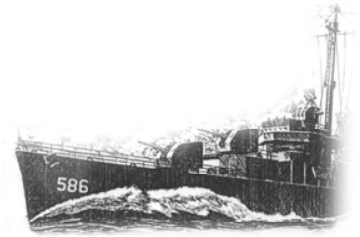


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REUNION RECAP

The reunion this year was an overwhelming success with everyone having a great time. I personally wish I could have attended. I love Arizona and would have loved to have been able to spend time with the shipmates and their families. I did hear from Bill Smith and Pat Spencer who relayed information about the weekend to me for the newsletter. The reunion was well attended with 32 participants and 10 shipmates making the trip. That left the bulk of attendees as family and friends which is a very encouraging sign that the Newcomb family has many friendships that have been forged over the years. The cruise aboard the Dolly Steamboat Tours at Canyon Lake went well and there were a lot of positive comments about the dinner show at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater. The theater actually sent a card commending the reunion group and inviting them back.

Several interesting items of note commented on by Bill Smith:

***2 pairs of sons and fathers: Ray Smith and son Charles; Royce Holyfield and son Mike (first time for Mike).

***3 pairs of daughters and mothers: Peggy Rocks and daughters Barbara, Margie, and Gail; Jean Mitchell and daughter Sharon Sargent

***Doris Weinman with daughter Gail and son Tom III (children's first time)

***Aldo Poggio with daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Tim Krom

Dick and Pat did a fine job in planning activities which included a visit to an old mining site followed by a dinner cruise on a spectacular lake and a dinner theater with great food and a spectacular show of Camelot. We had a comfortable hospitality room which allowed us time to sit and visit, tell and hear stories, reminisce about the past, share bragging rights about families and grandchildren.

Others in attendance: Pat & Dick Spencer, Thel & Del Freeman, Zula & Bill Smith, Betty & John Rocks (Pat's brother), Connie and Ed Redding, Elfrida and Seth Irving; Peg & Joe McDonald, Shorty Hiltbrunn and friend. Peg Rocks' daughters agreed to plan next year's union. Peg and Pat hosted one in Philly years ago; so she will be able to help the girls. They are young, have loads of energy, and will plan a good reunion. Now we await the date and place. -reported by Bill Smith

There has been talk of Michigan or Chicago as the site of the next reunion. You'll know when I do!

NEWS AND NOTES

I got a great response from my first attempt at the Newsletter and wanted to pass on some of the comments that I got as well as any news. I also got a lot of comments about Nate Cook and what he meant to the folks involved with the Newcomb. I really appreciate any feedback or suggestions that you have and I promise I will use them. I am always looking for shipmate histories that talk about passed and living shipmates and their lives after their days on the ship. Everything from the teams they rooted for, hobbies, where they worked, family etc. I will send you an email or mail you a list with questions on it if you need help figuring out what it is I am looking for or as a prompter. I will be getting in touch with some of you and putting you on the spot by asking you to put together a biography



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of your shipmate. I thank you ahead of time. -Jason

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