

REUNION NEWS – CORRECTED HOTEL PHONE NUMBER

Dr. Bodo Otto Family Association 2017 Reunion

Friday, June 23, Saturday June 24 & Sunday, June 25, 2017

Wingate Hotel by Wyndham

2196 W. Landis Avenue - Vineland, NJ 08360

(856) 690 - 9900 - Hotel's direct number. Tell them you are with the Dr. Bodo Otto group to get your discount.

Breakfast included

Free parking

Outside pool

Laundry facilities

Fitness equipment

Business center

Bennigan's Restaurant

In room refrigerator and coffee

Bodo Otto Group Room rate is \$119 for one king or two queen beds

Reservation deadline is Monday, May 22.

Please make a timely reservation even if you are not sure of your exact travel plans, as the room rate will definitely increase after May 22 because June is a busy vacation season in South Jersey, and rooms may not be available even at a higher price. Rooms are also available for Thursday and Sunday.

Don't forget to register for the reunion, too. Use the form in the newsletter or send the following information and the registration fee to Pat at 9088 Old Beulah Rd., Kenly, NC 27542

Names of Participants _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Adult Reunion Registration \$12 per person

Family Reunion Registration \$30 (one/two adults and minor children)

Dr. Bodo Otto Family Association Annual Membership Dues (membership year is June 1 – May 31)

Individual _____ \$ 10

Household _____ \$ 15

Perpetual One-time Membership Fee _____ \$ 250

Some of us are gathering at the hotel on Thursday.

Dr. Bodo Otto Family Association Board of Directors meeting will take place on Thursday evening, June 22, 2017 at a designated meeting place in the Wingate Hotel.

AGENDA for Friday and Saturday:

Friday, June 23, 2017

9:30 a.m. - 12:15 Bodo Otto Family Reunion Registration – hotel lobby conference room.

Pick up name tags and reunion registration materials.

Review daily events schedule and maps.

1:45 p.m. Newly opened Atlantic County Veterans Museum – Mays Landing

Meet Otto cousin Cindy Mason Purdie – Administrator of Atlantic County Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

Learn of South Jersey's role during revolutionary years and contributions to subsequent war efforts.

Group Photo Opportunity outside museum by sign – Bring your Camera

3:30 p.m. Union Cemetery Tour – Mays Landing

Many Otto ancestors are buried at historic Union Cemetery. A local historian will lead our group in a visit to headstones and history of Otto relatives from Otto, Johnson, Steelman, Mason, Carman and Joslin lines.

5:00 p.m. Honoring an Otto Family hero. Atlantic City Cemetery - Northfield

In November 1942, Harvey Johnson sacrificed his own life to save a London neighborhood in World War II by crash landing his disabled plane into a football field. With officials from the American Legion Post in Northfield named for Harvey, we will place a wreath on his grave. Reverend Henry Hoffman and Paul Johnson will lead our group in graveside tributes. Photo Opportunity – Bring your camera.

6:00 p.m. Cousin Mario's Restaurant – Mays Landing

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Otto Family Ancestry Session

Wingate Hotel Conference Room

Importance of DNA testing – Judy Hughes

Otto Family Ancestry Lines – Pat Godwin and Jim F

Saturday, June 24, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Hotel Guests Breakfast in the Wingate Hotel Lobby

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Dr. Bodo Otto Family Reunion Registration – conference room Pick up name tags and reunion materials. Review daily events. Update your Family Association annual membership dues. Bodo Otto Association Membership Year is June 1 – May 31
Annual (\$10 individual) (\$15 household) or (one-time fee \$250)

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Cemetery – Friesburg.

Review plaque in church placed by Association on June 16, 1991 (recognizing wife and daughter of Dr. Bodo Otto). Local historian shares the importance of the Otto family in South Jersey.

11:00 – 12:15 p.m. General Membership Meeting - Emmanuel Church - Friesburg

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Expand your ancestry – Otto Cousin, Charlie Morgan

Sons/Daughters of the American Revolution – SAR - DAR

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Children Ancestry Time - Church Grounds and/or Social Hall

1:00 p.m. Lunch – Picnic Pavilion - Emmanuel Lutheran Church

2:00 p.m. Group Photo Opportunity Outside - Bring your camera

3:30 – 6 p.m. History of the Dr. Bodo Otto Association - Pat Godwin

Bodo Otto Family Ancestry Session

Hotel Conference Room

Meet new cousins – Share your family stories.

6:00 p.m. Bennigan's Restaurant – Adjacent to Wingate Hotel

7:15 p.m. Children's Presentation - Hotel Conference Room

Group Photo Opportunity – Bring your camera

8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Social Gathering - Bodo Otto Family Association

Hotel Conference Room

Optional Tours

Before or After the Vineland Reunion

Museum of the American Revolution

- Historic Center City Philadelphia Location - Opens April 2017
- Timed Tickets – order on-line (amrevmuseum.org), discount tickets are purchased in person. Be one of the first to see this world class museum.

Old Barracks Museum – Trenton, New Jersey State Capitol Complex

- Military hospital set up by Dr. Bodo Otto. Hear the story of how Dr. Otto treated the troops in efforts to erase the smallpox epidemic.
- Guided tours with talented interpretative guides.
- New Jersey State Capitol and William Trenton House nearby.
- Washington Crossing Park is just across the river in Pennsylvania.
- New Hope is a delightful town with numerous eateries and antique shops.
- Bowman's Hill Tower – view the countryside and McConkey- Ferry House where Washington stayed while the army encamped nearby.

Atlantic City Beaches

- Just a short distance from the reunion headquarters in Vineland
- Tropicana Hotel offers reasonable week-day room rates (Sun-Thurs)
- Try your luck at several casinos. Take a boat ride from Gardner's Basin.
- Climb the Atlantic City Lighthouse or stroll the world-famous boardwalk.
- Visit the iconic Pink Elephant "Lucy" in Margate.

Ocean City, New Jersey

- Experience a true family vacation from the past.
- Eat a pork roll sandwich or sample salt water taffy on the boards.
- Enjoy the amusement rides or play miniature golf.
- Rent a family cycle and ride the length of the Ocean City boardwalk.

Swedesboro, New Jersey

- Visit grave of Dr. Bodo Otto, Jr. at Trinity Episcopal 'Old Swedes' Church