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Third Annual NPSA Reunion!

NPSA's third annual reunion was a great success. Members came from as far away as North Platte to spend time seeing old friends, making new ones and enjoying great entertainment and food. The guests registered at the front table with Kusum Kharbanda, NPSA Board member, and Ron & Deanna Block. Their help the past three years has been great. After all guests were seated and had a chance to talk for a bit the entertainment was started with Tom Roth & Wes Stebbins. Wes played the guitar with Tom singing to a most appreciative audience. The food was excellent and enjoyed all the more with the accompanying music. .

After a short break Pete Petracheck thrilled us with his magic tricks and humor. He was assisted by Joan Heinz. Pete was a friend of Johnny Carson, when you see his act we can see why. It was great fun watching Pete do his

magic.

Next we were in for a great surprise, Gene Roth, our Board President discovered this unique and talented young man. Garret Bowder taught him self how to whistle on a professional level before he was a teenager. Words don't do justice to the talent this young man has. We expect to see him on national TV some time soon.

Our featured guest speaker was Pat Meierhenry. She talked with us about the wonders of laughter and its benefits to health. Pat had us laughing the whole time she spoke. It was great to hear her positive message about things we can do to improve our lives and health.

On a side note Gene Roth was given a gift to honor his efforts during the past year as NPSA's Board President. Both Barb & Gene have worked very hard behind the scene to advance the efforts of NPSA.

We want to thank them for their help.

We want to give a special thanks to Barb Roth, NPSA board member, for her tireless efforts in putting this event together. Her ideas and help in planning and selecting the food, decorations etc... made this reunion one of the best yet.

This was a quick report on the reunion. We want to thank all of you who came and look forward to seeing you again next year.

by John M. Barnett



(Picture above is of the Field Club on the day of the reunion.)

The attendance was great so many friends to see again.



Gene Roth NPSA Board President



Once again Kusum Kharbanda, NPSA Board member, and Ron & Deanna Block register the incoming NPSA guests!



Marian Barnett, NPSA Director with her husband Jim.



Barb Roth, NPSA Board member shows off her desert! Does she know how to make a first class affair or what! (Picture to the left)



The entertainment was well received! Tom Roth & Wes Stebbins, Garret Bowder, Pete Petracheck and Pat Merhenry!



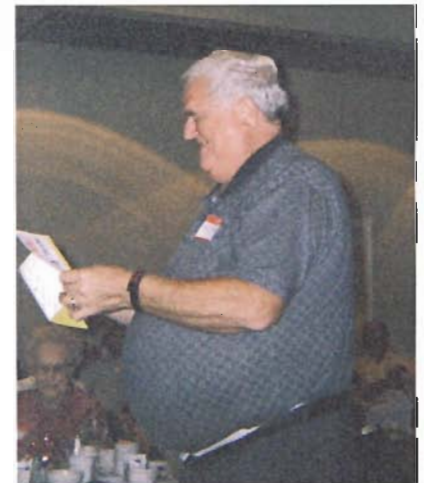
Tom Roth talks with NPSA members during a short break in the entertainment.



Tom & Wes provided the musical entertainment - we loved their show!. (Sorry about the pictures guys the light got the best of the cameraman.)



Pat Merhenry takes some time before her speech to tell Marian a few tips on good health.



Food, Fun, Education and Entertainment!



Garret Bowder did a incredible job of whistling tunes. This self taught young man will be on national TV soon if they haven't done it already!



Our Speaker, Pat Meierhenry, talked to us about health and healing with humor.

Pete Petracheck works his magic with Joan Heinz (pictured below.)



Shirley Marsh, former NPSA board member, talks with her many friends in the crowd.



John Barnett, NPSA board member gives Gene Roth, Board President and his wife Barb Roth, Board member a gift for a job well done in 2008.



Smiles and laughter were the norm for the day!



Ted Roche, NPSA board member and his wife Victoria.



Ted & Victoria take in the show.



Garret takes a break from his whisling to watch the others.



Kusum Kharbanda NPSA board member speaks with some of the guests during the meal.



Penny Jewell, a long time NPSA volunteer, listens to the speaker with friends. (Penny is pictured to the right 1st person in row.)



**OMAHA / COUNCIL BLUFFS
/LINCOLN AREA SUPPORT
GROUP MEETINGS**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st 2:00 P.M.
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN
CHURCH, 7706 S 96TH ST.
LA VISTA

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - 2:00 P.M.
BLOOMFIELD FORUM 98th and
Nicholas Street - The program is a very
personal and powerful story of Fred
Wilson's survival in the aftermath of the
Van Maur shooting. Fred has been able
to turn this tragic event into a life
changing experience which he will
share with us.

Thanks for the help from all of the NPSA volunteers!



**Hope You Enjoyed
the Pictures!**

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