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STUKELEY WESTCOTT, 1592 – 1677, planter and colonizer, one of the 13 original proprietors of Providence Plantation and Colony of Rhode Island; of Salem, Mass.; 1635, Providence, R.I., 1638, and Warwick, R.I., 1647. His wife: Juliana Marchant. Their children: Damaris (Arnold), Samuel, Mercy (Stafford), Jeremiah.



Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America Reunion
Newark, Ohio
June 27-29, 2008

The reunion will be held at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio. To make your reservations, please call (800) 788-8008 and mention the Westcott Society Reunion to receive the discounted rate of \$115.00 plus tax. There is a great water park attached to the Lodge. Our discount price is \$18.00 per day. Free parking.

Directions to the Lodge: On State Route 16, go to Cherry Valley Road. Turn South at the light and go past a few houses. Cherry Valley Lodge will be on your left.

Thursday: Board members arrive for the board meeting on Friday morning.

Friday: The Hospitality room will be open with information for places of interest to visit and also a great meeting place to visit with your "cousins" while you enjoy the displays of Historian Betty's Westcott memorabilia. There will be games to play for all ages.

Friday Evening: We will have a casual BBQ picnic on the patio with a D.J. and Good Cousin Fellowship.

Saturday Morning: We will hold the Society Membership Meeting with the Memorial Service to follow immediately. Late morning and afternoon you may choose to go sightseeing or stay at the lodge and enjoy the CoCo Key Water Resort (50,000 square foot indoor water resort), Banyan Leaf Spa, Indoor swimming pool, and arcade game and exercise room. On the Lodge grounds you will also find a duck pond with a gazebo and ample courtyards with beautiful flowers, waterfalls, and a bike path. Bikes for all ages are free of charge. Cherry Valley Lodge can also make reservations for golfing within a 10 minute drive of the lodge.

Saturday Evening: We will have a sit-down dinner, music and dancing, and once again Good Cousin Fellowship.

Sunday Morning: Church services will be held at 9:00 AM. Some "cousins" will have to leave early for their drives home, but we hope many will be able to stay and attend. Breakfast and lunch will be on your own: Information on nearby restaurants will be available at the Lodge or the hotel restaurant will also be open.

If you get a chance, please check out Cherry Valley Lodge's website at www.cherryvalleylodge.com

Additional local places of interest:

Ye Olde Mill: www.velveticecream.com

Flint Ridge & Newark Earthworks: www.ohiohistory.org

Longaberger: www.longabergerhomestead.com

The Dawes Arboretum: www.dawesarb.org

National Heisey Glass Museum: www.heiseymuseum.org

The Works: www.attheworks.org

Granville, OH: www.granvilleoh.com

Committee: Kerry Paxson, Dianne Hatfield, Mazie Taylor, Denise Taylor-Spiker, and Betty W. Acker

James P. Felix, 7/17/1923 – 2/11/2006

James P. Felix, resident, business owner, and community leader of Escondido for 46 years, died Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Palomar Medical Center. The cause of his unexpected death was an aggressive intestinal infection. His wife, children, and several grandchildren were present at his bedside.

Jim moved to Escondido in 1960 with his wife, Polly, and three children, Linda, Jim Jr., and Jeff. He entered the insurance profession and began Felix & Associates Insurance Agency. As his business grew, he purchased several office buildings and later added agencies in Vista and Oceanside.

A lifelong entrepreneur, Jim loved living in Escondido and poured his optimistic spirit and energetic leadership skills into the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Palomar Family Counseling Center, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, YMCA, and First United Methodist Church.

Helping to envision the Chamber Ambassadors and serving as one of its five original members, Jim was confirmed in 2005 as a Lifetime Chamber Member and Lifetime Chamber Ambassador. The chamber also created the "Jim Felix Volunteer of the Year Award" acknowledging his contribution of over 500 new members.

In tribute to his unfailing attendance and leadership for 46 years, Jim was known by his peers as "Mr. Kiwanis." He served as President and Lieutenant Governor and was internationally recognized as the most prolific recruiter in the history of Kiwanis. Reflecting on his experience, Jim said, "The friendship and joy Kiwanis has given me can never be replaced, and the community work we all do gives me great satisfaction."

Jim also served as president of the Palomar YMCA and helped to renovate the present facility. At the First United Methodist Church, Jim participated in the Bethlehem Walk, Rotational Shelter, Stewardship Committee, and United Methodist Men's Fellowship.

Jim began his lifetime of service at age eight by helping his father provide for his family during the Great Depression. Selling newspapers on the street corners of Ashtabula, Ohio, the young Italian-American learned to endure hardship and seize opportunity. After his papers were sold, Jim picked violets, wrapped them with rubber bands, and offered them for sale. On the way home, he stuffed his pockets with pieces of coal to provide warmth for his family at home. As a result of his persistence and enterprising spirit, he owned "Jimmy's Parcel Delivery Service" by age 15. For five years, he plied the streets of Ashtabula delivering prescriptions, groceries, and furniture. Called into the United States Army at 19 years old, he served with General Patton's forces returning home from World War II a decorated hero with a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Jim married his childhood sweetheart, Pauline, 62 years ago. After the war he and Polly packed up their personal belongings and two babies into one of his delivery trucks and headed to California. The young couple made their home in Los Angeles where Jim soon rose to district manager for the Mirror-News. Later, he owned and operated "Felix's Chicken City Barbeque" in downtown Palm Springs. In 1960 he moved to Escondido.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Theresa, his brother Joseph, and his sister in-law, Angie. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda Morris Freshwater and John Freshwater; his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Debbie Felix; and his eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Bill; his brother and sister-in-law, Leo and Patty; his sister-in-law, Vi; and his brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Dee Felix.
Submitted by Pauline L. Felix