



DuVal Family Association Interim Newsletter, April 2002

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of our newsletter editor, Liz Switzer. Liz, the mother of two school age children, recently accepted a new position in the Admissions Office of Wake Forest University. Thank you Liz for a job well done. We will miss you and wish only the very best for you in the future.

I do have good news! We have a new editor! Sue Blair from New York City has agreed to take the helm of our newsletter. Sue recently retired from Time Magazine and does have prior commitments to Time before she can take full charge of the DFA newsletter. Thus this interim letter to you. I thought you'd like to meet Sue.

Susan Lee Blair (call her Sue), the daughter of Alice Spottswood DuVal Blair, discovered the DFA about two years ago via Cyndi's List on the Internet. Shortly thereafter, she enrolled her two sisters and herself as members. Sue grew up in the Chicago area (near her DuVal grandparents) and has lived in New York City or its suburbs since 1969. In October she retired from Time magazine where she worked for 31 years on the copy desk; for the last 22 years, she held the position of copy chief. She has written book reviews for Time and Long Island newspapers, as well as articles for the New York Islanders hockey magazine.

She is married to Robert Roy Metz, a retired media executive. She has a son, Allen Hahn, who is a lighting director working in opera and theater; two stepsons, Robert and Christopher Metz; and two grandchildren, Ian and Chrisanne Metz. She also has a nephew and niece who are DuVal descendants; Taylor and Elizabeth Norman. Sue's interests include theater, opera, reading and travel. It was on a vacation in the region of France where the Wars of Religion took place that got her

interested in learning more about her DuVal ancestry. Now that she has retired, she hopes to have time to brush up on her French-language skills.

We look forward to having Sue on board. You can start sending material to her now. Her address is 170 East 77th St. Apt. 10D, New York, New York 10021. Her e-mail address is sblair44@aol.com

June Board of Directors Meeting

Your Board of Directors will meet on June 8, 2002 in Nashville, Tennessee at the home of Roger and Thetis Baskette.. If you have agenda items for the meeting please send them to Gina Thompson, 133 Golden Road, Sherman, TX 75090. E-mail address ginathompson@airmail.net. We would appreciate input from all of you concerning the direction of our organization and what you would like to see accomplished. Of course **THE BOOK** is underway - our most important and ambitious project to date, and we need your help and support.

2003 Meeting Dates

The biennial meeting of the DuVal Family Association will be held at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, VA June 19-22, 2003. We are planning several interesting activities possibly including honoring Benjamin DuVal and his son Benjamin II whose pottery factory was recently excavated at the foot of Church Hill where the Market at Tobacco Road supermarket is being built. Unfortunately no intact pieces of pottery were recovered. If YOU have a piece of DuVal pottery hiding somewhere in your house please contact: **ROB HUNTER**

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An in-depth story on this exciting excavation, which appeared on the front page of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, will be in the next issue of the DFA newsletter.

Personals Corner

Deaths

Several members and friends have passed away within the last year. They include Dorothy Jennings Powell, March 5, 2000; Stanwood R. DuVal, Sr. June 2, 2001; Lewis Friend DuVal, November 22, 2001; William Michael DuVal, January 4, 2002. Walter Hughey King, husband of Board Member Sarah McKelley King, January 7, 2002.

Births

Welcome to the new DuVals who have come into the world. Paul Davis and his wife, son and daughter-in-law of Hank and Hope Davis, have a new baby girl, Lydia Ann Davis born December 13, 2001. She weighed 8lbs. 10oz., was 22 inches long and has a head full of dark brown hair and dark eyes.

Claiborne DuVal, Jr. reports the birth of TWO great-grandchildren. Nathan and Sarah DuVal are the parents of Alexander Sebastian DuVal born in Houston October 5, 2001. Claiborne reports "Alexander is a very red headed Claiborne" and Kirk and Tara DuVal are the proud parents of Isadora DuVal born October 1, 2001 in Houston.

Weddings

Cyrus Fleming Rilee III, son of DFA Historian Cy Rilee and wife Carolyn, married Laurie Ann Browne, daughter of Thomas Patrick Browne and Linda Voyer Browne on September 29, 2001 at the Bedford Covenant Church in New Hampshire.

Please send items for the Personals Corner to Molly Dunscombe O'Leary, 1235 Clearbrook, West Chester, PA 19380

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Dues

Have you paid your dues? \$10 yearly for single membership; \$25 a year for family membership which includes member, spouse and all single children under the age of 18. Associate membership is available for spouses

for \$10 yearly. Due are payable on January 1 of each year. **IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES THIS WILL BE THE LAST MAILING YOU WILL RECEIVE FROM THE DUVAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION!**

Finances/Book

Our Treasurer, Patricia Koenig, is in the process of preparing a complete financial report which will be in your hands after the June board meeting. Our current balance is \$3810.08. There are several of you who have NOT paid your dues. Cousin, we need your help. The DuVal Family Association cannot operate without \$\$\$! There are so many projects. For instance we want to honor our ancestors and help our children with scholarship funds. We need MONEY MONEY MONEY. - yes, that necessary evil, MONEY, to accomplish these goals. It's up to you. Do you want your Association to thrive and grow? Twenty or thirty years from now do you want to hear your grandchildren say "Hey Grandma and Grandpa, MY name is in that history book! Please don't disappoint them. I first saw the Buchanan book on my 60th birthday in 1997 and was THRILLED when I found my name in it! Let your children feel that thrill! Have YOU sent you family information for the book? If not, tsk tsk tsk - we can't have a book without your input! Please send your information to Joseph Hays, 13790 Louisville Rd., Smith's Grove, KY 42171

allenhurst@premiernet.net ASAP PLEASE!

A final note:

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8)

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