rockland Avenue
River Vale, NJ 07675

Incorporated with the dues notice elsewhere in this Newsletter is a question regarding when you received this Newsletter. Your response will help us in reevaluating the continued use of the bulk mail permit system for the mailing of the Newsletter.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submitting material for the next Newsletter is April 1, 1985.



1985 DUES NOTICE

Yes, it's that time of year again - turkey, cranberry sauce, mistletoe, Santa Claus, snowflakes, and Association dues notices. In the rush of the holidays, please don't forget to return your dues, with the dues notice below, in the enclosed envelope.

Enclosed with this Newsletter, for those whose 1984 dues were received after the mailing of the May Newsletter, are 1984 membership cards. Membership cards for 1985 will be included with the May 1985 Newsletter.

Please make all checks payable to "The Van Voorhees Association".

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Dues through December 1985 are payable January 1, 1985. Please check membership desired and note any change of address. Mail to the Treasurer, MR. G. HAROLD BUTTLER, 72 Upland Avenue, Metuchen, New Jersey 08840. (Envelope Enclosed).

Please report below the name and date of any new member of your family, with the names of his or her parents, and the immediate grandparents (Voorhees line).

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Happy New Year



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