

Johann Schmidt Family Reunion - July 22, 1986

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Reunion Attended By Pioneer Family

Close to 300 descendants from across the United States attended a reunion of the descendants of Henry Smith (Schmidt), Margaret Schmidt Harrison, Elizabeth Schmidt Hill and Theresa Schmidt McBride recently in Port Lavaca at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Family members from Maine, Connecticut, South Dakota, Indiana, Arizona, Louisiana, as well as Texas, attended this first reunion.

Members of the Schmidt family were among the German immigrants who came to Indiana in 1846. The father died just prior to leaving Germany leaving the mother and children to come to America alone.

Elizabeth Schmidt Hill and her husband, William Andrew Hill, Sr., lived on Matagorda Island with a large family of children. All family members, except two children and one cousin, who was visiting at the time, were drowned in the 1855 storm.

Margaret Schmidt married Thomas Francis Harrison and lived at Indiana. They had 11 children, one of the largest families in the city. Some family members were also drowned in the 1873 storm.

Theresa Schmidt married Samuel McBride. They were the parents of six children. After Samuel McBride's death, Theresa married John Broden. Henry Schmidt married Josephine Ludwig, and the couple had 13 children. Most of the children were born in Indiana where they lived until shortly after the 1880 storm when they moved to Port Lavaca.

Hermann Gruenberg provided music for the noon meal. A collection

of genealogy records and family albums and heirlooms displayed on tables were exhibited. Genealogy charts, art work and large pictures of early ancestors were also displayed.

Mrs. Harry C. Smith of Port Lavaca was recognized for being the oldest family member in attendance. She is a descendant of the Bosers, another old Indiana family. Arthur Smith of Seguin was recognized for being the oldest direct descendant present. The youngest family member in attendance was Stacey Nicole Ballard, one week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ballard of Seadrift. Larry Smith of Maine traveled the greatest distance to attend the reunion.

Because the reunion was held on Father's Day, special recognition was given to fathers present. Awards were presented to Arthur Smith for being the oldest father in attendance and the father married the longest. Dr. R.A. Steverson, Jr. of Victoria won the award for having the largest family present.

Seminar Scheduled

"Preventing Communication Breakdowns - Explaining Your Feelings and Exploring Alternatives" will be the topic of a seminar at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1561 N. Glass.

Rado Goldman, instructor for the Good Skills for Adolescence program at Crain Intermediate School, will be the speaker. The parenting seminar is co-sponsored by Trinity

Women's Calendar

Tuesday

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OF WESTMINSTER BIBLE CHURCH - 9:30 a.m., church, 341 N. Ben Jarvis.

VICTORIA CROSSROADS PORCELAIN ART CLUB - 9:30 a.m., USTI 3 a.m., 407 N. BRIDGE Take art supplies.

TEXAS TOPS NO. 44 (TAKE OFF POUNDS SEMINAR) - 10:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., meeting, Northwest Baptist Church, 201 5th St. or 5th St. in Bluewater.

LUNCHEON PILOT CLUB - 12 p.m., Holiday Inn.

PARK AVENUE ALANON - 12 p.m., First Baptist Lutheran Church, 95 W. Steffen.

VICTORIA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB - 1:30 p.m., Telegraph House, 411 Rosewood.

STOP SMOKING SUPPORT GROUP - 5:30 a.m., free class, call 372-0066 for location.

TEXAS TOPS CHAPTER NO. 134 (Take Off Pounds Seminars) - 6 p.m., Town Plaza Mall, room 309, call 579-4995 or 54-590.

CROSSROADS CAT CLUB - 7 a.m., call 529-8821.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS - 7 a.m., Live Oak Treatment Center.

PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 1561 N. Glass, call 529-4321.

CHEERLEADERS ANONYMOUS - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 126 N. DeLeon, call 529-4344.

ALANON - 8 p.m., 108 CHURCH.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 8 p.m., 108 CHURCH, meeting designed for women.

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Code Signals Relay Message

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a special code we use when it's time for us to go home. One of us will subtly get the other's attention by lightly tugging our own ear. If things keep going, and it seems we might be even longer, we'll often tug the other person's ear.

We've found it works quite well and allows us to be discreet at the same time. - MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASH.

DEAR MOUNTLAKE: When I was a girl back in Sioux City, Iowa, a close family friend used to say, "K.R.L.M.G." - short for "Keen, keen, laas mere gals." Translation: "C'mon, come, let us go."

DEAR ABBY: A very common code phrase to tell a woman her slip is showing is, "It's snowing down south." In my family, if a woman's slip is showing, I say, "Your Saturday is longer than your Sunday."

My wife is fond of dresses with plunging necklines that show a lot of cleavage, and every once in a while if a little too much cleavage is showing, I say "valley," and she readjusts her blouse. - TEXAS READER

DEAR ABBY: I never thought the day would come when I'd have a contribution in the Dear Abby column, but you asked for amusing code signals.

Years ago, when I was taking care of neighborhood children, to let them know their zippers were down, I'd say "XYZ" (for "examine your zipper"). They caught on quickly and zipped up, and soon were on their way to play again. This is not an original. It was around when I was a kid. - ELIZABETH M. WEYFORTH, ST. JAMES CITY, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I'm still laughing about how to subtly make a male aware that his zipper was open.

I'm an immigrant from the "old country" and was brought up on Shakespeare. In our family, we'd say, "Ah, wee is me!" - the root of the phrase, "for I am undone," was, of course, unnecessary. - DENISE BOGGINS, FAIRPORT, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: If we are on the phone while someone is present and we can't talk openly, we say, "64." That means, "Ask questions that can be answered with 'yes' or 'no.'" (It comes from "The \$64,000 Question.")

And when we want to signal, "You're talking too much," we say, "Edith." That's from Archie Barker's famous phrase, "Suffie yourself, Edith." - SYLVIA GILLIS, EU-

DEAR ABBY: You asked for fami-

It was Y very subtle, and to be perfectly honest, sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. - J.D. IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: During our 40-year marriage, my late husband and I used two codes: a two-toned whistle to attract one another's attention to beyond normal speaking range, and the phrase "Don't forget," used in saying goodbye in public or on the telephone. This was shorthand for, "Don't forget how much I love you."

Just before he sank into his last coma, he opened his eyes and whispered, "Don't forget, Honey." I never have. Sign off. - REMEMBERING IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR ABBY: I once read that a little boy wrote the following book report: "This book told me more about penguins than I really wanted to know." So, now "penguin" is the family code word for, "Get off the subject - you're boring everybody" - KAY IN L.A.

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