

# We're Family Park Newsletter

Dedicated to the family of James & Amanda Dennison Issue 2, 2003

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We look forward to your presence at our next family reunion July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## Auction

One aspect of spending money on our homes is because it is a reflection on us. In the same way, the Park is a reflection on this family of ours. It takes a combination of money and volunteers to make and keep our Park something we all can be proud of. We may not all be able to support the Park's operations financially, but I think we all should have something to donate toward that goal.

The reunion's auction has been the most consistent fund-raising event to meet the Park's financial needs. Please consider bringing quality items in exchange for a triple blessing: blessing the Park's operations financially, blessing the highest bidder with ownership, and blessing yourself with one less thing to be responsible for taking care of while supporting a good cause.

Please come - with a donation in hand, money in your pocket, and a willingness to enjoy the fellowship of family.

### "Family Riddle" # 33

My husband's birthday is two days short of being in mid May mine is 24 days from Christmas, but I was not born in the fall. My last name is not Progresso, but if it later starts with "A", then mean pet owners would not like my four initials at all.

Who Am I ?

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Clues and answer from issue 1 of 2003

Clue: #1 "Gloria In Excelsis"

#2 I have two sons, Ryan & David

#3 "Eh" is a word associated with Canadians

#4 I work in a Pharmacy

Answer: Gloria Jean Dennison 02-11-3s

**John:** Dad, I know you really want me to play my best in the high school basketball game tomorrow, so would you mind doing my math homework tonight so I can go to bed early?

**Dale:** Now John, that would be a wrong thing for me to do! We brought you up in a Christian home and tried to teach you to be a responsible person. I would like to help you, but because of my religious convictions it would just be wrong for me to do that.

**Sharon:** Your father's right on this one John. When your Grandma Jessie showed me things she saved from his childhood, I saw a report card of his. If your dad said it would be wrong if he did your math homework, believe me, IT WOULD BE WRONG!!!!

## PHOTO GALLERY

Historical photographs are great and important for linking us to common roots, but current family pictures link us together as family units and to a familiarity that breeds active communication. With that in mind, a thought was proposed to me that I liked. It was suggested that we each bring a framed picture of our immediate family, to be hung permanently on the pavilion walls. These pictures are intended to be updated each year to stay current with our growing families, and to keep some people from perpetually looking 39 (except in real life)!

An example may be a single family photograph or if your family has a hard time all being at one place at one time, a collage of them: such as Virginia Shaver, Robert and Janice, their children and grandchildren. Each photo should be clearly labeled for easy identification. If you know someone in a particular photograph it will give you a great conversation starter for others in that picture such as, "Hi, Keith. Your Dad and my Dad, Marlin, were first cousins. Tell me, is your Dad still restoring Metropolitan cars?"

Get those photos framed, labeled and ready to display. I plan on doing that and you never know - the grandchildren in your picture might even place in "The Best" runner up category, next to mine.  
Garywayne 02-2-4



Things to remember  
by Chance 02-2-4-1-2

It's OK to scare Cooper,  
but not Mommy when  
she's baking bread.





I was living in Newark, Delaware and sharing an apartment with two of my brothers (Dale and Averal), and 2 cousins (Fountain Shaver and Bill Luzader). Then I met Janice, and it was bye-bye boys!!! She gets upset when I say we had a hot and steamy courtship. So I'll tone it down.

In 1960 a friend and I drove to our local drive-in restaurant, in my brand new 1960 Chevrolet Impala hardtop. After spotting two girls sitting in their car at the end of the building, we pulled up to their car and I said to the driver, "They won't serve you anything this far down." From there we started talking and I discovered I knew her brother from being in the National Guard. They joined us in my car.

After realizing we had a lot in common we agreed to meet the following week for our first date on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1960. I had just picked up this new car and was very proud of it. I thought this car would really impress the girls I might meet. (Janice's view: I never noticed the new shiny car. Since Bob was a passenger, I thought he didn't own a car and it didn't really matter to me as I had my own car.)

The courtship was short as it was love at first sight. I would pick up Janice after work as she worked evenings and I days. We would go to the drive-in restaurant to get a hamburger, fries, and a drink, and then just talk while we drove around. (Janice's view: I paid for the meals as he wanted to save his money. But considering everything, Bob was a wonderful kisser and together we did fog up his glasses.) After a month of constantly seeing each other, I said to her in one of our conversations, "When we get married," and that was it! She took the ball and ran with it.

After telling her Mother we were getting married, they went looking for a place for us to live. Her Mother spotted an ad in the local paper about a house for sale with only \$100 down in Brookside Park. So we went to check it out and bought it - a nice three-bedroom ranch home. (Those homes today are selling for over \$100,000.) At settlement, they gave us \$250 with which we bought three rooms of furniture. We got a used GE refrigerator, and a new wringer washer. After painting, fixing, and cleaning, the house was as good as new. (Janice's view: I did not get an engagement ring as we spent it on furniture and a washer I didn't know how to use.) We got married June 11, 1960 and moved in. We were broke and couldn't afford a honeymoon, so on Labor Day we went to Rehoboth Beach which made for a "hot and steamy" weekend. Now you know the real story behind the title.

## Modern Health Class written by Garywayne

I considered our local junior high school as being fairly conservative in nature, so the principal promoting 'modern' health classes made parents less than glad. After learning of a separated class, teaching only about their particular gender, most people including me were relieved, thinking that it would not be so bad.

In reliving thoughts about my puberty years, I was given a lot of misinformation, which came from older siblings, neighbors, and close friends who hadn't a clue. Parents back then seemed 'hushed up' about true bodily names and their function, our children learning proper names from a health angle, at least it would be true.

I was shocked when my daughter said "her buns" were voted 'Best in the Class.' but that surprise turned into anger as I dialed the school's number on the phone. My young child seemed confused about my explosive reaction to her comments, all the while my wife saying, "Before you know all the facts, just leave it alone!"

My mind was set. I was not in the frame of mind to listen to any female counsel, for I was concerned about stopping the damage to my child before it was too late. The principal did not understand my concern as I repeated my daughter's words, but his son did think her Home Ec hot cross buns looked good and tasted great!



## "Christmas Memories"

It may seem too early to be thinking about Christmas but that should be the theme of our next newsletter. (Dec. 1)

However, our staff is dependent upon you for sending us your favorite sentimental, historical, comical, or eye-opening experience surrounding the Christmas season.

Without your support, the December newsletter might end up being a hunting issue. You don't want a lot of Bambi obituaries do you?

**Attention!** A work week has been scheduled again this year the week before the reunion. There are many unfinished projects at different skill levels where we could use your help. Come for any or all of that week.

## WFP 2003 REUNION AGENDA

Friday Evening July 25 –

WFP will be open with volunteers to help set things up and/ or just fellowship.

Saturday July 26 -

8:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Membership meeting

11:00 a.m. Dedications & Special recognition

(Please bring your cameras, we need pictures of these special moments.)

Chapel- Tifford & Lucy family

Gazebo & wishing well- Virginia & Vaughn family,

Recreation Area - Gareth & Helene family,

Storage building - Baron & Jessie family,

Kitchen - Lena & Scott family,

Pavilion foyer - Mildred & Walter, Leo & Hayward family,

Pavilion - Clifford & Jeanette

(this was dedicated last year but didn't get pictures.)

Contributions - Lolita & Ira family,

12:30 p.m. Lunch June is making the sandwiches,

others can bring/add to this such as snacks

Lunch is followed by fellowship & games

3:30 p.m. Auction

5:30 hot dog roast, coleslaw with salads, desserts, and watermelons. Anyone can add food to this meal.

7:30 till breaking up - Entertainment

July 27 Sunday

8:00 a.m. registration & fellowship

10:00 a.m. devotions

11:30 WFP Pictures

12:00 Main meal - Donald is roasting a pig, and again people can bring other covered dishes like we always do. We will need drinks for all meals: large sodas, tea, coffee, etc.

Feel free to fellowship as long as you want.

## Naming The Road

At the 2002 reunion there was discussion on a name for the park lane. It was tabled at that time due to lack of time & research on the best name to use.

Contacts were made to many family members and as you might figure, we received many responses.

The one thing that came up in the name almost every time was it ending in - Lane. The three top picks were (Park Lane - Memory Lane and Generation Gap). To save time at the 2003 reunion, Robert set up a committee to pick a name from the top three. The committee members were Janet Oliver, Rita Cogar, Garywayne Dennison, Martin Dennison, and Robert himself. The decision was to go with Generation Gap. The sign will be up by the reunion to serve as a landmark for "Were Family Park's family and friends. Martin 02-2-5

## STAFF MEMO:

Here it is - our second issue of The Family newsletter and the feedback I've received is that it is still very much a secret. I have very high hopes for this form of communication, but we are dependent upon you sharing pieces of your lives with us to make it balanced and enjoyable. Currently we have two couples as staff personnel, but would like to increase that number to five. The requirements are proof reading The Newsletter before it goes public, helping with the direction of content, responding in a very timely fashion to e-mail, and someone with an eagerness to get to know and bless the family by promoting participation and distribution of the newsletter. If this sounds like your desire, please contact Robert or Garywayne.

## Crossword Puzzle and Riddles

The plan is to have up to 12 riddles posted on the Pavillion walls where you are given at least 4 clues to each along with the first generation lineage. It is my goal to write the riddles about people who will be at the reunion this year. Kevin Shaver, Ro and Garywayne Dennison will have the answers.

There will also be a crossword puzzle of birth places available for the first 30 who request them at the registration table. The object of both games is to talk among family groups to solve them. A prize will be awarded for the first correct puzzle submitted to Garywayne, as well as a prize for the first person who gets 4 riddles right.

## Family Project: Furnishing the apartment

While visiting the park for Jessica and Ian's wedding in May, I went upstairs to the apartment/dressing room. What I saw was the lack of furniture – a total lack of furniture. I felt badly for Jessica and her entourage as well as for other wedding parties. There was a lack of seating, places to hang clothing, or mirrors to name just a few things that are needed to prepare for these important occasions.

We as a family need to do something about furnishing the apartment with quality pieces that can withstand temperature and humidity changes. We could throw pieces of furniture together from all the families to come up with a practical solution, but thrown together would be what it would look like. Please contact Robert Shaver with any ideas of how your family branch could be a blessing. Garywayne

## WFP Meetings - JULY 2002

Part two of two. This information ( to a large part ) is based on the minutes taken by Dale Inman as acting secretary.

MAIN MEAL TIME CHANGE - It was suggested that we change the main meal to Saturday since many of our members leave early to go home. After discussion, it was decided not to change the time of the main meal due to all the activities that take place on Saturday. A recommendation was made to perhaps have a hot dog roast or potluck for Saturday. No firm decision was made on this issue.

CHANGE WORKWEEK - Many preparations for the meals and cleaning must take place, and it is difficult to do this when work is being done on the building the week before the reunion. Robert Shaver will look into this issue further.

STORAGE UNIT - A request was made for a 16x20-foot storage unit for next year. Building supplies, etc., could be put in there to get them out of the way and cut down on the mess from the workweek. The Byron Dennison family in Byron's Memory promised it.

GARETH DENNISON MEMORIAL - Gareth Dennison requested that a clearing be made for volleyball, basketball posts/nets, etc. He stated he is willing to fund this project. (\$400) A committee was formed to work out the details. The committee members are Mike Beasley, Donald Dennison, Dale Dennison, Martin Dennison, and Gareth.

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