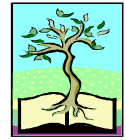




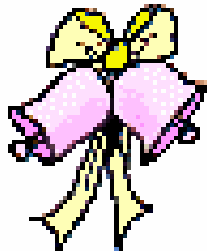
Bottke Newsletter



“Feeding the Family Tree”

June 2003 Wedding Bells Edition

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June is a month of wedding bells.

We highlight a few of many Bottke Weddings and Anniversaries in this Newsletter.



Les Bottke has 2 broken wrists. He was injured at a job site in Southwest Fort Worth April 25th when the ladder which he was on slipped away from the wall.



Brian McDonough says “The Best Place to Eat in Hawaii is “**Cheeseburgers in Paradise.**” It may have been named after an old Jimmy Buffet Tune of the early 70’s Rock ‘n Roll era. Perhaps that tune may be part of an imaginary setting for Charles and Mary Evans Golden Anniversary celebration.



Brian McDonough and Grandpa at Pearl Harbor Arizona War Memorial May 21st. (Graduation vacation for Brian)



Emmy, Ellie, and Erin Storch sent Valentines Day Greetings for February 14th.

WEDDINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES

This is the month for many weddings and Anniversaries. June includes many such celebrations in the Bottke Family tree. Here we mention three:

Kermit and Jennifer Bottke will be married on June 14th. The wedding is in Red Wing, Minnesota and the reception at the home of the Kevin and Allison Bottke. A good number supporters in the way of friends and family will be there to celebrate the big event and to wish them lots of blessings as they begin their lifetime together.

Charles and Mary Evans celebrate their "May" Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 15th in Faribault, Minnesota. They're having a family celebration too. Interestingly, with today's families spread out as they are, Charles and Mary selected Faribault, Minnesota as the Central Location to celebrate. With One Daughter, Patty, in Wisconsin, another, Rita, in Alaska, and Linda in New Mexico, it seems sensible to have a get together in one central location. Celebrating any Bottke connected event is always great in homeland territory, Faribault, Minnesota. For a couple of Nomadic travelers such as Charles and Mary, Faribault would be no exception to the rule. Of course, Charles originated from near Ft. Worth Texas, another great place of notoriety in America. (If one ever travels to Ft. Worth and is fortunate in locating an area called the 10 mile Bridge, you will also find Evans Avenue. We wonder if there might be a connection! Mary, of course, grew up in California, but homeland remains in Minnesota. Rumor has it that Elvis Prestley once had an eye for Mary. He was wanting to sweep her off her feet with his Song "Are you Lonesome tonight!" But, while he was busy rehearsing, Charles came along and gave her the "Love Me Tender" talk Elvis lost out. Now, after all these years Elvis still wonders if Mary is Lonesome for him. Word has it that he plans to show up at their Anniversary celebration. Congratulations to a great couple who celebrate 50 years together.

Marvin and Carole Bottke will be married 42 years on June 15th also. People sometimes wonder, "How old were they when they got married?" Well, they weren't old enough to drink legally. Carole's mom asked her to brush her teeth after they'd been riding around town and slurping a few "Toasts" with their attendants Kermit and Jean Bottke following the simple wedding ceremony. A brother in law, "Bumps", when hearing about Marv and Carole's upcoming marriage informed everyone "Marvin and Carole are going to play house!" And one uncle from Carole said, "Statistics are against them." About 25 years later he also informed them that they too **were** now a statistic being still married. In their case 42 years is a long time. They both credit some of the upbringing through Trinity Lutheran grade school for the values they placed on that seemingly old fashioned oath "through sickness and health until death us do part."

Anyone Else celebrating an Anniversary this month? Congratulations! We send our congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years to come

Summertime is Travel time

From the Bottke family tree in Chicago:

Ramona Bottke is going to Disney World through Make A Wish Kidney Foundation. She has a 5 year kidney transplant patient who's wish it was to go to Disney World, and to go with Ramona. (Pretty awesome!)

Mona is one of the 5 daughters of Raymond and (Freida) Bottke. The daughters, Barbara, Shirley, Ramona, Roselyn and Melinda all grew up in Chicago. This month they will have an opportunity to see their mom's Aunt from Germany. She has a son, their Cousin, who is moving back from Germany to the states. This will be a nice get together. Mona's been quite busy at work too. UIC has started a new small bowel transplant program and to this date they've done 3 such procedures. It's a program where young patients receive small bowels from their mother's. In these cases, all patients are doing well.

Roz Bottke informs us that Brother in law Jerry has opened a new bar and restaurant in Orland Park. Grand opening will most likely have occurred already by the time you receive this newsletter. Robbie is still in college and just bought a new car. He'll be working in the Restaurant too as it is only a short distance from where they live.

In the workplace, Roz has been kept very busy with people refinancing their mortgages. This is due to the low interest rates. As summer comes into full swing, she'll be spending more time with John and Melinda at their summer house in Putman. Much of what they consider vacation time, is that time on weekends when they are altogether as family at the lake.

JIM AND NANCY MORTEN PLAN TRIP TO ALASKA.

Summertime's a great time to go to Alaska. Al Goedel and his family made the trek back in the 60's and it's been an experience Al and Bill have kept special memories about ever since. They oftentimes caught their evening dinner of fresh fish along the way. Now Nancy and Jim will have an opportunity to enjoy a similar style of travel experience. Gladys and Don Longpre will baby sit Jim and Nancy's home place in Wisconsin while Nancy and Jim enjoy all the wonderful sights and activities during their trip to Alaska. We all wish Nancy and Jim a wonderful experience and hope they'll have some photos to show later on. (Send one for the Christmas Newsletter.)

Thoughts about others

We may not be aware of everyone's family events that are happening this summer, but we surely can imagine the

many get together, travels and special activities that are happening among Bottke descendents all over America. We always appreciate updated family information whenever family tree members have the opportunity to do so. E-mail is great, but news by way of snail mail or telephone is just as good.

Perhaps Mae Bottke will be making travels to Williston, North Dakota again to visit her children and grandchildren there. She'll most likely also be kept busy playing in the Sr. band in Faribault. The Buckham Library Newsletter lists their band as regular dinner time performers on the agenda there. Dr. Wm. Bottke will likely be kept quite busy with his work in asteroid research in Boulder, Colorado. (Anyone searching the internet can find lots of information about his work and his family) He tells us that an Asteroid was recently named after the late Mr. Rogers who was very supportive of astronomy and the stars.

In California, there are also those family members who are descendents of Henry Bottke through his daughter Sally Anderson. Among them will most likely be the usual and perhaps special get togethers. We can imagine a backyard barbecue not quite as big of a deal in California as it might be in Minnesota where it can happen only if summer falls on a Sunday. In California, there are many opportunities weather-wise for outdoor activities and picnics. Among backyard barbecues, picnics, maybe going to the ocean, or there may be weddings, graduations, and other special events going on.

Other Bottke's in California: Dr Craig Bottke and Jean (Bottke) Bracken are both in California. Jean is in Lancaster and Dr. Craig, Orthopedic Surgeon, is in Stockton. Both originated from the Bottke's in Iowa. And of course neighbor Bottke's here in Euless, Texas; Tom and Nancy (Bottke) Guinane, and their family will be enjoying the warm breezes of Texas too this summer. We live only about 3 miles apart. It's always good to hear from Paul and Nada when they come to visit Tom and Nancy. We sometimes meet at "The Waffle House" for Breakfast. We enjoy the cozy environment there, and it seems we are always lucky enough to get their large booth.

Back in Minnesota ... Kelly and Amy are in the fast lane with their "Creative Memories" careers. We thank Amy for her contributions to Bottke History through her Creative memories products that she has provided for us all to enjoy. Alan and Carol are enjoying their life in the country. Alan continues to work at McQuay in Faribault where he looks forward to retirement from the company one day. Kevin and Allison are both very busy these days. As you all know, Allison is moving along

vigorously with her "God allows U Turns" series. Kevin is busy with Real Estate as always.

In Wisconsin, we suspect Todd remains with the TV cable company and Greg and Heather are still in Centuria.

We imagine seeing Luverne Goedtel again this summer on Saturday mornings at Farmers Market in Faribault. He has quite an art of building "Country Style Furniture" that he displays and sells at there. It keeps him quite busy in his retirement. They always enjoy family get togethers. Al and Dorothy will be enjoying the summers of Nevis and probably are already sampling early garden products. Bill is still in Rochestor.

From Waverly, Tennessee (near Nashville) we apologize to the Caudle's for having the wrong street number in our address book. But we are glad they were still able to receive the newsletters anyway. (Nice postman). We also appreciated hearing from Diane. (It's corrected now, and we hope they'll continue to enjoy the newsletter.

FUTURE BOTTKE NEWSLETTER PLAN

We will attempt to put out two basic Newsletters focusing around 2 themes each year. We will try to put out one Newsletter each June and another for December. **The June Newsletter** will mostly focus on weddings, special events, and summer travels. Anything you would like to share should be in by May 1st. It does not have to mean the event is a June event. It should reflect weddings, anniversaries or travels prior to May 1st or you can share your *plans* for such events during June or anytime later in the year.

The Christmas Newsletter: It will most always be in the mail the day after Thanksgiving. Any thing you want to share should be sent, or e-mailed before November 1st. The theme is mostly about family events for the Holidays; thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. This means lots of wide open topics you might want to share about. Thanksgiving at your house, Christmas last year, or plans for this year. What about New Years. Where do you plan to spend it this year. Or maybe you have a story about Last New Years to tell about.

When something special comes up there may be an extra newsletter, but normally, you should plan on one coming in June and December. Anything that you have to share about Bottke History in your family is always good news, Anytime.

Circle these dates:

Nov. 1st. Christmas Newsletter information Due

May 1st. June Newsletter Information Due.

WELCOME TO TEXAS

In case you are not able to take a summertime vacation this year, we would like to treat you to an imaginary vacation with us here in Texas. You're sure to get your enjoys from our "Down Home" hospitality.

In Texas, we are blessed with 5 seasons instead of the normal four as y'all know to be spring, summer, winter and fall. We have a 5th season which is called "pure hell." Coming to visit during our 5th season is always extra special for any guest. (It's a special treat for the hosts too!) First thing you'll notice is we have no mosquitos. Mosquitos can't survive in hell. Our 5th season begins a few weeks after summer ends. It lasts until school starts. There is no official start date when school actually starts up again but you can tell school has started when you see flashing amber lights accompanied by signs that read speed limit 15 mph. When coming upon such a sign while driving, always hit the brake pedal hard and screech the wheels, even if it means getting rear ended. It's either that, or face 15 years to life in a Texas prison for speeding in a school zone.

As for the beginning date for the 5th season, you can get a general idea when it's coming. It usually begins about 3 weeks after our last monsoon rain and about 4 weeks after our last tornado. The last rain and tornado will come sometime between June 1st and 15th. Upon receiving the 2nd day of sunshine thereafter, the transition towards our 5th season advances. The Temperature rises each day by 1 or 2 degrees until the daily average settles in at 105 to 107 degrees. But one nice thing, it's a DRY HEAT! That doesn't feel so bad! We always say, if it's a hundred and five in Texas, and if you are blessed with finding a shade tree *with leaves*, there's always a Texas breeze. That makes it at least comparable to sitting in front of a blast furnace at a Pittsburgh steel mill. Most Texan's keep a couple cases of "Lone Star" or "Shiner Bock" beer handy in an Igloo ice chest. The only time they have to deal with the serious heat is when they walk to their pickup in order to drive to the convenience store for more beer and ice. All vehicles are air conditioned, so going to 7-11 is no problem once the pickup engine is started. There's always a gun rack with 3 or 4 rifles and lots of ammunition right behind the driver in the pickup. That's to ensure that no one gets any ideas about snatching up any of the beer.

Hopefully the Mexican's will have cleaned up the damages from the monsoon rains and tornadoes just in time to enjoy their "Siestas" before as 5th season begins. Not much happens in the way of work during our 5th season. Sometimes in the wee early morning hours you

will awaken to the sound of what resembles a chain saw engine or an ice auger. Actually it's the same engine, but in this case it powers a high speed whirly fan inside a long tube that Mexican gardeners carry around on their shoulders. They use it to blow pollens from grass, leaves, weeds, shrubs and other debris into your home ventilation system. You awaken sneezing, wheezing, and wiping your tears early in the morning so that you too can enjoy the cooler part of the day.

While visiting us, we'll need to take you out to eat at Joe Garcia's Mexican Restaurant. We wait until sunset. That's when the balmy 105 degree temperature drops way down to a very tolerable 100 degrees while the humidity only rises 30%.

"May we have outdoor dining?" You must ask the waiter or waitress for a table outside otherwise they are apt to stick you in some corner inside where they have the air conditioner turned on. They don't tell you that the dining room also serves as their walk in cooler for meat storage. The temperature is about 40 degrees there. So we want to be sure to ask for outdoor seating in the recreated Mexican garden court.

Surely you'll want a Margarita. It's one of those mass produced kind, where they dip the rim of the glass in salt and then fill it with a slurpy style margarita from a slush making machine. It's definitely got a Tequila flavor. They use an imitation tequila flavored lime juice, and they even add 1 thimble full of real tequila to 5 gallons of slurpy. The Margarita costs a modest \$7.25 After about a half dozen Margarita's, Pedro and his mandolin, along with his entourage of 1 senorita and 3 senora Mexican singers will serenade you with their poorly dialected Tex-Mex version of El Rancho Grande. You listen attentively. Then you make the mistake of applauding when they've finished. Pedro immediately gestures to you in such a way that you come to understand this is how they make their living. You are supposed to give them some money. So, you keep dropping \$5 bills in Pedro's mandolin case until Pedro Smiles. Usually about \$25 will bring the grin large enough to see his missing eye tooth. That's the sign that they are satisfied with your financial support.

Now the waiter comes to your table. "Are you ready to order?" It's rather odd they ask such a question, as there's really no menu to order from. They planned it that way. With no menu the Iranian cook only has to learn to make one Mexican entrée. It would probably be better if they just said "Are you ready for some Fajitas, refried beans, and rice?" That's what you're going to get anyway. The food is always good at Joe Garcia's. Muchas Gracias.

After our evening dinner we return to our home for some sleep. Manuel and his portable pollen blower will be across the street in the morning so you won't be disturbed with those pollutants coming through our home vents (You'll have a chance to see the neighbors take their turn and stagger outside while they do their sneezing, wheezing, wiping and weeping.)

Tomorrow our Metroplex excursion will include Southfork Ranch, The Kennedy Museum, and West End Marketplace. We'll top that all off with a Texas Steak dinner from the Trail Dust Steak house. (Not really sure, but we think Our Texas Steak comes from Iowa or Minnesota.) After dinner and as we depart the premises, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans will be singing "Happy Trails to you" by way of a recreated and cracked recording from sometime back in the 30's or 40's. It will have you humming that tune the rest of your natural life. May you have lots of pleasant memories and "Happy Trails" as a result of your visit with us in Texas.

The following were some comments that were made about the time classes of 1956 and 1957 were graduating from High School:

(1) "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, its going to be impossible to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.00."

(2) "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000 will only buy a used one."

(3) "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. 35 Cents a pack is ridiculous."

(4) "Did you hear the post office is thinking about a charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

(6) "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

(6) "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 32 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage,"

(7) "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls,"

(8) "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying damn in "Gone With The Wind", it seems every new movie has either hell or damn in it."

(9) "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

(10) "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday that they will be making more than the President."

(11) "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

(12) "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

(12) "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

(13) "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

(14) "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."

(15) "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."

(16) "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."

(17) "No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

And Who Said this one?

The Year was 1948. KDHL Radio signed on the air with 1,000 watts of AM power broadcasting from Faribault, Minnesota. It was started by three original investors, Palmer Dragsten, Jack Hyde, and a third person who's last name was Lee. A certain next of kin to the Bottke Family said, "KDHL will never make it. Faribault is too small to support a radio station!" Who said that? Do you know? It would be interesting to hear from you about that.

And one Edism on value and expenditures: "If you wanna dance, you gotta pay the fiddler."