

RFA Dispatch

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RFA Elections and Results

The past few weeks have been busy and exciting ones for your RFA Board in its continuing effort to re-build and re-organize our association. During this period, the RFA Board considered and voted on two significant ballot initiatives and, for the first time ever in the RFA's long and honorable history, distribution of the ballot issues and the voting process were conducted using the resources of the Internet.

The first ballot issue was distributed on January 25, 2012, and addressed three issues, as follows:

Item 1: Shall Larry "Joe" Reynolds of Mount Pleasant, TX, serve as RFA President in relief of William L. "Bill" King?

Item 2: Shall William L. "Bill" King, in recognition of his having served the past twelve years in the position of RFA President, be offered an "At Large" position on the RFA Board?

Item 3: Shall Debra Ann "Debbie" Reynolds Jones of Georgetown, DE, serve as RFA registrar to replace Marilyn J. Newton, who has resigned from that position?

On January 30, William H. "Bill" Marshall of Cape Elizabeth, ME, a member of the RFA Board who agreed to proctor the election, reported that all three items in this ballot initiative had been unanimously approved.

A second ballot initiative was distributed on February 22nd. That initiative consisted of a single item, as follows:

Item 1: Shall Ern Reynolds of Roanoke, VA, who presently serves as RFA Corporate Secretary, additionally serve as RFA Treasurer in relief of Rosemary Markham?

Cynthia Nason, another member of the RFA Board who agreed to serve as election steward in this voting action, reported on February 27th that this initiative had also been approved.

These RFA ballot initiatives have resulted in significant changes in leadership in our association. Larry "Joe" Reynolds is now RFA President, Debra Reynolds Jones is now RFA Registrar and Ern Reynolds, previously our Corporate Secretary now has additional responsibilities under the title of RFA Corporate Secretary/Treasurer.

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Comments from Larry "Joe" Reynolds, In-Coming RFA President

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to say how thrilled I am to assume the position of President of this wonderful organization. With your help, I want to see the Reynolds Family Association grow and become a major tool in the research of this great family.

A little about myself.... I was born on June 19, 1945, in Hunt Co., TX, the oldest son in a family of fifteen children. I grew up in east Texas and joined the United States Army at the age of seventeen. While in the service, I earned my college degrees and several computer certifications. After serving almost 23 years in the military, I retired from the Army and went to work for the State of Texas. I worked for several different companies as well as the State of Texas and retired from the private sector as a computer and network technician on April 1st, 2011.

I am the proud parent of two wonderful children, a son and daughter, and have two grandchildren from each of them. In October of last year, we purchased a new home here in Mount Pleasant, TX, and moved here from Colorado. We do still have our home in Aurora, CO, and plan to spend the summers there. We do lots of traveling and enjoy visiting new places and seeing new sights. This is a wonderful way to combine genealogy and travel.

I got interested in genealogy on March 9, 1974, after talking with my 6 year old son about my father's death. I explained that he was my son's Grandfather, and then my son asked me who my Grandfather was. I was embarrassed to tell him that I didn't know my Grandfather's name, since he had died before I was born. On the way home, I made a commitment to learn more about my family and, as they say, the rest is history.

My earliest known Reynolds ancestor is William Reynolds who married Jane Milliken in Greene Co., TN, on August 23, 1790. It took me until 1993 to trace my family back that far and that is where I have been stuck for the past 22 years. If any of you are interested in finding out more about me, you can visit my web site at:

< <http://www.reynoldsfamilycircle.com> > and see my page at :
< <http://www.reynoldsfamilycircle.com/author.htm> >.

I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible in the future!

Larry "Joe" Reynolds

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Comments from Debra Reynolds Jones, In-Coming RFA Registrar

Hello everyone!

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Reynolds Family Association Registrar. It may take me a bit to get settled in the position, but I am looking forward to working with everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was born "Debbie Reynolds" (Debra Ann Reynolds) on May 24, 1954. I am the oldest of three children and hail from Milton, DE.

I graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and the Sussex Vocational-Technical High School in June 1972. The month of June was very busy for me in that I had two graduations, took my State Boards and married, all by the 16th of the month! My husband, who was also from the Milton area, and I now live in Georgetown, DE. He is a retired police officer having over thirty years of service.

I have one son, Jerry, who lives in Philadelphia, PA, with his wife Rachel, and my two grand-dogs.

I am currently employed by the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center in Georgetown, DE. I have more than one role at the Center.

Day-to-day, I am the Quality Assurance Supervisor and the Center Training Officer for the 911 Center. We take great pride that our 911 Center is recognized by the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch as an "Accredited Center of Excellence."

I also work the Emergency Management side of our operation where I act as a Logistics Officer. I do Public Information for both sides of our operations.

As a hobby, my husband and I do Civil War re-enactments and Living History events. I am a Nationally Registered Living Historian.

We own a 12 # Field Howitzer (cannon) and formed the unit 2nd Company Richmond Howitzers to participate in battle re-enactments as an artillery unit. Our personal web site is < www.richmondhowitzers.org >.

We belong to a Civil War "umbrella" organization, 1st Legion PACS < www.1stlegionpacs.com > , in which I hold the office of Treasurer and do their newsletter.

In our spare time, we belong to several community organizations and I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Historical Society
< www.marvelmuseum.com > and am an officer of the Sussex County Return Day Committee
<<http://www.returnday.org>>.

I have been working on researching my family and my husband's family history for years. It is always a work in progress. Just recently, I was fortunate to have my brother agree to participate in the Reynolds DNA project. Hopefully it will turn up some "cousins" to correspond with.

It is a privilege to be able to serve with the RFA and I hope to be meeting other members soon.

Best Wishes,

Debbie

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Retrieval and Restoration of RFA Membership Records

In a venture related to the RFA voting activities, Ern Reynolds, RFA Corporate Secretary, accompanied by his wife, Winnie, undertook and successfully completed a mission of epic portions on behalf of the association.

The two of them left New York City, where they reside part time, on January 22nd and drove through snow and wintry conditions about 1,150 miles to Winterset, IA, which is located in the west central part of that state, to meet with Marilyn J. Newton, our RFA Registrar for many years, and her husband. Marilyn passed all the RFA membership records and associated years of correspondence to Ern during his visit.

After the RFA records were securely loaded into his vehicle, Ern headed eastward and drove another 1,150 miles to Georgetown, DE. In Georgetown, they met with Debbie Reynolds Jones, our RFA Registrar-elect, and her husband, Wes, on January 27th and delivered these essential RFA records intact before returning to their home in Roanoke, VA.

We wish to acknowledge the dedication, care and co-operation of all concerned in this monumental and vitally important endeavor. With the restoration of our membership records, we can complete the task of identifying former RFA members and filling-in some instances of missing information on current members. And, of course, custody of these records allows us to deal competently with prospective new members of our association.

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A Reminder about Dues

A reminder to those members who have not yet sent in their checks that annual dues were due on January 16, 2012. Please make checks payable to the RFA and send your check in the amount of \$20.00 to the following address:

Reynolds Family Association
c/o Ern Reynolds, RFA Corporate Secretary
1324 Brunswick St SW
Roanoke, VA 24015-2229

Email: EFReynolds@verizon.net

RFA dues are assessed against those with annual memberships. RFA Lifetime members are exempt from this assessment of annual membership dues.

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