

# Anstead Update

Anstead Family Reunions

Winter/Spring 2003

## **Anstead Addresses**

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## **Anstead Reunions Website!**

Please be sure to visit the Anstead Reunions website at <http://www.AnsteadReunions.com>

## **Thank you!**

Thanks again to this year's hosts, Paul & Sharon Phillips!

Any many thanks to NEXT year's hosts, Don & Melinda Anstead!

## **2003 — Another Great Reunion!**

The 2003 Anstead Family Reunion was held in Grand Ledge, Michigan, at the home of Paul & Sharon Phillips. The summary of this reunion is provided by Mary Anstead (thanks mom!).

Friday evening, as people started to gather, Sharon & Paul had a gigantic submarine that we could cut pieces from to suit our appetites, brownies to die for (peanut and chocolate), and drinks of your choice.

Saturday evening, there was a big cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst with all the trimmings.

Sunday after mass at St. Gerard's, a breakfast of fruit, juices, quiche, scrambled eggs, sausage, and sweet rolls filled everyone up before their departures. Their big yard provided lots of room for the kids to play, chase, and have bubble fun!

For the first time, none of the original 12 children of Harry & Mary were able to attend. Many suggestions for future reunions were offered, including the possibility of having them every other year, instead of yearly. Your input is welcome! Numerous suggestions were made, including locations such as Arkansas, Colorado, Cresson, and even Branson (MO) and California!

At this point, the consensus is that we continue have them yearly — Donald & Melinda Anstead have offered to host next year! We even have possibilities for 2005 and 2010!

## 2003 Attendees!

We were thrilled to have the following people at this year's reunion!

Paul & Sharon Phillips, with Hannah, Jordan, and Zach  
Eloise, Claudia, and Alexander Thibodeau  
Faye & Scott Phillips  
Joe Vogley and Mary, with Tyler and Trina  
Diane Vogley with Amber and Angelo  
Scott & Heidi Vogley with Jillian and Jenna  
Joan & Jim Adkins with Amy Smith and Noel  
Helen Anstead  
Paul & Betsy Anstead  
John & Carole Anstead, with Brent and Brian  
Helen Margaret & Don Hillman, with Katie, Robert, and Patrick  
Don & Melinda Anstead with Jordan  
Therese & Jim Shiffler, with Ashleigh, Sarah, and Meaghan  
Tom & Linda Anstead  
Mary & Bob Anstead

Thanks so much for coming, and we hope to see even MORE of you next year!

### Speaking of NEXT YEAR!

Don & Melinda Anstead have graciously volunteered to host the 2004 Anstead Family Reunion in Battle Creek, Michigan! The reunion is tentatively set for July 23—24. Watch your mail in early 2004 for all the details!

Many thanks to Don & Melinda for volunteering to host!

#### Thank you!

A special thank you to my mother, Mary Anstead, for compiling all the information for this newsletter. I was unable to attend the 2003 reunion, and am very grateful that she brought back all the news to share with everyone. Thanks Mom!

#### A Newsletter note

I apologize that this newsletter does not contain any pictures of the reunion. At the time I'm writing this, I am 5 weeks from the due date for the birth of our first child. I wanted to get the newsletter out quickly since otherwise it might not be sent for several months. I will try to include pictures in the next newsletter early in 2004. In the meantime, as I receive pictures, I will post them to the website at [www.AnsteadReunions.com](http://www.AnsteadReunions.com)

~~Susan

## Family News

The following Anstead Family News was reported at the Reunion, and during the past year:

Aunt Helen celebrated her 90th birthday on July 19th at the reunion with a big cake and a rousing Happy Birthday sing-along!

Helen Margaret & Don Hillman celebrated their 28th anniversary at the reunion, also on July 19th! Helen Margaret is principal at St. Martha School and is working on her PhD. Don is in family practice with an HMO.

In the Hillman family, Robert will graduate from Oakland University in December 2003 and plans to attend Law School. He has also spent time in Africa on a study program! Katie is beginning grad school at the University of Michigan in Public Health. Patrick is a junior at Michigan State studying business.

Donald & Melinda Anstead are in the process of adopting a boy from Russia!

The Shiffler family brought their Spanish foreign exchange student — Paula DeAndres — to the reunion!

Tom Anstead confessed he has a 2 quart jar of apple butter that Poppa and Mame made in 1939 in Pennsylvania. Every Christmas he eats a spoonful and “it’s still good”! He and Linda were grandparents to their third granddaughter on July 5th. Jamie, Tom’s Daughter, is in LA making movies for television — check out her website at [www.jaimeanstead.com](http://www.jaimeanstead.com).

Paul Franklin Moore II was born on February 10, 2003 to Darla Anstead Moore (daughter of David & Debra, granddaughter of Fred). Sadly, Paul passed away from SIDS on April 1, 2003.

## A Poem!

Did you know we have a published poet among us? Alexander Thibodeau recently had the following poem published!

I have a dream  
In which I appear  
With all advantages  
So far  
So near.  
With no thoughts  
No fears  
So far  
So near.  
With all luck on my side  
I’m strapped in tight  
I’m down for the ride  
So far  
So near.  
My pathways are clear  
I’m beginning to hear  
My destiny calling  
So far  
So near.

## In the Works...

Eloise brought a shoebox full of old pictures which she shared for all to see. Therese is taking them, scanning them, and putting the images on to computer disks. They will be available at next year’s reunion!

Aunt Helen has letters from when she and Russ moved to Michigan. She is putting them in chronological order, and Therese has offered to scan them onto the computer. This may help clarify the exact number of reunions held so far.

Therese has also compiled a reunion photo/scrap book. If you have pictures of past reunions, she would be happy to copy them (originals to be returned) and include them in the book.

## **2004 ANSTEAD FAMILY REUNION!**

The 54th Anstead Family Reunion will be held in Battle Creek, Michigan! It is tentatively set for the weekend of July 18—20, 2003. Watch your mail in early 2004 for all the details! Hope to see you there!

Many thanks to Don & Melinda  
for volunteering to host!

For more information on Anstead Reunions, please visit us on the web  
at

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