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Dr. Virginia Apgar Stamp Approved!!

by Wayne T. Dilts, AFA Newsletter Editor

The wait is finally over! After years of letter-writing, telephone calls, and personal appeals, a postage stamp honoring our own Dr. Virginia Apgar has been approved, and several of our family association members had a lot to do with this achievement. In December, the U.S. Postal Service announced it would issue a 20-cent stamp next October honoring the physician who developed the now-famous Apgar Score, a test given to every baby at one minute and again at five minutes after birth that can alert doctors and nurses of a deteriorating condition that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Dr. Virginia Apgar has "touched" virtually every baby born in the past 3 1/2 decades in a modern hospital anywhere in the world. Her Score has been adopted for use so universally that her name is synonymous with infant care, and it has been said of her that she has done more to improve the health of mothers, babies, and unborn infants than anyone else in the world this century.

Our own first vice president and past president Henry Apgar has been tireless in his efforts, along with those of Rob Apgar, to see this stamp approved. Who among us at the past reunion can forget when Henry became choked with emotion during his report on the then-stalled progress of getting the stamp issued. "I want this stamp so bad..." Henry said, and broke off his words.

The official announcement of the new stamp has put a new spin on our Association plans for burying a time capsule at the next reunion (see related story on the time capsule inside). According to Robert O., the original idea had been to bury the time capsule at the 1994 reunion where it would remain for 140 years, to be exhumed on the 400th anniversary of Johannes Peter Apgard's arrival in the United States.

"With the unveiling ceremony for the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp set for October, 1994, or the month following our next reunion, we should probably hold off on burying the time capsule until we can include one of the stamps." Robert said. "The details will have to be worked out by the trustees."



The new Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp.

Minutes Of The 19th Apgar Family Reunion

SEPTEMBER 18, 1993

It was a day of intermittent rain, but it did not daunt the Apgars who braved the elements to attend.

President Phyllis Apgar welcomed the family members and friends to the 19th Annual Apgar Reunion at 1:15. Before she called the meeting to order, she stated that it seemed very strange for her to be standing up there. For many years she attended the Apgar Reunions, never dreaming that she would have the honor of being President. "It was a busy and rewarding year for me," she said, "but I would not have been able to execute my duties without the support of the other trustees and committee members who have worked very hard throughout the year to make our Association successful."

Her sincere thanks were given to them and all the members of the Apgar Family Association. She then called the meeting to order at 1:25 P.M.

Mary Apgar reported that there were 106 in attendance today.

Next, the minutes of last year's meeting were read by Brenda Zimmerman as recorded by Ruth Apgar, our past Recording Secretary.

Henry Apgar, First Vice President, began the officers' reports by reading a letter he received from Dr. Alfred Sommer, Dean of John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, referring to an article about Dr. Virginia Apgar in their magazine, which accompanied his letter.

"Dear Mr. Apgar,

I wanted to make sure you had a copy of this very special magazine. Virginia Apgar is a public health hero not only to our alumni, but also to our current students. Her work in perinatology is an inspiration to all of us here at the school.

I am delighted that we can honor Dr. Apgar in this most appropriate way.

Henry has worked diligently to make the Dr. Virginia Apgar stamp honoring this great lady a reality. For some reason the issuing of this stamp had been stalled. He asked for any assistance anyone can give us. Robert H. Apgar said that he would again contact the Stamp Committee.

Al Tiger, Second Vice President had nothing to report

George M. Apgar, Jr., Treasurer, reported the following:

The balance in the General Fund in Sept. of 1992...\$3316.33

The balance in the General Fund in Sept. of 1993...\$4253.00

Jack Shuster, Corresponding Secretary, reported that he had sent out 402 invitations for today's reunion.

Brenda Zimmerman, Recording Secretary, had no report.



The next generation showing off their new Apgar hats at The 1993 reunion

Reports From Trustees

Robert H. Apgar, Mary Apgar, George N. Apgar Jr., Wayne Apgar, and Robert O. Apgar had nothing to report. Ruth Apgar was ill and unable to attend. She was missed and wished a speedy recovery. George N. Apgar asked that all family members do some homework over the next twelve months. He would like newspaper clippings for our new bulletin boards. The bulletin boards were made and donated by Willard Apgar of Long Valley and John Apgar of Chester, N.J. They will stay here at the church and will be used at our next reunions.

Committee Reports

Barbara Apgar, Membership Chairperson, reported the following:

We have a total of 210 paid members and she has collected \$1861.00 in dues. She also stated that she had a membership drive in June.

Dorothy Apgar, Historian, thanked everyone who had expressed their condolences to her and her husband, Robert O. Apgar, on the loss of their grandson last September. She then spoke about the early life in N.J. Dorothy reported that she and Robert have sold their home to their son and will be moving back to Florida in October. She will remain as Historian. Her new address and telephone number will be in the newsletter.

Wayne Dilts, Newsletter Chairman, reported that the 400-450 newsletters were printed. A supply of 100 extras were printed for the membership drive. He has extras here today if someone has paid their dues and did not get one. If anyone has any news that you would like to see in the newsletter, please send it to him. He also has pictures of last year's reunion if anybody would like to order them.

Phyllis thanked everyone for an outstanding job. She then stated that there were two other people that definitely deserve recognition: Debbie Apgar, for the many years she has devoted to making our name tags; and to Lorrie Dilts, who does the typesetting and graphics for our newsletter.

Robert H. Apgar, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported the following: there are four Trustees terms that expire this year and all are up for re-election. They have all agreed to serve again this year but he encourages anyone who wishes to help please contact him. The nominations for the Trustees are as follows:

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| Phyllis Apgar | (Adam) |
| Jack Shuster | (Frederick) |
| Al Tiger | (Adam and Herbert) |
| Robert H. Apgar | (Adam) |

The nominations for Officers are as follows:

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| President, Phyllis Apgar | (Adam) |
| 1st Vice President, Henry Apgar | (Conrad) |
| 2nd Vice President, Al Tiger... | (Adam & Herbert) |
| Treasurer, George M. Apgar, Jr | (Adam) |
| Recording Secretary, Brenda Zimmerman .. | (Adam) |
| Corresponding Secretary, Jack Shuster | (Fredrick) |
| Historian, Dorothy Apgar | (Jacob) |
| Membership, Barbara Apgar | (Adam) |



Al Tiger shows off the hand-knitted hat he won at the reunion. Elsie Lindaberry donated three hats and an afghan that she had made, and they were raffled off at the reunion.

Unfinished Business

Phyllis read a letter written to Debbie Apgar from Eileen LeBrando who is seeking help in tracing her father, Willard Apgar's family.

Phyllis called upon Robert O. Apgar who gave a brief talk about the proposed time capsule which was favorably received by everyone. (ED. NOTE: For more information on the time capsule project, see a more detailed report elsewhere in this newsletter. Ed.) He and his wife Dorothy made the first donation towards this project. Phyllis stated that all donations are to be made to our Treasurer, George M. Apgar, Jr., and if we find that this project is not feasible, all monies will be refunded.

At this time Phyllis called upon Henry Apgar, Al Tiger and George N. Apgar to do the honors of handing out today's gifts.

Oldest Male: Henry Apgar, Age 86 from South Plainfield, N.J.

Oldest Female: Elise Lindaberry, Age 83, from Clinton, N.J.

Youngest Child: Jaime A. Apgar, Age 21 mo., from Flemington, N.J.

Longest Married: Wm. & Ruth Sharp, 52 years, from Madison, NJ.

Traveled Longest Distance: George Ireland from Vero Beach, Fla.

Largest Family, The Jack Shuster family of Watchung, N.J. (9 members in attendance).

(ED Note: Phyllis Apgar, spokesperson for the George M. Apgar, Jr. family of Chester, N.J. who had 16 members present, deferred to Watchung. Marybelle Hoffman, who traveled from Wheat Ridge, Colorado, deferred to Florida.)

Elsie Lindaberry again made and denoted an afghan to be raffled off at the meeting. She also made three hats. Phyllis asked Elsie to pick the winning tickets. The afghan was won by Willard S. Apgar of Long Valley, N.J. (Phyllis stated her better half - The "First Lady.") The hats were won by: Debbie Apgar of Middlesex, N.J.; Al Tiger of Somerville, N.J.; and Willard Apgar of Long Valley, N.J.



Ruth & William Sharp, the longest - married couple at the reunion, have been wed for 52 years.

Phyllis asked Robert O. Apgar to come forward and pay tribute to the following members who passed away this year:

Helena M. Clarke-Bunn - 91 (Jacob), Stuart, Fla. Leroy Hann - 73 (Jacob), High Bridge, N.J.

Esther E. Hockenbury - 89 (Herbert), High Bridge, NJ.

Verna May Stewart - 89 (Herbert), Washington, NJ.

Isabella Apgar - 77 (Wife of John, Peter), Annandale, NJ.

Norman M. Alpaugh - 70 (Herbert), High Bridge, NJ.

Hattie Helwig Alpaugh, Scotch Plains, NJ.

Dorris Jones, (Wife of Past Pres. Wilson Jones), Ohio

James T. Harder, Ardmore, OK.

Wesley Apgar, Channolon, III.

Beatrice Apgar - 90, Hampton, NJ.

Sadly missed and may they all rest in peace.

Then Marybelle Hoffman shared reflections of and by her mother Beatrice Apgar with us. Beatrice died last September.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Carl Shuster, was introduced by his cousin Jack Shuster. Dr. Shuster presented a most informative slide program on the flax industry in Hunterdon County 100 years ago. Dr. Shuster volunteered his time and was thanked by Phyllis.

The date of next year's reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 14, 1994. Remember, it is always the third Saturday in September.

Phyllis thanked everyone for attending, wished that there year be a happy one and hopefully all of us will be here again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Zimmerman, Recording Secretary

The Apgar Family Time Capsule

by Robert O. Apgar, Past president, past trustee, honorary trustee

In 1975, a group of us got together and restarted the Apgar Family Reunions which have become the Apgar Family Association. That was 19 years ago, and we have grown into a formidable group. We have come this far through the efforts of many very dedicated and faithful people, whether you serve or served on the board of trustees, whether you work at various jobs that make the association a live and active group, whether you research the family genealogy and keep our historian up to date and share your work with us, or if you are one of the most important groups: you support the association by paying your dues and by your presence every year at the reunion. All of you are valued and treasured members, and without you, none of this could have happened. Now I would like to tell you of our latest and most exciting project and again ask for your help.

Recently, I attended the 250th anniversary celebration of the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company in High Bridge, N.J. The Taylor-Wharton Company of Harrisburg, Pa., presented the borough of High Bridge with a time capsule as a memento of their 133 years of continuous manufacturing of iron and steel products ^ within the borough limits. The company also manufactures gas cylinders, and they chrome-plated one and presented it to the borough.

When my grandfather, Marshall F. Apgar, was about 16 years old, he worked for Mr. W. H. Taylor, and admired him very much. One day, my grandfather took a piece of white oak from a demolished water wheel and he fashioned a cane for Mr. Taylor. Some time later, the cane was fitted with a gold handle, and a tradition was begun: the cane was given to the oldest living employee of the company, who would keep it until their own death, when the cane would be passed along to the next oldest. Some 60 years later, the cane was returned to my grandfather when he was the oldest living employee.

This cane is now kept in a special display box at the Taylor-Wharton headquarters. I was fortunate enough to have my picture taken at the celebration next to the cane.

There were Apgars working at Taylor-Wharton throughout the company's history, most who worked their all of their lives and many families had three generations employed at the same time. In my own immediate family, there were at least 12 of us who earned, a good living working for Taylor-Wharton, and loving it.

At the celebration, I mentioned to Jerry Farina, the director of sales and marketing, that our association might be interested in putting down a time capsule, "if

the price was right." He replied, "For the Apgars, we will be happy to manufacture a time capsule for free."

As an association, we have gathered precious data, memorabilia, and artifacts about our ancestors, and it has taken a long time and a lot of hard and diligent work to accomplish all that we have: we have published five books; more members of our family are being found every year; we have placed a memorial stone on the grounds of the original farmstead of Johannes Peter Apgard; and we have honored our revolutionary veterans. For the sake of our future generations, I propose to the board of trustees and the membership that we take on this project of burying a time capsule.

How many times have we wondered what our great-great grandparents were like? How did they live? What did they do? We have a wonderful opportunity here to show our descendants what we were like, how we lived, what we did, how we loved our heritage and the name "Apgar." We have treasures that we can place right into their hands. All they have to do — is open the time capsule.

We initially thought that we would like to bury the time capsule at the 1994 reunion, and leave instructions for it to be opened in the year 2134 A. D., the 400th anniversary of Johannes Apgard's arrival in New Jersey. But now, it is our feeling that we should wait until we can include the Dr. Virginia stamp, which is supposed to be issued after the reunion next year. There will be more discussion of this issue, I'm sure, but what do we care if the capsule is buried for 139 years or 140?

The total cost of this project should not exceed \$1,500. Most of the work can be done by volunteers, as was done with the family farmstead stone. The main cost would be about \$300 for a bronze plaque that would withstand the 140 years before the reopening of the capsule. Other costs would include obtaining the ground into which we would bury the capsule, and the installation of an above-ground stone to mark the spot. Donations will be gladly accepted. Dorothy and I would like to be the first to donate, and we have two nephews who also wish to contribute to the cause. Donors will have their names inscribed on a list that will be included in the time capsule. Donations should be sent to our treasurer, George M. Apgar, Jr., of Chester, NJ, and be clearly marked that it is specifically for the time capsule project.

A committee will be needed to decide where to bury the capsule, and another will be needed to select the materials to be enclosed. Anyone willing to serve on either committee should contact one of the trustees.

Historian Report

This report is made up from many sources, so if you have any changes in our family, send me the clipping or note, including your line, name, address, and full information on the birth, death, and/or marriage. Thank you to those of you who sent notices this year, and thanks in advance to those of you that have information for me coming this year.

Dorothy E. Apgar, 22 Beachfront Lane
New address: Lake Placid, FL 33852
(813)465-3786

† DEATHS

HELENA M. CLARKE BUNN (wife of 6.11.113.4) 91, d. 14 Jan. 1992, Stuart FL Cremation.
CATHERINE APGAR GANSON (6.23.4.4.1) 87, d. 5 Aug. 1992, Hemet, CA, Int. Eternal Valley Memorial Park, Newhall, CA.
LESLIE LEROY HANN (6.9.1.3.6.1/6.23.53.1.1) 73, d. 20 Dec. 1992, Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.
WALTER W. SMITH (hus. of 4.4.4.7.3.2) 95, d. 18 Dec. 1992, Int. Musconetcong Valley Cem., Hampton, NJ.
PRESTON I. APGAR (9.11.13.4.4) 76, d. 21 Oct. 1992, Int. Musconetcong Valley Cem., Hampton, NJ.
GLADYS VAN DYKE FARLEY (wife of 1.2.3.3.1.13) 92, d. 2 Dec 1992, Int Fairmount Cem., Chatham, NJ.
TONI-GAISTOLZ (3.53.4.12.1.1.1) 51, d. 4 Nov. 1992, Int Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Bernardsville, NJ.
MARY "POLLY" DIXON (10.14.6.5.3) 77, d. 9 Dec. 1992, Int. Harwich, Mass.
EMILIEOAKS FRITTS HILUKER (wifeof 4.4.4.7.7.6)86,d. 13 Dec 1992.
CAROL E. APGAR (7.3.1.2.23.1) 84, d. 8 Dec. 1992, Int. Mountain Veiw Cem., Cokesbury, NJ.
ESTHER E HOCKENBURY (6.4.7.4.1.2) 89, d. 14 Apr. 1993, Int Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.
GEORGE L. APGAR JR. (7.3.1.2.2.3.1) 85, d. 13 May 1993, Int. Hillside Cem., Scotch Plains, NJ.
EVELYN A. HOFFMAN (2.3.1.11.13.1) 78, d. 13 Aug. 1993, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ.
FRANK SUTTON (3.7.1.9.1.3.1/3.7.8.2.1.2) 74, d. 26 Mar. 1993, Int. Military Honors, Lower Valley Union Cem., Califon, NJ.
ISABELLE MITCHELL BUNN (wife of 6.11.11.3.2) 97, d. IOSept 1993, Int Atlanta, GA.
DORIS SCHELL JONES (wife of past president 10.5.5.6.1.1) 79, d. 1993, Int. OH.
JAMES L HARDER (10.2.1.2.2.2) 83, d. 1993, Int Ardmore, OK
ERNACARVATT (3.11.13.1.1) 94, d. 17 Sept. 1993, Int. Evergreen Cem., Clinton, NJ.
VERNA MAY APGAR STEWART (1.2.3.11.1.2.1) 89, d. 8 Jan. 1993, Int. Union Cem., Hackettstown, NJ.
ESTHER COOLEY WEST (10.14.13.2) 67, d. 4 May 1993, Int Locust Grove Cem., Quakertown, NJ.
JOHN W. WEST (hus. of 10.14.1.3.2) 71, d. Sept. 1993, Int Locust Grove Cem., Quakertown, NJ.
KATE BALDWIN LOOLOIAN (2.1.5.1.3.2.6) 81, d. Apr 27.1993, Int. Stewartsville, NJ.

META APGAR WAGNER (6.43.6.9.4) 81, d. 1 Jul. 1993, Int Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ.
H. LEROY WALTERS (6.4.7.5.6.1) 91, d. 23 Aug. 1993, Greenwood, SC.
ISABELLE APGAR (wife of 2.3.1.8.1.3) 77, killed by auto 16 Aug. 1993, Int Bloomsbury Cem., Bloomsbury, NJ.
NORMAN M. ALPAUGH (1.7.3.3.3.1.3) 70, d. 25 Jul. 1993, Int. Mountainview Cem., Cokesbury, NJ.
WILSON F. ANDERSON (6.10.7.3.3.1) 88, d. May 21 1993, Int. Union Cem., Lebanon, NJ.
CLARANCE A. CARVATT (3.11.1.3.1.3) 89, d. 2 June 1993, Int. Lower Valley Union Cem., Califon, NJ.
BARBARA LANDIS SEE (4.1.3.1.1.8.2) 83, d. June 1993, Int. Prospect Hill Cem., Flemington, NJ.

† BIRTHS:

STEPHANIE MAY APGAR, b. 8 Jul. 1992, to Gary Apgar (1.8.7.1.433) and Deborah Ann Steger
SCOTT HOWARTH JR., b. 8 Oct 1992, to Scott Howarth and April Parichuk (3.7.7.7.5.1.6.2/1.2.10.113.1.1.2) Phillipsburg, NJ.
NICHOLASJAMESMENGUCCI, b.26, Nov. 1992, to James Mengucci and Daphne Beaver (1.2.11.5.1.13.1.2) Phillipsburg, NJ.
DEVON ALLEN APGAR, b. 30 Sept 1992, to David Apgar (1.2.8.2.4.2.1.7) and Stacy Troha, Oak Ridge, NJ.
JUSTIN WILLIAM BEACHAM, b. 18 Oct. 1 992, to James Beacham and Brenda McCatham (6.43.4.5.6.1.1) Phillipsburg, NJ.
CODY FREDERICK METTLER, b. 8 Jan. 1993 to Jack Mettler and Tracy Apgar (unknown), Phillipsburg, NJ.
BRITTANY LYNN APGAR, b. 2 Feb. 1993 to Timothy Apgar (6.2.8.1.2.3.1.1.1) and JoAnn Tigar, Flemington NJ.
DEREK JOPEL CREGAR, b.23 Jul. 1993, to John Cregar Jr. and Lori Philhower (3.53.233.2.2.1) Flemington, NJ.
MEGAN GECIK, b. 12 Nov. 1992, to Elizabethan Tigar (1.23.7.2.23.121 3.7.7.23.8.12) and Gregory Gecik, Somerville, NJ.
HANNAH CORIANNE DOMAS, b. 10 Sept. 1992, to Susan Lynne Fury (9.5.9.6.2.1.1.2) and Timothy Domas.
CODY MICHAEL FLARTEY, b. 30 Aug. 1993, to Brian Jay Flartey (6.4.8.14.4.1.1.1).
TASK JOSEPH PLAUCHE, b. 8 June 1992, to Debbie Apgar (1.8.7.1.2.13.43/6.10.10.523.43/6.2.8.1.2.13.4.3) and Plauche, Louisiana.
TREY MICHAEL PLAUCHE, b. 8 June 1993, to Debbie Apgar (1.8.7.1.2.13.43/6.10.10.5.2.3.43/6.2.8.1.2.13.43) and Plauche, Louisiana.

† MARRIAGES:

SUSAN APGAR (23.1.8.1.1.1) and John Bonczak, 3 Oct 1992 at All Saints Lutheran Church, Piscataway, NJ.
JEFFREY JAMES CREGAR (1.2.11.8.7.9.2) and Karen Gay Marks, 10 Oct. 1992 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Brunswick, NJ.
TAMARAL. APGAR (3.7.7.2.7.63.3) and Clifford D. VanderMay, 21 Mar. 1992
GAYLE LYNN APGAR (unkown, Leonard Apgar Sr., Dover, NJ) and Charles Thomas Ignizio, 7 Nov. 1992 at First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA
KAREN CAROLINE LEAVER (6.12.10.5.23.1.2) and John Timothy McCarth, 29 May 1993 at North Hunterdon Baptist Church, Lebanon Twp., NJ
MICHAEL PARCHUK, JR. (3.7.7.7.5.1.6.1.1/1.2.10.113.1.1.1) and Susanne M. Gary, 21 Aug. 1993 at Rockaway Reformed Church, Whitehouse Station, NJ.
LORI ANNE HARNER (1.8.8.5.1.1.1.2) and Robert Lueger, 28 Aug. 1993, High Bridge Reformed Church, NJ.
HEATHER LYN APGAR (7.4.7.8.2.2.1.2) and Jay Allen Fike Jr., 4Sept 1993, First United Church Of Christ, Milford, NJ.

Correspondence

Dear Debbie;

This letter is in response to the invitation for the annual Apgar Reunion.

Where do I begin.... Debbie, my maiden name was Apgar, Eileen Estelle Apgar. I have a sister Rosemary, Doris, and a brother John Apgar. We reside in Huntington, Long Island. My sister Doris and I attended our first Apgar reunion in 1991. This was quite an event for us. I am going to try and make this explanation brief.

When I was 11, my father and mother separated. My mother had two sisters and one brother, none of which had any children. My father WILLARD APGAR passed away in 1990. We knew nothing of his whereabouts from the time he left. We heard of his death through social security. At the time he left, we resided in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. Now I will try and move to the part where I was informed of an APGAR REUNION.....

I am 52 and have been a real estate broker in Huntington Village for 15 years. During one business day, I was called to do a market analysis for a family that had the last name of APGAR. Needless to say, I was quite curious. This Dr. Apgar of Centerport (a village near Huntington) made me aware of the history of the Apgar family. He also showed me several books pertaining to their family tree.

My sisters, brother and I have wanted to trace my father's family for many years. He had three



George travelled from Vero Beach, Florida, to attend the reunion.



The Historian's table is always busy at the Apgar Reunion.

sisters and one brother: Grace, Don's, Helen, and Charles. It is my understanding that they are now residing in New Jersey. As a child I do remember going to Connecticut, to visit an aunt. I feel a strong need to find what I feel are first cousins. My mom (Rose Apgar) is 86. She lives in Greenlawn. My sister Rosemary, who is slightly retarded, resides with her.

We were all, with the exception of Rosemary, married and doing well. As you can see, Debbie, this is a mystery. We attended the reunion in 1991 hoping to seek information on our family. Doris and I wandered aimlessly at the reunion. We later realized that either a letter like this, or an announcement may create information. I have spoken to Dorothy in Florida regarding the above. She, as historian, was trying to trace back for us. It seems that we are now at a stand still. Is this all in vain., or will we ever know what happened to the other side of our family? Doris and I will be attending the gathering on September 1 8th. If you have any suggestions, I would surely appreciate your comments. Would it be possible to read the enclosed to the congregation?..or perhaps a message in the bulletin? I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks much for your time.

Sincerely yours, Eileen Apgar LeBrando (52)
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Greenlawn, New York 11740
(516)261-7137

The Family of Helen Irwin Shuster

Helen Irwin was born on Oct. 14, 1922, in Bloomsburg, Pa., the daughter of Forrest A. and Loa Leone Tolbert Irwin. She married Carl Nathaniel Shuster, Jr., on May 4, 1944. Carl was born on November 16, 1919, Randolph, Vermont, the son of Carl Nathaniel Shuster (1890-1983) and Edith Gladys Gilman (1895-1976).

Helen was active in Girl Scouts and Christian Fellowship. She graduated from Trenton High School in Trenton, NJ in 1939. She attended Oberlin College (1941 -1942) and graduated from New Jersey College for Women in 1944 with a B.A. degree in Spanish, and she was awarded first prize for composition in Spanish. She has been a Sunday School teacher at the Dutch Reformed Church, in New Brunswick, NJ, from 1950-1954, a president of the Holmes Marshall School PTA in 1952-1953, and a member of the League of Women Voters in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, from 1964-1970. In addition, she has taken courses at Rutgers University, University of Rhode Island, and Northern Virginia Community College.

Carl graduated from the Pennington School in 1938 and returned from Rutgers University in 1942 with a B.S. in zoology. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the 100th division headquarters from 1942-1943, then in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1945, including serving as a radar navigator with the 95th Bomb Group in England. For his efforts he earned an ETOO Ribbon with four battle stars, the Air Medal with a four oak-leaf cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After World War II, he returned to Rutgers as a graduate assistant and earned an M.S. degree in aquatic biology in 1948. In 1955, he earned a Ph.D. in marine biology from New York University.

Carl has had a tripart career. As an academician, he served as an instructor at Rutgers University (1948-1955), as director of Maine Laboratories at the University of Delaware (1955-1963), and as an adjunct professor of Biological Oceanography at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary (1963-1969).

While serving as an adjunct at William and Mary, Carl began his "bureaucratic" career, serving from 1963-1969 as director of Marine Health Sciences Laboratory for the U.S. Public Health Service in Narragansett, Rhode Island. From 1969-1971, he served as Division Ecologist of the Water Program, also for the U.S. Public Health Service in Cincinnati, Ohio; during 1971-1972, he was Branch Chief of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC; and from 1972-1984, he was chief Ecologist of the Federal Power Commission.

As a businessman, Carl was Senior Scientist for the General Research Corporation in McLean, Virginia from 1984-1987, and from 1990 to the present, he has been an Aquatic Impacts Specialist for EBASCO in Arlington, Virginia.

Carl is an authority on the natural history and ecology of the American horseshoe crab (*Limulus polyphemus*), Fellow of the American Association of Advancement of Science and of the New York Academy of Science, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts of America.

Helen Irwin and Carl Shuster have five sons.

Faust/Foust Family Forming Association

(Donald J. Foust of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, has been elected President of the newly organized FAust/FOust Family Association. He has taken on the additional duties of the editor for a new quarterly family newsletter and sent us a news item in case any members of our Apgar clan have roots or were married into the FAust/FOust clan. Ed.)

Donald J. Foust is a member of the National Genealogical Society, German Genealogical Society of America, and Clan Sutherland Society of North America. He is a co-author of "Early Land Transactions In Delaware and Morrow Counties, Ohio By Members Of The Foust Family".

A sample copy of the new FAust/FOust quarterly newsletter is available for \$1.00 from 3892 Trotwood Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ. 86406.

Membership Committee Report

We received 217 memberships into the Apgar Family Association for 1993. This is a slightly lower figure than the previous year.

In June of 1993, the Association conducted a successful membership drive, and another membership drive is anticipated in the spring of 1994.

Your membership dues are vital in keeping the Apgar Family Association active. Without membership dues, we would have to discontinue our newsletter, so please pass the word to your Apgar relatives to enroll in our organization.

One very important note: if you have a change of address, please refer that change to me only. There have been complaints that our members have not received newsletters or reunion notices because we do not have correct addresses. Apgar's extend the whole reach of our country so please keep me posted on this.

Let's make 1994 a banner year for new memberships. As a group we all work hard to keep the Apgar Family Association solvent.



George & John Ireland under the reunion banner

The President's Message

We are a very fortunate family to be so rich in heritage. Your continued support is very necessary to preserve this for our future generations. There are many areas in which you can help. We need new ideas, members who would be willing to serve as Trustees, and most important, new members. Sadly, over the years, we have lost many dedicated family members who were an inspiration to all of us. In their memories, let us all strive to make our association more successful and leave a legacy we -can all be proud of.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the other Trustees and committee members who untiringly devote their time and efforts to our family. Without their support, I would not be able to function as your president.

In closing, I would like to remind you that our reunion in 1994 will be our 20th. Let's have the greatest turnout ever! Its' success will be yours.

In family unity,
Phyllis P. Apgar
Apgar Family Association president

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Board of Trustees Meetings

The following is a compilation of the HIGHLIGHTS of the board of trustees meetings during the 1992-93 year. Ed.)

April 26, 1993-

Phyllis opened the meeting by reading a letter from former trustee Helen Apgar that thanked the association for the Apgar pin sent to her. It was through Helen and Dorothy Apgar's efforts that we had the program for the 1992 reunion.

Membership reports that as of now, we have 156 paid members.

It was reported that 450 copies of the newsletters were printed this year, as opposed to the usual 250-350 copies ordered in other years. The additional copies were to be used for the upcoming membership drive.

Jack Shuster said that he would check with his cousin on the possibility of doing a program on the flax industry in Hunterdon County 100 years ago.

June 14, 1993-

George M. reported that of the 250 pins purchased, we have 107 left. We've sold 143 so far, 40 since the newsletter came out.

Robert H. reported that he hadn't had any news on the Apgar stamp since a form letter reply he received in December.

Phyllis reported that 150 letters were sent to nonmembers from our mailing list in a membership drive attempt.

Jack Shuster reported that his first cousin would do a program on the Hunterdon County flax industry from 100 years ago that would include slides, and would last about 30 minutes. His cousin will not charge the association for the program

Robert O. gave out copies of the Time Capsule proposal: burial date would tentatively be set for the 1994 reunion, to be exhumed in September, 2134, commemorating the 400th anniversary of our patriarch Johannes Peter Apgar's arrival in America. The

projected cost would be about \$1,500 that would be raised from donations. The entire board of trustees would serve on the Time Capsule committee.

Phyllis read the following thank-you note received from Robert & Dorothy:

"Bob and I would like to thank all of those who helped with our reunion duties last September. We buried our Grandson that day.

I want to thank you for the Apgar pin. Helen and I never had any idea how far our small beginning would go. No one person but the entire group can bring forward this Association. Good luck to our future.

Regards, Dorothy"

"All of Brian's family thank you for your gift to the Children's Hospital. It will help some other child get well or to be comforted.

Dorothy & Bob, Brian's Family"

August 23, 1993-

Phyllis reported for Barbara that we currently have 204 members, and that 32 have joined as a result of the membership drive.

Dorothy and Robert are moving to Lake Placid, Florida. The family memorabilia stored at their home must be moved. Jack, George M. and George N. volunteered to move and store the memorabilia by October 1.

Phyllis reported that of the original 36 Apgar hats ordered, 30 have already been sold for \$5 each. It was decided that five dozen more hats be ordered for the reunion.

George M. reported on a possible Apgar watch, but it was decided that there was not enough time to get some in time for the reunion this year, so discussion will be tabled until next year.

Robert O. will give a presentation about the time capsule at the reunion.

The five trustees whose terms ended this year have all agreed to stay on. Thus, the current board was re-nominated and the motion was carried.

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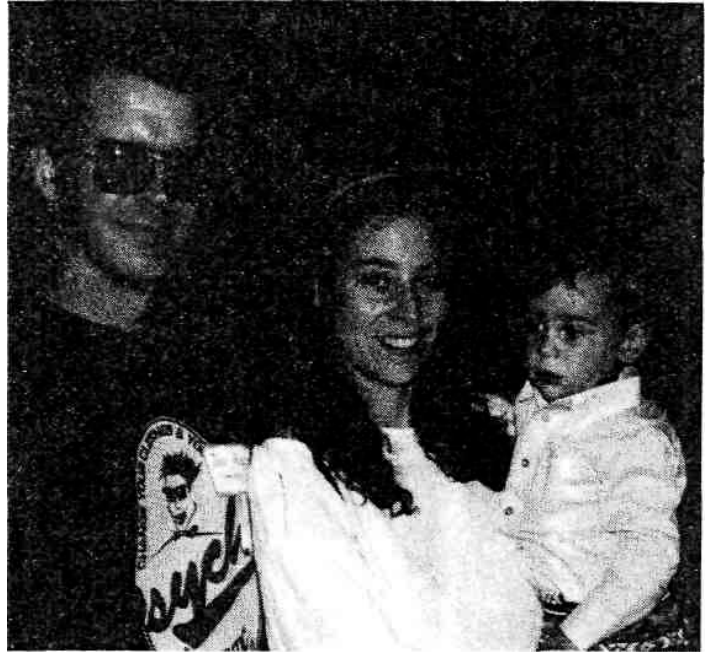
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I want to take this moment to apologize for the scarcity of quality pictures in this edition, I used a borrowed camera at the reunion last year, and the flash attachment did not work properly, thus we have no group picture from the 1993 reunion.

Also, if anyone has any items that they would like to be considered for the newsletter, please send them to me at the above address. Everything can and will be returned. I am especially looking for old photos, of our ancestors or where they lived, etc. Anything of interest would help.

Thank you.

Wayne T. Dilts, Editor



John S. Apgar with his wife, Ellen and their son, Jamie Alan, at the J 993 reunion

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