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The 298th ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE ROUSH (RAUSCH) & ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. will be in Branson, MO. July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1, 2009. This will be the 81<sup>st</sup> Reunion.

The Banquet will be Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM Central Daylight Savings Time (CDST). On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Auction will begin at 9:00 AM (CDST), the Group Picture at approx. 11:00 AM, followed by the Picnic and Business Meeting. Banquet tickets are \$19.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children 4-12 years of age. No charge for children under 4 years old. Picnic tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 4-12 years of age. No charge for children under 4 years old. Send your reservations and payment to Sheldon F. Roush, 5420 Vinings Lake View SW, Mableton, GA 30126. Your tickets will be given to you at the Reunion. Arrive a little early to avoid the rush right before the meal. Headquarters will be open by 3 PM. Reservation must be made and paid for by July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you make reservations and then discover you cannot attend, please cancel by July 15<sup>th</sup> so that room can be made for others. A refund will be sent to you after the Reunion. The Association must pay for the number of meals reserved.

ALL THE REUNION ACTIVITIES ARE BEING HELD AT THE STONE CASTLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER. Reserve your room at 800- 677-6906. Standard Rooms are \$59.98plus tax, per day. Rooms are being held under the Roush Reunion name. Be sure that you indicate that when you make your reservations.

The Stone Castle Hotel (formerly Settle Inn) has indoor corridors, elevators, handicap accessible rooms, two indoor pools, fitness room and an extended continental breakfast from 6-10 am. A standard room has two queen beds, or one queen or one king bed. They have other rooms or suites at additional cost. All rooms are non-smoking. They are located near all the many attractions that Branson has to offer. THE ADDRESS IS 3050 GREEN MOUNTAIN DRIVE, BRANSON, MISSOURI 65616

There will be entertainment, from Branson area shows, at the banquet and picnic.(The Haygoods and #1 Hits of the 60's).

Our Special guest speaker at the Banquet will be SUSAN DELLINGER, Granddaughter of Edd Roush, Baseball Hall of Fame player from the Cincinnati Red Legs. (See page 672 of Vol. I) She will tell us about her Grandfather's wonderful life, and will be available to autograph her book about him,(Red Legs and Black Sox – Untold Story of the 1919 World Series), both Friday and Saturday.

The Reunion arrangements were made by Ellen Gentry, 1-501-669-1015.

Plans are being made for a bus trip, from the Point Pleasant, WV area, to the Reunion. The trip would cost \$174.00. This would be for the round trip and one night motel stay, each way (2 nights total). The bus would leave on Wed. July 29<sup>th</sup>, arriving in Branson on Thur. Evening. The trip back would start on Monday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This would allow one day, Sunday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, to take in a show or two in Branson. THERE IS A MINIMUM OF 30 needed, to have the trip. It would be a fun time. Contact Gloria Roush, 1-304-675-7198, or Sarah Elias 1-304-882-2969, if interested. Pickups may be able to be arranged, on route.

Branson is opening an airport, May 11<sup>th</sup>. To date, the only airline that has announced service is Air Tran. Another airport, Springfield-Branson Regional Airport is about 45 miles from Branson and offers shuttle service to Branson. Several airlines have service to that airport.

To obtain information about Branson and the many attractions in the area, either call 1-800-272-6766 or visit their website at ExploreBranson.com . Plan on staying after the Reunion to take in some of the shows. Hotel will honor rates a week before and after the Reunion. Great deal.

Again, we will be having an Auction. The proceeds from the auction help to pay for the Reunion expenses. This is a fun time. Bring your items from your home area or things connected to the Roush/Rausch/Rouse name. Bring your items early on Saturday, so that others can see what items will be auctioned. The auction begins at 9:00 AM. If you can't attend the Reunion and have some interesting items you would like to be placed in the Auction, send them to Sheldon Roush. Any of you that have a company with the Roush/Rausch/Rouse name in it that has hats, pens, shirts, etc. please send those items for the Auction

The Association will be awarding a \$1000. Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior. The Education Committee will determine the winner. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be obtained from Michael D. Roush. Send him a self-addressed business envelope at 45 Parsons Hill Road, Stafford, NH 03884. The Association increased the amount of the scholarship in 2006. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, send your gift to Sheldon F. Roush. At the

Reunion, lapel pins ( Rausch Crest) are sold for \$5.00. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Pick up a few at the Reunion. Nice gift.

Items that the Association has for sale and their cost: Vol. I (\$20.00), Vol. II (\$16.00), Vol. III (\$18.00), Vol. IV (\$24.00) , Family of Balsler Rouse, (\$7.00). Add \$3.50 postage for each Vol. I, II, III, and IV ordered. Add \$1.00 for each Balsler book. Booklet – Military Service of Nine Brothers in the Cause of American Independence (Revolutionary War) (\$1.00) , Roush/Rausch Coat of Arms print (\$1.00), 2”x2” Coat of Arms decals (\$.50). These decals have an adhesive side to put on a window or glass door. Postage on decals is \$0.50 for each 3 decals ordered. Baseball type caps are available for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage. (Blue, White, Yellow, Black-The crest is embroidered). Annual membership dues are \$2.00. Please consider purchasing a Lifetime membership, suitable for framing, for \$25 00. All of these items can be ordered from Sheldon F. Roush, Treasurer. West Virginia residents include 6% state sales tax on orders. The Association recently reprinted two of the books. This has tied up a lot of our money in inventory. Please consider ordering books for gifts, donations to libraries or purchasing a set for your children so that money is returned to the Association treasury.

Please send name/address changes to Sheldon F. Roush, along with your annual membership dues of \$2.00. Membership money helps pay for the printing, envelopes, paper and postage needed to mail 2500 newsletters. Each letter returned, due to a bad address, cost the Association more than sending the letter. If you have family that you want to receive the newsletter, send in their name, address and \$2.00 membership dues.

Consider making a donation to the Association. These donations allow the Association to honor some requests from public libraries for copies of our books. Last year, the Association used such donations to place books in several libraries throughout the country. This past year, several members purchased a book or books and placed them in their local libraries. This helps make the information of the Association available to more people. There are many of your relatives, throughout America, that don't know anything about our organization.

Please place some information about the Reunion in your local paper. You would be surprised at the number of people in your area that may be related that have a name other than Roush, Rausch or Rouse. If you need additional information, contact Sheldon. Send any news items about Roush, Rausch or Rouse to Sheldon. He maintains scrapbooks of these articles. These books are usually at the Reunion for you to review.

The 12 member Board of Trustees are elected each year at the Reunion. The Officers of the Association are elected by the Board. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, or serve on a committee, please contact one of the Officers.

Please send information about the death of members to the secretary so that their names may be included in the minutes.

Again, we are asking everyone to keep their own family histories up to date. There is no definite timetable, at this time, for publication of a Vol. V. However, if you have your information up to date, it will take less time to compile the information for the book. **DO NOT SEND INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.** Please look up and note where your family's information is located in the books. This will be needed when compiling the information. Now is the time to work with the Association's Historians to try to locate where your family fits in, if you don't know. At the 2008 Reunion, a committee was formed to determine what is required to start on a Volume V. Results will be announced at the 2009 Reunion.

A special request is being made by Sheldon. He would like to know if you would be willing to help with Vol. V if and when this undertaking is attempted in the future. **DO NOT SEND VOL. V INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.** There will be a need for people to proof read, put information in some type of order, send out information, followup on submitted information, typing both on the computer and typewriter, and many other areas. Send your name, address, email address if you have one, telephone number and the areas where you think you would or could work on Vol. V. Sheldon will keep this information on file and will contact you when and if this project is attempted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** After 22+ years, Sheldon Roush has moved. His new address is 5420 Vinings Lake View SW, Mableton, GA 30126-2572. Telephone 1-678-398-7913 Sheldon will be leaving around July 24<sup>th</sup>, for the Reunion.

Where the Reunion is held, is determined by what invitations are received from members. Consider holding the Reunion in your area. Officers of the Association will be happy to work with you to see if you have questions. The Reunion has been held in 15 states Remember to send your \$2.00 membership dues, if you can't attend the Reunion. Have a great summer and a safe journey to the Reunion.

THE ROUSH (RAUSCH) & ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.  
Mrs. Jenean Roush Jackson, Secretary