

2023 Reunion Recap

Hi KKC Extended Family,

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the 2023 Kulp Reunion held on Sunday, June 11th and those who could only be there in spirit! It was so nice to see the many familiar faces and also meet some new ones. So, I just wanted to send out a short recap of events:

It was a nice day, not too warm and comfortable in the Social Hall. We had 53 people attend, with several coming from distances to attend, including Donna and Dave Zempel from Seattle as the furthest traveled! The oldest attendee was Arlene Umstead of Schwenksville, PA at 91. Garrett Kulp Hernandez, 11, was our youngest attendee! Also traveling from distances were Charlotte Culp Novak from Florida, Mary Jane and Vern Michael from Virginia, Pam Santone from West Virginia, and finally Leslie Culp from Grimsby, Ontario who met her life long friend, Teresa Lago (not a Culp!) from Georgia at our reunion! It was also great to see Burkholders again!

Kathy and Allen Kratz provided us a great “groaning board” as usual, plus attendees provided a number of extra side dishes and desserts.

Jack Oberholtzer chaired the meeting portion. Doug Moyer recited the Lord’s Prayer in German in acknowledgement of our religious heritage.

The reunion secretary, Jack Oberholtzer, noted after our last’s year’s mailing update and request for those able to receive the mailing electronically, we currently have 337 on our list with about 111 of those going out via email, providing us some savings in postage and printing.

Jack spoke about the new website that is up and running. It still needs more to add the old bulletins and the Genealogical Reference Record and other information. If you have anything of interest that might be of interest to let him know.

Our treasurer Mark Moyer announced as of 11 June 2023 we had \$2664 in the bank. So far this year, we took in approximately \$1836 for the reunion, with expenses this year of \$1613, so we had a positive net of \$223. So have a decent financial base. Mugs and shirts are available, but we had to increase the postage for mailing these items in the future to cover our costs.

The current officers were nominated and elected to continue serving in their respective positions (but we would welcome help in any capacity).

Carol Wenger also led us in music before the groaning board, during the offering and as a benediction.

Doug Moyer gave an information packed program on “The Kulp Legacy”. There is so much information in there we would like to have everyone access it. Unfortunately, the file is too large to put on the website. So, I have put the power point presentation, the audio for the presentation, the audio for the meeting and some of the photos I took on Google Docs and provide you access to those files through the following links:

Doug Moyer's presentation of "The Kulp Legacy": <https://drive.google.com/file/d/154KB9pRC-zK4YD-vQ8BuNw3qYhQa7TeR/view?usp=sharing>

Audio for Doug's presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14B8r5DRbDUVsCTMrL0dR1UEq8qG-7lie/view?usp=sharing>

Audio for the business meeting: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cW0sasjaZNvvbbXbekT8J-0i6Ehsk5r/view?usp=sharing>

Photos from the 2023 Reunion:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DASJws8MnQkrEQyYb3IC2wsZUjR8MKID?usp=sharing>

If you have trouble accessing these documents, please let me know. And if you do not have any access to a computer, we might be able to have a paper copy sent to you.

And if you have a suggestion for next year's speaker topic or knows someone who could give an appropriate talk to our reunion, please let me know.

That's about it for now. If you have any questions, want to offer some time to help, etc., please contact me and I will be glad to help you out. Be on the look-out for an email in the each month. I also hope to get a recording of the speaker available at some time as well.

Many thanks for those making donations and Mark, Carol, Donna and Tina for their work and help putting the reunion together! Looking forward to seeing you next year on **9 June 2024!**

Jack Oberholtzer
Secretary, Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family Association

P.S. Be sure to follow the website (<http://kolb-kulp-culp.org>) and on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kolb-Kulp-Culp-Family-Reunion-111440337655136>).

P.P.S. For website or digital marketing help, please consider **Lenore Suhanec** at **Pink Sky Studios** <https://pinkskystudios.com>. She helped with our website and did a great job.

P.P.P.S. Please check out the genealogical resources at the website of *Palatines to America German Genealogy Society* <https://www.palam.org>.