

A Message from our President, Burdell Steigerwalt

As I was wondering what to say this year to you, I was taken back some 60 years when I went to the Steigerwalt reunion. I remember looking forward to the reunion each year- the picnic lunches, the train rides, the merry-go-round, baseball games, the games, the fellowship, the people we had not seen for a long time. It was an all day affair with sometimes having 400 to 500 people attending. My, how times have changed. I came across this poem which says it all for me.

If We Only Knew

If we only knew that the smiles we see
Often hide the tears that would fain be free,
Would we not more tender and loving be,
If we only knew?

If we only knew that the words we say
Oft may drive the peace from some heart away,
Would we speak those words in the self same way,
If we only knew?

If we only knew that some weary heart
Has been burdened more by our thoughtless art,
Would we cause the tears from those eyes to start,
If we only knew?

If we only knew, as we onward go,
Many things that here we can never know,
For more patient love we would often show,
If we only knew.

Yes, if we only knew what our ancestors and our dedicated officers went through to keep our reunion alive, and our history records kept up to date. If we only knew what it meant to come together as family for fellowship and share our joys and sorrows with one another. If we only knew all the thing they did to keep our family reunion strong and healthy.

If I only knew 40 years ago when I became your president what I would be doing here in 2006, would I be doing anything different? The answer is possibly- doing more of what I am doing and what our past presidents have done- and that is bringing us together so we might share for just one day a year what it means to be a Steigerwalt and tell one another we love them as a sister or a brother; and letting us not forget those who have paved the way for us but at the same time opening the door for future officers who must carry the responsibility of preserving our history and having the same purpose of fellowship for us for many years to come.

To this end I say AMEN! God bless you all! I look forward to our 100th year anniversary of the reunion in only three more years.

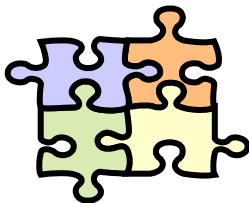
Love,
Burdell

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Starting Balance as of May 2005	\$4067.70
2005 Reunion Receipts:	+ \$2351.50
2005 Reunion Expenses:	- \$1938.45 (profit of \$413.05)
Certificate of Deposit (CD) in bank value	\$2555.96
Ending Balance in Checking	\$1924.79

Total Value May 2006 \$4480.75

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**A Message from our Historian, Stacey Solt
“Unlocking the puzzle of our past”**

As you already know, we recently sent a postcard survey to every Steigerwalt household. I’m excited to report that close to one third of you responded with requests for electronic copies of the newsletter. This will benefit all of us, bringing family news to you faster and saving the reunion time and money. I think it is important for us to take advantage of today’s technology, and use it to bring the family closer together. I also encourage you to visit our website, <http://steigerwalt.go.to>, which contains an updated version of our family history. Please be patient while it loads – we have a long history, so it’s a big website!

As I prepare for my own future. I’m also becoming more aware of how precious the past is. I am currently working on a Steigerwalt History Book update, and it brings a smile to my face when I read what my ancestors have done. Did you grandfather work for Bethlehem Steel, or sow the grain that fed the growing east coast? Did you great-grandmother work just as hard, raising a family and contributing to the community? We need to know these things. These tidbits of information will keep our family history alive for generations to come.

Spring of 2006 marks my first full year as family historian. Please continue to send your family updates, because we cannot keep an accurate Steigerwalt family history without everyone’s help.

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100th Anniversary!!!!

The 100th Anniversary committee consists of Anita Bond, Clair Solt, Burdell Steigerwalt and Edward Steigerwalt. They welcome your suggestions for ways to celebrate. So far suggestions have been to have a pig roast, special entertainment, etc.

We do wish to not offer the kitchen that year so that the kitchen crew can enjoy the day along with the rest of the family. Bring along your suggestions!

May God comfort all who are saddened by the death of their close loved ones.
May God welcome them into His embrace in heaven as their leave their earthly home.

Carol M. Heintzelman	12/7/1952 - 7/1/2005
Elizabeth B. Kokinda	5/16/1936 - 7/3/2005
William C. Donaldson	8/22/1966 - 7/5/2005
Eva M. Fink	10/2/1921 - 7/22/2005
Luther Steigerwalt	6/20/1927 - 8/12/2005
Anna G. Snyder	4/28/1925 - 8/12/2005
Arlene Oswald	6/8/1918 - 8/13/2005
Harry T. Steigerwalt	8/2/1921 - 8/30/2005
Claude Herbert Ziegler	12/14/1917 - 9/1/2005
Hilbert Guy Snyder	2/16/1928 - 9/12/2005
Gerald C. Freeby	1924 - 9/22/2005
Jerome K. Sheckler	10/26/1941 - 9/24/2005
Edna G. Haberman	4/19/1915 - 9/28/2005
Richard Oscar Oswald	4/3/1931 - 10/11/2005
Jean E. Ziegenfus	11/10/1940 - 10/21/2005
Viola Mae Nothstein	10/29/1914 - 10/23/2005
Neil W. Rex	11/22/1937 - 11/1/2005
Charles E. Maricle Jr.	11/13/2005
Doris M. Nothstein	11/14/1927 - 11/18/2005
Dorothea P. Peters	7/30/1926 - 11/24/2005
Ella A. Steigerwalt	5/26/1908 - 11/28/2005
Ronald Grube	11/30/2005
Edwin C. hill	9/30/1946 - 12/27/2005
Anita Louise Hermany	11/25/1938 - 12/28/2005
Marie Hoppes	1910 - 1/11/2006
Marjorie B. Saunders	11/6/1915 - 1/13/2006
Barbara Ann Kleckner	7/10/1942 - 1/17/2006
Mary Jayne Bittner	3/17/1943 - 1/17/2006
Orpha E. Steigerwalt	9/3/1916 - 1/19/2006
Alice Catherine Mowry	7/29/1910 - 1/20/2006
Leroy Scheffler	3/29/1917 - 1/23/2006
Norman Schaeffer	9/10/1922 - 1/24/2006
Amelia Heine	1/24/1908 - 1/26/2006
Ethelbert R. Faust	6/1/1917 - 1/27/2006
Carl Lauchnor	7/25/1941 - 2/7/2006
Helen May Steigerwalt	3/20/1922 - 2/16/2006
Carl Luther Rehrig	6/9/1930 - 2/26/2006
Bruce E. Steigerwalt	12/26/1951 - 2/28/2006
Donald O. Bensinger	10/16/1926 - 3/5/2006
Dale L. Heintzelman	3/22/2005
Virginia G. Steigerwalt	6/4/2006

