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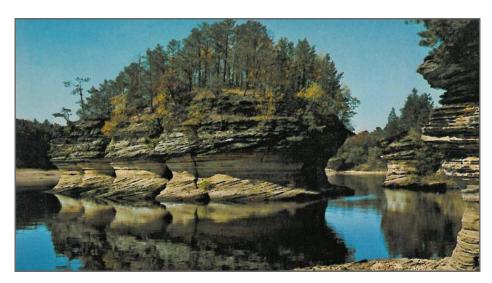
# The Wisconsin Dells

### Site of the 2013 Windemuth Family Reunion

his year's reunion again offers Windemuth descendants the opportunity of becoming reacquainted with cousins we haven't seen in a long time and build relationships with family members we never knew existed. We will meet on June 25-27, 2013 in a beautiful area of Central Wisconsin known as "The Dells". Jim and Linda Wintermute are our reunion hosts.



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The Dells is a scenic glacially-formed gorge that features spectacular sandstone formations along the shoreline of the Wisconsin River.



Circus World in Baraboo is much more than a museum. It features circus acts and has the largest collection of circus wagons in the world.

Our headquarter hotel is the Best Western-Baraboo Inn, just minutes south of the Dells.

According to Jim, "Baraboo was the home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Today, Ringling Circus's 'winter quarters' is the home of Circus World Museum. More than just a museum, it features live circus acts and displays circus history from the

'World's Greatest Shows'. Circus World also has the world's largest collection of restored horse-drawn circus wagons." Jim reminds us that his grandfather Halsey and grand-uncles Thomas and Harry owned the Wintermute's Circus from 1884 to 1938. Their circus wintered in Hebron, a few miles east from Baraboo.

# Colonel Ira "Ike" F. Wintermute Distinguished War Hero

Ira Francis Wintermute, born July 24, 1915 in Salem, Marion, Oregon, was the son of James Clyde Wintermute and Jessie Amelia Lewis. That makes him a 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandson of our emigrator Johann Georg Windemuth. Ira was an accomplished athlete and first cousin of Urgel "Slim" Wintermute, the All-American Basketball player.

He began his distinguished military career with the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1938. First piloting bombers in World War II, he then flew P-51 Mustangs with the Korean "Flying Tigers" in 1951-53. After 32 years, he retired from the U.S. Air Force as a highly decorated "full bird" Colonel.

The book, the "1,000 Mile War", detailed his heroic action in the Aleutian Islands Campaign during WWII. Included here is a condensed article titled War In the Fog written by Ira for The American Magazine in August 1943. The article describes his first mission piloting a B-24 bomber in the Aleutian Islands.

In 1942, the Japanese had occupied Kiska, one of the American Aleutian Islands. The military importance of this frozen, difficult-to-supply island was questionable, but the psychological impact upon the American's loss of U.S. territory was substantial. An all-out campaign commenced to reclaim it. Weather, particularly fog, was a major obstacle the American forces faced.



1915-1977

#### War In The Fog

By Major Ira. F. Wintermute

n our first mission we started in a flight of three B-24 Liberators. The weather wasn't bad, but halfway to Kiska we ran into a solid front of fog. We couldn't see anything and felt hemmed in by some evil genie.

I asked Lt. H.T. "Peewee" Freeman, navigator, what course to fly and he gave me a heading. My copilot, R.A. Ryden, kept saying, "We'll make it, and told the crew members to quit worrying. I asked the radio operator to contact something – anything – and said to the crew, "We're lost."

There was a dead silence. The crew sat back on the flight deck and prayed silently. I did some praying myself, and kept hoping. We were pretty young; I was 27 and probably the oldest. We didn't have much fuel and flying-time left. Ryden and I talked about how to land in the ocean.

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## Meet Audreyann Bresnahan

### Future President of the Windemuth Family Organization



Audreyann Bresnahan and husband Don. Audreyann is Vice President of our Family Organization and scheduled to become president in 2015.

his is the story of a girl, born into a family, who she knew nothing about. This fact would apply to all of us! She was raised in the small city of Nelson located in the west Kootenays surrounded by the mountains of British Columbia beside the beautiful Kootenay Lake. Her parents worked hard. Her father was a contractor and her mother was a nurse. Her two older brothers were always an inspiration to her. She completed 12 years of school, studying hard to make good grades. She attended Notre Dame University in Nelson, enrolling in a 2-year medical secretary course. It was there she met her future husband Don.

That was 42 years ago and counting. They raised 3 sons, all who are married, and have blessed them with 7 grandchildren. As the years carried on, her interest grew in old pictures of relatives and hearing stories of different ancestors. Her mother was Audrey Richardson, her grandmother was Bernice

Wintemute. This girl's ancestry made her the sixth-great granddaughter of Johan Christoph Windemuth.

I am that girl and my name is Audreyann Bresnahan and I am looking forward to being your future president. I am proud to be acquainted with all the Windemuth's, meeting new people and seeing new places, while sharing our history.

#### Audreyann

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#### Colonel Ira "Ike" F. Wintermute (continued from page 2)

Knowing we couldn't make it back to Kiska, we dropped our bombs to lighten our load and make our fuel last longer. Three hours later, we broke through the fog but could see nothing but ocean. There was no way of knowing whether we were north or south of the island chain. Hour after hour, we flew in wide circles trying to catch a radio signal or sight

of land. Nothing!

We had been flying 14 hours and were exhausted. It was time to ditch. "Peewee" gathered maps, Ryden removed the compass in case we needed to do some ocean navigating and others gathered drinking water. The eight of us gathered on the flight deck near the emergency-exit hatch and started to nose down. The plane plowed into the sea and upended on its nose. From then on every man was on his own!

Water poured over the top of the



Giving his Mustang a Bath—Lieutenant Colonel Ira Wintermute, 35, Salem Ore., flew his battle—scarred, muddy Mustang all the way from Korea to the 8th fighter-bomber wing in Japan to give it a bath and a thorough check up. The Flying Tigers of Korea have flown over 2,000 sorties since their arrival in Korea and chalked up 4,960 combat hours in September. (USAF Photo)

plane. It was pitch-dark under the water as I unbuckled my safety belt and started for the hatch. The next thing I knew, I was on top of the water. I swam to a wing and thought I saw all of the crew swimming. Our assistant engineer, Staff Sgt. R.P. Hicks released and inflated our two life rafts. In the last minute before the plane went down, we counted heads. Only six! Two were gone.

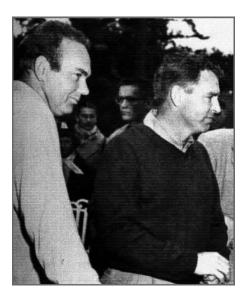
We were on those two rafts, tied together, for 18 hours without food or water. Soaking wet, we huddled together to escape the bite of the freezing wind that whipped across the waves. Most of us were sick either because of the motion or from swallowing salt water. No one slept – just sat there like dead men.

The next morning, we brought out paddles and started to

push toward what we thought was land. Suddenly, someone yelled, "I hear a plane!" We screamed, "Why don't they see us?" or "Please God, see us!" We got out some flares and started shooting them like mad, cussing when some didn't go off. Finally the plane, a big Navy consolidated patrol boat headed our way. We thanked God for the PBY and cheered the Navy.

We were taken to Dutch Harbor and then to the hospital suffering from shock and exposure. After 8 days in the hospital and a 10-day rest at Anchorage, we returned to our base to resume duty.

When my crew finally did find clear enough weather to get over Kiska to bomb, we found it was definitely a game for keeps. After unloading our eggs and starting back, we were generally attacked by Zero fighters who would rather kill us than save their own necks.. They had no regard at all for their own lives.



Profession golfer Gene Webb (left) and Col. Ira F. Wintermute, tied for the Team victory in the 1953 Bing Crosby National Pro-Am golf Championship at Pebble Beach, California. Ira was a gifted athlete and exceptional golfer.

Information for this article was researched by Mike Johnson, Genealogy Chairman and Commander H. Rand Wintermute, USCG, Ira's son. They can be contacted by e-mail at:

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#### **2013 Family Reunion** (continued from page 1)

Another place to visit while in Baraboo is the International Crane Foundation, an organization dedicated to the study and conservation of the world's 15 species of cranes, several of whom are near extinction.

Just a few miles north, is the Wisconsin Dells. Its name comes from the dells of the Wisconsin River, a scenic glacially-formed gorge that features stunning sandstone formations along the banks of the Wisconsin River. Together with Lake Delton, the location forms an area known as "The Dells", a popular Midwestern tourist destination.

In addition to its billing as the *Water Park Capital of the World*, visitors enjoy scenic boat tours past spectacular sandstone formations, terrific shopping, and the exciting Tommy Bartlett's Water Ski & Jumping Boat Thrill Show.

Nearby is Wisconsin's largest state park, Devil's Lake, frequently called the Midwest's "Yellowstone." This is Wisconsin's most popular state park and features amazing vistas from atop rugged, 500-foot quartzite bluffs overlooking a pristine 360-acre lake. The park features large picnic areas and sandy swimming beaches.

Traveling to the reunion is easy. Baraboo is located in central Wisconsin 9-miles south of I-90 on US Hwy 12. If you arrive by air, consider flying to Chicago (3-hour drive to Baraboo), Milwaukee (2-hour drive to Baraboo) or Madison (50-minute drive to Baraboo). Amtrak is another option with daily trains arriving at The Dells from Chicago or Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Plan now to attend! Come and enjoy family, friends and Midwestern hospitality at it's best! See you in Baraboo.

More questions? Visit www.windemuth.org or contact Jim Wintermute at: jwintermute@windemuth.org



This spectacular theatre was built in 1915 by circus showman Al Ringling. It has been restored and is open to the public. Demonstrations of its Mighty Barton Pipe Organ are performed daily.

This reunion promises to be a great one. Reunion schedule and registration information is on page 6 and 7.



The Tommy Bartlett Ski Show is a "must see" while at the Dells.



One of the many water parks that offers endless entertainment for young and old alike. The Dells is known as the Water Park Capital of the World.

### 2013 Reunion Information Baraboo, Wisconsin June 25-27, 2013

**Reservation Deadlines:** We encourage you to plan your trip now and register early. Please complete and mail the reunion registration form on page 7. Room availability is guaranteed only if received by:

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 11, 2013 Reunion Registration Deadline: June 11, 2013

**<u>Hotel Reservations</u>**: Make your room reservations by phoning guest services at our headquarter hotel.

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West Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

608-356-1100

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If you plan on extending your stay before or after the reunion, the hotel will honor our special reunion room rate.

<u>Campgrounds</u>: For those desiring to camp, there are several nearby campgrounds. Check them out at <u>www.baraboo.com</u> then click on <u>Lodging > Campgrounds</u>.

**Check-in & Welcome Dinner:** Reunion check-in begins at 4:00 PM on Tuesday at the hotel. Our reunion officially starts at 6:00 PM, with a spaghetti dinner which is included in your registration fee.

#### 2013 Reunion Schedule:

#### Tue., June 25th:

 Officers Meeting
 12:00-3:00 PM

 Hotel Check-in
 3:00 PM

 Reunion Check-in
 4:00-6:00 PM

 Welcome Dinner
 6:00 PM

#### Wed., June 26th:

BreakfastAt the hotelFamily Meeting9:00-11:00 AMGroup Photo11:00 AM

(Sight seeing and free time)

#### Thu., June 27th:

Breakfast At the hotel
Coach Tour (optional) 8:45 AM-4:15 PM
Family Banquet 5:30-9:00 PM

#### Fri., June 28th:

(Additional sight seeing and departure)

Baraboo Area Coach Tour: A luxury charter coach will transport us to visit the highlights of the area. This optional tour will pick us up at the hotel and take us to our first stop, Circus World Museum. After visiting the historic circus wagons, and viewing circus acts, we will continue to historic downtown Baraboo. There we will enjoy a guided-walking tour of the town which was the winter home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. We will also be treated to a tour of the Historic Al Ringling Theatre and enjoy a brief demonstration of the 1928 Mighty Barton Theatre Organ. You won't want to miss this tour. Space is limited so reserve early. Lunch will be on your own.

**Baraboo Family Banquet:** Thursday night will provide a final opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of cousins we only see every two years. Our banquet will be held at the Best Western-Baraboo Inn where we will enjoy a three-entrée buffet dinner.

**Sponsorships:** We want our reunion to be inclusive and fun for all. We also realize that the registration and banquet cost may prevent some family members from attending. Please consider adding a voluntary contribution to your registration so that we can assist those who may otherwise be unable to attend. A special thanks is extended to those who have provided this extra support in the past and those who will offer it for the 2013 reunion.

### Registration Form -- 2013 Windemuth Family Reunion

Complete one registration form for each family or single adult attending the reunion. (A family consists of parents and their children who are less than 18 years of age.) Mail this completed form with full payment to:

#### Gene Dennis, 9095 S. Saginaw #12, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, USA

Make checks payable in US dollars to: Windemuth Family Organization. Registration deadline is June 11, 2013.

Questions: Contact Gene Dennis; phone (810) 694-7735; e-mail: gdennis@windemuth.org

#### List each family member attending:

Be sure to include first and middle names. Also include the maiden name (in parenthesis) of each married female:

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# **Family News**

Reunions, births, marriages, deaths and missing addresses

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### **Missing Family Members:**

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Kleppinger	Ted		1940 W Turner St Apt 317	Allentown	PA
Masters	Dwight	Thomas	17236 Pine Ave	Mapleton	IA
Wintemute	J.		175 Ferris Street E	Hamilton	Ontario

#### **Death Announcements:**

Richard Lindbergh Frankenfield passed away June 5, 2012 in Lawrence, KS. He was born on February 26, 1928 in Bethlehem, PA, the son of James Garfield Frankenfield and Christina Catherine Hager. Richard graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in Chemical engineering. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and volunteered often in civic and community service projects.

Barbara A. Myers, 66, of Greenburg, PA died July 20, 2012. Born on Feb. 11, 1946, she was the daughter of Edward B. and Irene C. (Cannon) Siko. Barbara retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a program specialist for Child Support Enforcement. She first married Raymond Robert Parker who predeceased her; then marrying Paul E. Myers, Jr. of Greenburg.

**Boyd E. Snover**, **63**, passed away on July 7, 2012 at his home in Copemish, MI. He was born Oct. 11, 1948 in Nashville, Tenn., the son of Albert and Lela (McClendon) Snover. Boyd loved watching auto racing and volunteering at the Copemish Flea Market every Sunday.

Virgil Mayland Snover, 75, passed away on May 8, 2012 in Pasadena, TX following heart surgery. Virgil served the Houston area as a brick layer for over 50 years. This information was provided by his niece, Leona Mae Barnhart Nelson.

Richard William Tillson, Jr. (aka: Rik Maverick)
Born Jan. 17, 1955 in Dayton, OH; passed away Aug. 21,
2012 in Sacramento, CA after a 2-1/2 year battle with brain
cancer. He is survived by his mother, Elnor Tillson, father,
Richard W. Tillson, Sr. and stepmother Susan Meier. He
attended the University of Oregon, UCLA and graduated
from American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.
After college he lived in New York City, Boston, San Francisco and Berlin, where he founded and directed Berlin Play
Actors Company. He returned to Sacramento in 2000 and
served as Director of Short Center North.

Sherrolynne Ruth Wilcox (Sherry) died peacefully on April 8, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta. She was born on April 7, 1943 in Fort McLeod, Alberta to Harold and Ruth Wintemute. She leaves her husband Herb, two sons, Kayedon and LeeRon and several grandchildren. Sherry and Herb have lived outside Beaverlodge, Alberta for the past 35 years.

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#### **Death Announcements** (continued from page 8)

Warren R. Wintamute, 90, died July 29, 2012 in South Hutchinson, KS. He was born in Dodge City, KS on May 25, 1922, the son of Russell D. and Evelyn Mae Reekie Wintamute. In 1942, he married Nellie Maxine Johnson, before serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. Warren was the retail sales manager for Rainbo Baking Co. for 41 years, then worked 15 years part time at the Kansas State Fair. This information was submitted by Louis E. Harrison.

**David P. Wintemute**, 62, of Lawrenceville, GA died July 30, 2012. He was born on November 29, 1949 in Buffalo, NY and Married Pamela Sue Rariden in 1984. This information was submitted by Kathleen Wintemute.

**John (Jack) Roberts Wintemute** passed away on April 14, 2012 in Qualicum Beach, British Columbia. He was born on July 16, 1920 to Charles Ernest Wintemute and Jane

Moore in Vancouver, BC. He attended the University of British Columbia, joined the Canadian Navy and served on the Atlantic Patrols based out of Halifax. In 1946, he married his sweetheart Aileen Parsons and continued his education, graduating with a mechanical engineering degree in 1947. Jack worked for Fleck Brothers, Evans Coleman & Evans and then Ocean Cement in Victoria where he retired in 1974. He enjoyed many outdoor sports throughout his life.

Stanley Gay Wintermote, (77), passed away on September 12, 2012 at his home in Ankeny, IA. Born July 25, 1935 in Casper, WY, he was the son of Clarence and Winnie (Harrison) Wintermote. While attending the University of Wyoming, Stanley became a National Champion wrestler at the 138 pound weight class. In 1958, he married Judith Louise Stacy. After graduation, he taught high school and coached wrestling. Stanley had a passion for teaching and was a lifelong educator.

#### **Life Members**

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