

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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Biennial Gathering

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North San Diego County

## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Biennial Gathering of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was held in Escondido, California Oct. 3-5, 1986.

Relatives and friends started gathering early, several arrived Oct. 1st and most were there by the 2nd. This pre-conference time allowed for a lot of catch-up conversation as well as side trips to Balboa Park, Sea World, a beach on the Pacific Ocean, and for some a trip to the Mtn. Palomar observatory.

Reunion chairman, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, set up a great program and deserves our thanks and gratitude for all his hard work, time, and effort which made this weekend such a success.

The hotel management went out of it's way to insure all those attending as trouble free a time as possible, from taking care of early arrivals to allowing RV's to park in the back lot.

The program included both work and play. Friday morning the board met at the reunion center, Hotel Escondido, for about three hours. Reports of officers were given, and several items of business were discussed. ( see article "President Boerker summarizes" )

The afternoon registration was handled by Mabel Westcott, Wilma Avery ( in a wet bathing suit ) and Sharon Coltey. The hotel lobby was full as old friendships were renewed, and new ones started. One person was heard to say, "I came because I wanted to see what a 'Kindred' is. "

Friday evening an informal gathering of the entire group was held, with 52 in attendance. Fern Peterson displayed pictures she had taken on a recent trip to Yeovil, England, and Col. Stewart Westcott gave a presentation of slides, including the St. John the Baptist Church where Stukely and Julianna were married. Fern took orders for duplicates of her pictures. Punch and cookies were served as people took group pictures and shared family information.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday morning the business meeting of the society was held at the Community Reformed Church of Escondido. President, Allan Boerker, introduced Dr. F. Howard Westcott, our California host, who welcomed the group and expressed his joy and pleasure at having this national meeting in California.

President Boerker introduced the current officers and board members present; Vice-president, Mabel L. Wescott; Treasurer, Paul Lewis; Editor, Pauline W. Dennis; Registrar-Genealogist, Edna J. Lewis; Chaplain, Verner U. Ramsing; Board members F. Howard Westcott, Pauline Clark and Claudine Boerker.

State chapters represented were Vermont # 5, New Hampshire # 12, Virginia # 13. Thirteen states were represented at this meeting; New York, California, Ohio, Florida, Rhode Island, Washington, Georgia, New Jersey, Kansas, Connecticut, Arizona, New Hampshire, Virginia.

Memorial Service was conducted by Chaplain Ramsing honoring members:

Myrtle Jay Campney  
Craig W. Champion, Sr.  
Harry Corneau  
Delbert F. Lundquist  
Myrta Grace Paugh  
Dorothy Whitman Potter  
Frances Wescott Reed  
John Gabrey

Oliver Westcott Shipper  
Sylvia Ruth Reed Smith  
Morris Bishop Townsend  
Mrs. Carl Westcott  
Edward J. Wescott  
George P. Westcott  
Lynne Westcott

#### Relatives of members

Don Carr, Thurston Frank Lewis, Alice Lewis McMorro, Flora Westcott Printy, Dorothy March Stevens Westcott, John Thomas Wescott III, Dorothy Zimmerman, Robin Gemmell

#### Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Paul Lewis, reported total income, including the balance from 1984, of \$ 4022.32. Expenses of \$ 2339.15, leaving a balance of \$ 1683.17 in the account as of 9/20/86. Alice and Bert Hoffman audited the report.

#### Registrar- Genealogist

Edna J. Lewis reported 16 family, 14 individual, and 1 associate membership applications have been accepted and processed. An additional 6 are in process now, and several dropped members have been reinstated.

Honorary life memberships were granted to William Bender, Paul Cooper, Marion W. Fore, William W. Hopkins, Harold Perdue, Mabel L. Wescott, Florence Y. Westcott, Elrena K. Wescott, Leonard R. Westcott, David L. Westcott, Paul D. Westcott, Berdene W. Thomas, Rena S. Gray. ( editor's note- see Quarterly April '85 and April ' 86 for details )

Chaplain Ramsing reported that he has sent condolence cards when notified of a death. He would appreciate being notified of next of kin when a death is reported.



Claudine and Allan Boerker, pres.  
Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Board

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Scholarship

Scholarship Fund has \$ 9,650 outstanding, and a current balance of \$ 670. Chairman, F. Howard Westcott, voiced his concern about this situation. Since so many students have not re-paid their loan, there is no money available for new student loans. He asked that we all encourage anyone we know with an outstanding loan to, please, make payments, so this fund may be rebuilt.

Quarterly Editor, Pauline W. Dennis, reported she now has the mailing list in alphabetical order as well as by membership number. Laura P. Dennis, editor's daughter in law, has made a computer disc of the current list which will be of great help in the future. The cost of this news letter averages \$ 120-\$ 135 per issue.

### LUNCH

Special thanks to the ladies of the missionary group who served salads and casseroles typical of the west, at the church after our business meeting.

### WILD ANIMAL PARK TOUR

Julianna Westcott, Dr. Howard's daughter, who works at the park, gave us a behind the scenes tour including the elephants bedroom, and the animal grocery store where all the special foods are stored. This spectacular park embraces 1,800 acres with more than 2,200 animals which we viewed from a 50 minute mono rail ride over the expanses of land representing Africa and Asia.

### SATURDAY BANQUET

The buffet of sirloin tips of beef, seafood newberg, salads, vegetables and apple strudel, was followed by the Red Hot Mamma's, a variety show of singing and dancing highlighted by a rousing military number and an outstanding fiddler.

Two new charters were presented to state chapters. The California #14 charter was accepted by F. Howard Westcott, and the Ohio # 15 charter accepted by Betty Acker. The Vermont chapter, now 50 years old, was issued a new charter which was accepted by Mabel L. Wescott. The original will be preserved.

A Second Wind award was given by Dr. Westcott to past president Pauline Clark. This certificate recognizes her as a member of the Second Wind Hall of Fame founded by Phillip J. Kelley, honoring those who catch a second wind after retirement and begin a second career. Pauline joins Edna J. Lewis, Mabel L. Wescott, and Dr. Howard Westcott as members of this prestigious group.

### SUNDAY CHURCH was held at the Community Reformed Church of Escondido.

Rev. Warren Thompson welcomed the Westcott family on this communion Sunday. Senior Pastor, Rev. Richard Huls, delivered the sermon, " Fight to Win or Else ". After the church service, we gathered in the inspiring church gardens for pictures and farewells. Many who did not have to catch an early plane lunched together at the King's Table, an all you want to eat buffet. Several cousins were seen to have an interesting combination of desserts.

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### New Officers

President- Allan Boerker 10982 Tower Pl., Manassas, VA 22110  
V. President- Sylvia Utke-Ramsing, 637 Oakland Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22302  
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New board members- Edmund W. Morris, Pink Hill, RR#2, Crozet, VA 22932  
Sharon F. Coltey, 5224 Woodland Dr., Lake City, GA 30260

### President Boerker Summarizes Society Business

Some comments of proceedings at the 1986 national reunion may be of interest to our members.

1. Complete names and address list of society members is now in possession of each officer and board member. Any member who does not wish their name and address to be sent to another member who has requested it, should notify editor, Pauline W. Dennis, and she will notify all officers and board members to mark your name as 'restricted'. This will insure your privacy.
2. We need volunteers for registrar for state chapters and an assistant registrar for Edna Lewis. The registrars work has increased to a point where it is no longer possible for one person to handle all the work for the whole organization. Please contact Edna Lewis if you are interested.
3. We need a place for our next biennial meeting in 1988 -- any suggestions are welcome. Volunteers will be needed to set up the program and make arrangements for accomadations once the site is established.
4. Some discussion was held in regard to our Society becoming a non-profit organization. At present we will continue to function as we are, while a committee continues a search of feasibility.
5. Oscar Place has provided SSWD with the alatest on the Warwick Charter restoration. A letter from the president of the Warwick Historical Society and a press release will be printed along with a copy of the charter in the next Quarterly.
6. Recently there has been an increased demand for our SSWD Genealogy. We are working on getting another edition published. Members will be kept informed of the progress.

Retiring officers  
Mabel L. Wescott, VP; Sharon Coltey, Sec.



# guests

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<u>Charles H. Dennis</u> <small>name</small>	<u>Ned &amp; Fran Morris</u>	<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Allan E. Barber</u>
<u>Pauline W. Dennis</u>	<u>Lloyd E. Morrison</u>	<u>Mrs. Mrs. Sharon J. Cobby</u>
<u>Suzy W. Rochette</u>	<u>Betty W. Coker</u>	<u>Miss &amp; Mrs. Raymond H. Hilly</u>
<u>Wes Rochette</u>	<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Paul R. Lewis</u>	<u>Jana M. Coker</u>
<u>Sara W. Berry</u>	<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Arthur Westcott</u>	<u>Mrs. &amp; Mrs. Vernon W. Kennedy</u>
<u>Lay Olson</u>	<u>Alice Bert Hoffman</u>	<u>M/M C. E. Place</u>
<u>Miss Wescott</u>	<u>Pauline V. Clark</u>	<u>Arlene M. Dale</u>
<u>J. Howard Westcott</u>	<u>Mabel L. Westcott</u>	<u>Wesley G. Gurnea</u>
<u>Johanna Westcott</u>	<u>Fern Westcott Peterson</u>	<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stewart E. Westcott</u>
<u>Michael Westcott Gray</u>	<u>Lynnda &amp; Rick McCracken</u>	<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John A. Westcott</u>
<u>Chris. Melville</u>	<u>Wilma W. Gray</u>	<u>Fern L. Westcott</u>
<u>Dorie Melville + JR</u>	<u>Alice &amp; Bert Hoffman</u>	<u>Clara &amp; Frances Fournier</u>
<u>Kath &amp; Chuck &amp; Dawn Westcott</u>		
<u>Mark L. Melville.</u>		

## FROM THE LETTER BOX

Arthur and Barbara Westcott of Massena, NY announce a new Grand-child, Nathan Daniel Fregoe. Born to Daniel and Judy Wescott Fregoe in Albany, NY on April 26, 1986. Nathan joins sister Jessy Marie who was born on January 2, 1985.

Charles and Pauline W. Dennis of Mesa, AZ are grandparents of Charles Brian Dennis, born August 1, 1986 in Phoenix, AZ. Members Donald and Laura Price Dennis are the proud parents.

Col. and Mrs. Carlton J. Cook of High Point, NC celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 8, 1986. The Cook's were married in Binghamton, NY. Mrs. Cook (Jeanette Westcott) was Charter member #4 of SSWD.

Alice and Bert Hoffman of Florida - Just a note to say how much we enjoyed our activities at the reunion. After leaving San Diego, we visited with friends in Albuquerque for 10 days. They took us to see many sites in New Mexico, and even furnished us with a one day snow storm.

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