



Family Reunion Planning 101

A panel discussion with: Karina Hahn-Claydon, Darla Baker, Nadine Bechstein Musser, Julie Radzimoski, and Deb Dauer

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1. *How do you get started?*

Moenter/Christen:

- Identify which branch to invite- Anyone invited another time, just one branch
- Identify where, who and jobs: 1. Who reserves a spot 2. Who in charge of contacts 3. Who in charge of family history 4. meal planning

Bechstein:

- Different family in charge each year. Started with oldest to youngest.
- Information & boxes of supplies pass from one year to the next.
- Boxes hold games/tickets/buckets for white elephant, paper plates, silverware, extension cords etc.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- Held small reunion when mother passed. Later held much larger reunion for Blausy/Oberhouse families.
- For the last reunion, Darla was the planning committee – Each sibling took a part for the actual day.
- Early on Aunt Gussie would organize reunions at Harrison Park on the Oberhouse side. She would type up little booklets with family member's names, addresses, and birthdates. Many years passed before the next reunion.

Radzimoski:

- We have officers (President, Secretary, Historian, Games) who are elected each year.
- Our reunion has been taking place for 104 years!

Current:

- We set up a "Planning Committee" of willing and engaged cousins. We met on a semi-regular basis.
- We utilized past agendas & ideas to make it easy!
- The planning gatherings are sometimes the most fun part! I love my cousins!

2. How do you identify the invitees?

Moenter/Christen:

- Size- 100 anniversary, Mike's 150 year designation for Herman Henry Moenter. Christens- one branch in charge of their branch contacts.

Bechstein:

- Any relative of John and Jesse Bechstein are welcome to attend the reunion.
- All family members are notified about the event (If an address is on file).

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- I invited my dad & mom's siblings and all their children.
- Was also able to invite one of my dad's cousins who really likes genealogy. Approximately 100 invited.

Radzimoski:

- All relatives who are on our family list.

Current:

- Worked with cousins from each branch to identify all the living "Currents" and get their contact info

3. Example - Data Spreadsheet

"Living" CURRENT Cousins												8/18/2024		
# Att.	Family Member	Spouse	Kids		Tree	MainContact	Facebook	cell / text	email	Street Address	City, State, Zip			
100														
1 2	Deb Dauer	Bruce Wyre		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 509-2096	debragdauer@gmail.com	17738 W. River Rd	Bowling Green, OH 43402			
2 0	Dana Dauer	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"	Deb Dauer	No	(419) 469-9671	dauer1998@gmail.com	584 Montego Bay Dr.	Lake Wales, FL 33859			
3 0	Diana Dauer	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"	Deb Dauer	Yes	(949) 535-1316	diadaw7@hotmail.com	585 Montego Bay Dr.	Lake Wales, FL 33860			
4 2	Doug Dauer	Karen Dauer		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 601-1934	kdauer1@frontier.com kermavsek@outlook.com	20625 Hull Prairie Road	Bowling Green, OH 43402			
5 0	Logan Dauer	Jessica Germovsek		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"/Doug	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 601-3169	kdauer25@gmail.com	26817 Lakevue Dr, Apt 19	Perrysburg, OH 43551			
6 2	Sandy Dauer Cline	Michael Cline		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"/Doug	Deb Dauer	Yes	(330) 618-8280	scline@akron.k12.oh.us	4003 April Drive	Uniontown, OH 44685			
7 0	Nathan Cline	Bethan Hancock		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"/Doug Dauer/Sandy Dauer	Deb Dauer	Yes	(330) 608-8233	ndine917@gmail.com	4003 April Drive	Uniontown, OH 44685			
8 2	Jared Cline	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"/Doug Dauer/Sandy Dauer	Deb Dauer	Yes	(330) 607-9141	dinejared4@gmail.com	4003 April Drive	Uniontown, OH 44685			
9 1	Brandon Cline	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dolores "Tootie"/Doug Dauer/Sandy Dauer	Deb Dauer	Yes	(330) 608-8709	bdine3333@gmail.com	4003 April Drive	Uniontown, OH 44685			
10 1	Denise Current Carpenter	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 260-2465	no_email	7336 Devils Hole Road	Pemberville, OH 43460			
11 0	Amy Baker Andrews	Dave Andrews		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise	Deb Dauer	No	(419) 265-2537	adandrews@amplex.com	2930 Middleton Pike	Luckey, OH 43443-9767			
12 0	Davis Andrews	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise/Amy Baker	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 265-0253	davis.p.and@gmail.com	2930 Middleton Pike	Luckey, OH 43443-9768			
13 0	Dalton Andrews	----		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise/Amy Baker	Deb Dauer	Yes	(419) 261-7743	dalton_d.and@gmail.com	2930 Middleton Pike	Luckey, OH 43443-9769			
14 0	Eric Baker	Candy		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise	Deb Dauer		(419) 973-1212	ebake12@yahoo.com	8440 Aqueduct Park	Holland, OH 43528			
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16 3	Colleen Baker Dix	Nathan Dix	1	Elena	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise/Lance	Lance Baker	Yes	(419) 350-2260	colleenbaker94@gmail.com	23559 West Hellwig Road	Genoa, OH 43430			
17 2	Laurel Baker Miller	Tyler Miller	1	Raiden	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Denise/Lance	Lance Baker	Yes	(419) 575-1971	laurel5940@gmail.com	P.O. Box 414	Stony Ridge, OH 43463			
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20 0	Kristy Current		4	Brendan, Logan, Brooklyn, Camilla	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dale Russell/Kelly	Deb Dauer			no_email					
21 0	Tori Current Gilmore	Thomas Gilmore		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dale Russell/Kelly	Deb Dauer			toriannegilmore@gmail.com		Atlanta, GA			
22 0	Jake Current	----	0	----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dale Russell/Kelly	Deb Dauer			jcurrent55@gmail.com		Spring Hill, TN			
23 0	Brian Current	Stephanie Current	4	Jayden, Gabriel, Leah, Rose	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dale Russell/Rory	Deb Dauer	Yes	(805) 512-5524	bcurrent@gmail.com	3443 Spring Park Rd	Cammarillo, CA 93012			
24 0	Christopher Current	----	0	----	Thomas/John/Claude/Russell/Dale Russell/Rory	Deb Dauer	No	(818) 447-5623	currentfinancialsolutions@gmail.com	126 Brookview	Dana Point, CA 92629			
25 2	John Current	Peggy A. Schroeder		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Otto/Jack	John Current	Yes	(419) 344-8194	jacgoeswild@yahoo.com	137 W. Strong Street	Wayne, OH 43466			
26 2	Hope Current Connell	----	4	Natalie Puffer, Levi Puffer, Anna Puffer, Scarlet Connell	Thomas/John/Claude/Otto/Jack/John	John Current	Yes		hope.connell@yahoo.com		Weston, OH			
27 2	Jackie Current Tracy	Joe		----	Thomas/John/Claude/Otto/Jack	Jackie Current Tracy	Yes	(419) 308-7262	jackietracy@hotmail.com	102 East Greenwood	Haskins, OH 43525			
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Karina: How do you get the younger generation to come?

- INVITE is CRUCIAL! They need to know how they are related prior to coming!

Christen Family Reunion
Sunday, December 3, 2017 (*1st Sunday in Dec.*)
12 noon at Luckey Legion in Luckey, OH

**The descendants
of 3 siblings:
Emil & Emma (twins)
& George Christen**
(Only occurs every 5 years)

Emma Christen (Hanneman, Reef)
Contact: Jennifer Applehans
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kappe423@comcast.net

Emil Christen
Contact: Karina Hahn-Claydon
419.654.3175
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George Christen
Contact: Arla Reitz
419.837.5150
Barbara Wood
barwood@gmail.com


*Please bring
1 or 2 dishes,
& plates/
utensils.
Donations
will be
accepted for
rental hall.

DID YOU KNOW...
That the Christen family tree has been researched to the 1500's and you may purchase a copy of the tree at the reunion?
Jacob and Anna (Kohler) Christen, who both came from Switzerland (Emil, Emma, & George's parents) settled at 4724 Dowling Rd. where Arla (Christen) Reitz currently lives?
A book entitled, The Trail That Leads Back by Frank Conrad Hasel dedicated an entire chapter to the Christens?

REUNION INFORMATION:
Feel free to invite any other Christens. This is just a start of compiling our family tree.
Each family will be asked to fill out a data sheet with dates.
Please bring old pictures to scan. We will begin compiling/labeling them to make a future CD.
Bring old stories to share and meet new cousins!

Jacob & Anna Kohler Christen (George, Emil & Emma's parents) with grandchildren Anna and Lydia Christen (George's children) on Dowling Rd.

Emma peeling potatoes (left)
Emma with husband Fred and son Leonard (center)
Emil with 2nd wife, Mary (right)



5. How do you determine how many people will attend and where to have the reunion to hold all of them?

Moenter/Christen:

-Just depends, Pemberville- Bethlehem, Dunbridge- Church, Mike Moenter- on his farm, Luckey legion

Bechstein:

- Based on an average.
- In the past we have had between 120-200 people attend.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

Radzimoski:

- We have had our reunion at the same hall in Carlton, MI at the VFW for the last 70 years!

Current:

- We estimate based on the last reunion (80-110).
- Originally we based location on cost and moved it around.
- Now we have locked in Otsego Park every two years, but must book 1 yr in advance!



Held in Deb's backyard for "free".



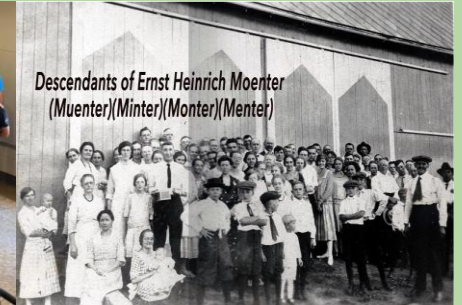
Held in Tontogany so that "oldest living Current" could attend!



**Held at Otsego
Park last 2 times as
we got bigger!**



**Moenter Group: Whoever
wanted to come**



**Descendants of Ernst Heinrich Moenter
(Muentner)(Minter)(Monter)(Menter)**

6. How do you pick the date of the reunion and let family members know the details?

Moenter/Christen:

- As needed (after harvest or before)/1st Sunday in December, whenever

Bechstein:

- For 50 years it was held on 1st Sunday in August after the WC Fair in Junior Fair Building.
- Changed in 2021 due to Tractor Pullers wanting the Building. Then held in Bradner, then back at Fairgrounds, then at the Tontogany American Legion. Moving forward, it will be at Tontogany the Sunday after the WC Fair.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- Based date on beginning of nice weather & before camping season. Also, Dad's birthday.
- We did a letter invitation. Will do a postcard invite next time. Had most addresses. Relatives helps with rest.
- We "Save the Date" for Mom's passing. Sent out thank-yous for memorials and a card from the funeral home.

Radzimoski:

- Our reunion is always the first Sunday in August and the Secretary sends out a postcard to all relatives on the address list along with an email as well.

Current:

- We ask ahead of time what months are good & what dates are bad. Then check on Hall availability.
- Then lock in the hall. We issue a "SAVE THE DATE" via email, word of mouth, and our Facebook Site.
- Later we email & post the actual invitation. Each Committee Member gets a headcount from their branch.

7. Do you utilize email, Facebook, other Social Media to communicate? Old-fashion Phone? Snail Mail?

Moenter/Christen:

-Started with: snail mail postcard, phone calls & now FB, also invites to those less likely to come

Bechstein:

- For 1 yr invitation was posted on Facebook “Bechstein Reunion” site, but was not successful, based on attendees.
- Darlene Bechstein Weaver sends out postcards and we also post on Facebook under “Bechstein Family Reunion”.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- No social media

Radzimoski:

- Yes we use email and a postcard via snail mail.

Current:

- We utilize email, Facebook, text, & phone to reach out. Have not used snail mail. Like postcard idea!

“Current” Facebook Pages



Current Relatives

🔒 Private group · 108 members



+ Invite

➦ Share

Discussion

Members

Events

Media

Files



List on FB page what branch
it is-



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Descendants of Ernst Heinrich Moenter
(Muenter)(Minter)(Monter)(Menter)



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Descendants of Ernst Heinrich Moenter

Public group · 32 members



“Current” Family Reunion Invitation / Agenda



Current Family Reunion

Saturday, June 25, 2022



Otsego Park – 20000 W. River Road, Bowling Green, OH

Note: This Program is subject to change!!!

9:30 am Set up tables, decorate, etc. – Planning Committee and anyone that wants to come help!

11:30 am Registration & T-Shirts – Doug & Karen Dauer and Lance Baker
Set-up of photos/displays/memorabilia, put food on tables, etc. – All

Noon Welcome and plan for the day – Deb Dauer

12:15pm Entertainment – “Captain Piano” (aka Ezra Bradley) – Deb Dauer

12:30 pm Grace – John Current
Lunch! Let’s eat! – Dan Current Family, Elders (70+), and Kids first!
(Also, Photo of Dan Current Family and anyone else that needs to leave before 2pm)

1:30 pm Special Guest Introduction – John Current

2:00 pm Current Family Photo – John Current

2:30 pm Visit, look at family info, take candid pix, kids to playground, yard games, eat some more!

4:30 pm End of formal Reunion and clean-up. (Note: You are welcome to stay and visit!)

Assignment: Would everyone with a smartphone take pix and upload immediately to our Facebook site (Group name: Current Relatives) so others who could not be with us can enjoy the reunion from afar!

WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ A Dish to share - Appetizer, Salad, Entrée, Side dish, Dessert, etc. (Several meat options will be provided)
- ✓ Containers for leftovers! 🍱
- ✓ Whatever you would like to drink. (Water, Lemonade, Iced Tea and coffee will be provided.)
- ✓ Any memorabilia/photos/etc. you would like to share. (Tables will be provided)
- ✓ Tailgate Tents/chairs if you want to visit outside. Any outdoor games you might want to play.

COST: *There is no cost!* But donations are welcomed. (Your donations paid for the hall rental for the last 2 reunions!)



PLEASE RSVP to Deb Dauer at debajdauer@gmail.com, reply to this message, or text to (419) 509-2096. See you soon!

8. How do you determine the Agenda/Activities?

Moenter/Christen:

- euchre, kids games, singing Christmas carols, white elephant exchange, *How are we related by myself, plain old stories you want to share

Bechstein:

- Agenda is very similar every year. Minutes from last reunion are read.
- We write down all births/deaths over past year & Darlene Weaver (family Secretary) records
- Family in charge of the reunion holds a White Elephant to raise money. We vote on how it is spent.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- Agenda had a potluck first (people arrive leisurely). Pastor Tim/I did a dedication service & butterfly release.
- Then family photos w/detailed order. (Most important part for me. Wanted to make a book with names of all.

Radzimoski:

- We always start with a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. Each family brings a main dish and a side dish or dessert along with their own table settings, plates/silverware.
- Each family brings their own name tags.

Current:

- We have a Sign-In Table w/names tags (souveners); entertainment (Erza's Piano playing), memorabilia tables, decorations, Family Tree info, and a "Learning" of some kind (John Current speaking in costume and interacting with the children).
- We also allow time for Family Photos and casual photos. Next reunion we hope to add activities for people to mingle and get to know each other better.)



9. Do you have a Registration Table?

Moenters/Christen:

- Yes. Need to confirm addresses too. Nametags, sat with branches/introduced each other

Bechstein:

- There is a registration table. As families arrive, they sign-in so Darlene can keep an accurate record of attendance.
- At table you list any births/marriages/deaths in your family. White Elephant tickets can be purchase here.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- No registration table at this particular reunion.

Radzimoski:

- After lunch, we have a meeting & all families have signed the registration list w/number of families in attendance.

Current:

- We like to have a Registration Table with names badges that Lance Baker makes.
- Everyone gets “welcomed”, then directed where to put the food, etc.
- We will pass out any handouts at that time.
- One cousin made t-shirts for everyone w/Family Crest on it. Those got passed out there as well.

10. What do you Present and How?

Moenter/Christen:

-Draw your branch out, presentation how related, family stories, had slide show running on desktop, had pictures laid out, CD of pictures, family history book updated, fun genetics worksheet- hair swirls, tongue rolling, etc.

Bechstein:

- Each family does something different. One family created a cook book. There is so much good food at the reunion, they thought it would be fun to have some of the recipes. Recipes were collected for about 6 months and then a “Bechstein Cook Book” was created. They sold over 100. Aunt Pauline always made Lemon Meringue pie and it was a hot item. Her children published this recipe.
- A family did a commemorative plate for the 50th reunion. Was pre-ordered & paid for at reunion.
- One family arranged for a photo. It was quite a feat getting 150+ people on bleachers & photo taken.
- Another family made a wall mural with each sibling and then had each family fill in missing names and dates. It was fun to see how many people came from just two people John and Jesse Bechstein.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

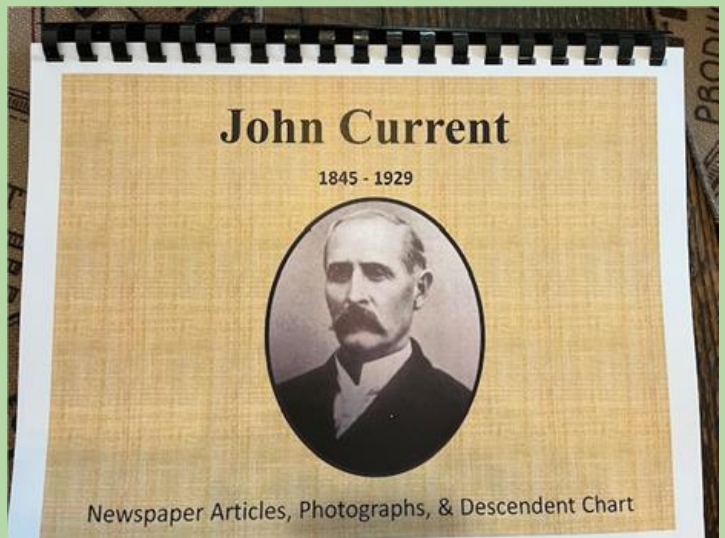
- My sister made slide presentation of old pictures, one for each branch of the family.
- We had a table with memories of my mom and dad since it was specific for this particular gathering.

Radzimoski:

- Historian brings old photo albums to share.

Current:

- We like to have a “Teaching Moment” during our Reunions. Lance Baker dressed up as our Civil War Grandfather & told his life story. Lance invited children up to look at his canteen, mess kit, etc.
- We gave everyone a booklet of News paper articles on John Current and a descendent chart.
- We will be handing out a Family Album once we get it created! We did take the pictures.





11. Do you raise money for your Reunions? How?

Moenter/Christen:

- Pass the hat! (always works out). Privately funded.

Bechstein:

- Money is raised through a white elephant auction. Family members bring in new/like new items & people can purchase tickets 6 for \$5. The tickets are then placed in the bucket in front of the item you want and at the end of the day, the winning ticket is drawn. One year over \$500 was made.
- Also, a bucket is passed & each family is asked to contribute to the event. \$200-\$400 is raised for the hall rental.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- No money was raised for the reunion – I just funded it myself.

Radzimoski:

- Depending on how many families attend, the hall rental is divided up by number of families in attendance.

Current:

- We decided to just have a “Donation Jar” located at the Sign-in Table. We get around \$500 each time!
- This is exactly what it costs us to rent the lodge at Otsego Park. It is perfect.
- The Planning Committee donates paper plates, silverware, decorations, name badges, etc.

12. Where do you hold your reunions? Do you move them around? What is your frequency?

Moenter/Christen:

- Were once a year, to every 3ish years, 5 years, How related is crucial!

Bechstein:

- Otsego Park. The hall was rented a year in advance. The reunions are held annually.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- Shelter house at Harrison Park in Pemberville. Good parking, electricity, playground, etc.
- We planted 13 trees (with ribbons) in the park in memory of my mom and dad and this was the dedication.
 - Would like to plan future reunions, & have Oberhouse one at Harrison Park again. Blausey reunion would be separate next time.
- Hope to do the reunions next year & keep them going every other year

Radzimoski:

- Our reunion is at the VFW Hall in Carleton, MI and it is always the first Sunday in August at noon every year. It has been at this location for at least the last 70 years.

Current:

- We have held them at Deb's house, Tontogany Town Hall, and Otsego Park. We have locked in Otsego Park for now due to it having everything we need, 2 playgrounds, the River, ample parking, a kitchen, air conditioning, etc.
- We decided to have our reunions every 2 years.

13. How do you engage your relatives? Do you play games? Have contests? Give out prizes? contests?

Moenter/Christen:

-Once did a tic tac toe- find someone who has been to Germany, etc., guess jelly beans, kids games, Euchre!, Sant used to come.

Bechstein:

- Families tend to sit together making it more difficult to mingle.
- There are usually games or chalk for the kids and Bingo is played after the family meeting. The family hosting is responsible for the Bingo gifts and running the bingo.
- Host family purchases a Watermelon and you can guess the weight you win the watermelon. M & M in jar are guessed too. If you are the closest you win the M & M's.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- No contests. We did have lots of fun kid games & brought ones we remember playing when we were young.

Radzimoski:

- Our families tend to sit together as well but people do visit. We have bingo after the meeting for adults and there is also children's games outside. Each family brings at least 2 gifts (approx. \$2-3 p/gift) per player for bingo and/or children's games if they have children playing.

Current:

- We don't do too much in this category. We need to do more to get the different family groups to mingle. We'll try to set up some games with prizes for the next reunion in 2026.

14. *Continued*

From Jan Brinker

- Beach Ball game: Game between young/old etc. Write questions on stripes of beachball. Toss ball to someone and they have to answer. Learn about each other!
- Bingo: Use pictures on the squares and see who recognize the photos. People will teach each other
- Story Telling
- Goodie Bags for the little kids
- Scavenger Hunt: the “items” collected would be “facts” they learn from relatives
- Small pool and wood shavings (bury little gifts for treasure hunt)
- Coloring Pages
- Water Balloons

15. What do you do to feed your families?

Moenter/Christen:

-Potluck, bring whatever, sometimes Ham furnished or a meat

Bechstein:

- It is a potluck, each family is asked to bring 2 dishes, their own plates and silverware and drinks. Relatives bring apps, sides, desserts, drink of their choice. Always plenty of food. We have never run out.
- Host family usually makes coffee and lemonade.
- Host family provides table paper & supplies that might be needed. There are tubs of plates, cups and napkins if they are needed. The family is reimbursed for any expenditures ie table paper

Blausey/Oberhouse:

- We did a potluck. Siblings brought chicken, drinks, tablewear & coverings.
- We set up a potluck line with main dishes, and sides and then a separate area for desserts and drinks.

Radzimoski:

- We always start with a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. Each family brings a main dish and a side dish or dessert along with their own table settings, plates/silverware.

Currents:

- Hold a Potluck around noon. The Planning Committee provides the “meat” dish. Everyone else brings appetizers, side dishes, veggies, and desserts. Planning Committee brings water, iced tea, lemonade, etc. Committee also brings the paper plates, napkins, cups, silverware, plastic tableclothes, etc
- We stopped paying for an alcohol licence as it has not been used. Everyone pitches in to clean-up at the end!



16. What else should the audience know about for their reunions?

Moenter/Christen:

- Don't throw pictures away, Get pictures labeled! Post them on the FB site to help identify, etc.

Bechstein:

- People will share photos. Someone brought old high school graduation photos and if it was you, you took it. Fun to look at these.
- FYI: I only have 3 remaining aunts/uncles. Reunion now falls to the first cousins. Some cousins are getting older & finding it more difficult to handle the reunion by themselves. May have to combine families in the future to continue.

Blausey/Oberhouse:

Radzimoski:

- We are finding that not as many are attending as what used to. We will need to keep encouraging all families that do attend to keep reaching out to others who are not attending.
- We also keep track of births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and military service members.
- We also note the youngest person in attendance along with the oldest person in attendance and the person who has traveled the farthest.

Current:

- Have someone take casual photos throughout the event and post to your Facebook page. Always take a family photo.



**Fun Photos are
a great
icebreaker!!!**





Pictures from Moenter reunion:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1876617912400840>
- Fun genetic facts (not my sample)

	Phenotype	phenotype	genotype
1. Facial dimples: Best seen when smiling. With dominant phenotype, you may have a dimple only on one side, or on both.	D, d	dimples	
2. Bent little finger: A dominant allele causes the last joint of the little finger to dramatically bend inward toward the 4 th finger. Lay both hands flat on a table relax your muscles, and note whether you have a bent or straight little finger.	B, b	bent	
3. Eye Color: Eye color, as well as hair and skin color, is a complex trait. The main pigment is melanin, and the more melanin, the darker the color. While the genetics of eye color is complex, alleles for the production of melanin dominate those for lack of melanin. Evaluate your eyes as either brown (M) or non-brown (m).	E, e	brown	
4. Free ear lobe: Dominant trait is for lobes to hang free. With recessive phenotype, the lobes are attached directly to the head.	F, f	free	
5. Mid-digital hair: Some people have hair on the middle segment of one or more of their fingers, while others don't. Any hair at all is the dominant phenotype. Complete absence of hair is recessive.	H, h	hair	
6. Hand clasping: When the hands are clasped (without thinking about it!), most people place their left thumb on top of their right.	L, l	left on top	
7. Early Onset Myopia (childhood): Nearsightedness is a complex trait with at least 4 gene loci involved, however the heritability of myopia is very high and shows a dominant pattern.	M, m	myopic	
8. Achondroplasia: The most frequent or of short-limb dwarfism. Affected individuals (Aa) exhibit short stature cause by shortening of the limbs. (AA individuals die before birth).	A, a	achondroplasia	
9. Chin cleft: A prominent cleft in the chin is inherited as the dominant phenotype. The cleft is due to the bond structure which underlies the Y-shaped fissure of the chin. Females appear to be less conspicuously affected than males.	C, c	cleft	
10. Achoo syndrome: Autosomal dominant trait also called photo sneeze reflex, usually 2 – 3 successive sneezes, when a dark-adapted person suddenly is exposed to bright light.	A, a	sneezing	

Questions / Comments?

