Chicago, IL was a wonderful setting as we celebrated ITA’s 80th convention! The DoubleTree Hotel North Skokie welcomed our members with open arms for the busy weekend. The pre-convention activity on Thursday evening was a bus trip to the Navy Pier where everyone ventured out to enjoy the many activities from river cruises to the famous Ferris wheel to the yummy foods and beauty of the area. Friday a group enjoyed a golf outing while others toured the Museum of Science and Industries. A panoramic view from the top floor of the DoubleTree Hotel was experienced through the 3 walls of full windows on Friday evening at the Welcome Dinner & Dance. We had a visit from the Mayor of Skokie, enjoyed a wonderful buffet, played some fun games and danced the night away. Saturday was a full day of Chicago fun with a morning bus tour of the city as we learned of the architectural history of downtown and enjoyed eating at the famous Portillo’s. Later, we visited the famous Gino’s for some Chicago style pizza. Then, we took a Gangster’s Haunt tour around the downtown area, learning history that some may or may not have known about the 1920’s. Sunday included the morning gospel hour & surviving multiples candle lighting, business meeting, judging contest and evening farewell dinner & dance. The gangster themed evening was a complete hit as majority of the members dressed and played the part! We sang Happy 80th Birthday to ITA and devoured the special 3-tier cake in celebration. Many pictures were taken throughout the weekend by our official photographer, Jerry Hymer. It’s not too late to order more if you wish. We wish to thank the 2014 Co-Presidents, Cheryl & Meryl Hollar, and Co-Vice-Presidents, Cindy Hockensmith & Lindy Miller for all their hard work and hosting of such a fun weekend. Great job ladies! Also, a big thank you to everyone who attended this celebration. Memories are made each year as this is not only a group of multiples, but it’s a FAMILY of twins, multiples, surviving multiples, family and friends. We hope you walked away feeling blessed and loved from our extended family members. Finally, mark your calendars now and begin planning your family vacations around the upcoming ITA conventions as members elected the 2015 Officers for Orlando, FL and voted Rapid City, SD as the 2016 convention site.
2014 Judging Contest Winners

Most Unalike Same Sex
Alexa & Nicole Campbell, IL

Most Alike Males 51-64yrs
Jerry & John VanDenBurg, MN

Most Alike Females 31-51yrs
Lisa Musgrave & Linda Richardson, TN

Most Alike Males 65 & over
Joe & John Patten, OH

Most Alike Males 51-64yrs
Debbie Zawacki, IL & Donna Hyson, AZ

Most Alike Females 52-55yrs
Kathy Gilchrist & Karen Smith, Canada

Most Alike Females 56-60yrs
Carolyn Bridges & Marilyn Elder, OH

Most Alike Females 61-67yrs
Cindy Hockensmith & Lindy Miller, CA

Most Alike Females 71-72yrs
Mary & Ruth Berkebile, IN

Most Alike Females 68-70yrs
Joe & John Patten, OH

Most Alike Females 73-75yrs
Carolyn Bridges & Marilyn Elder, OH

Most Alike Females 76-83yrs
Catherine Olinger & Kathleen Jessie, TN

Most Alike Females 84 & over
Hilda Brown & Anna Reeve, PA

Youngest & Most Unalike Triplets
Jill, Jake & Ross Bieniek, GA

Oldest Males
Joe & John Patten, OH

Oldest Females
Geraldine Dunn, AL & Wardine Wilcox, TN
2015 ITA Convention
Tentative Agenda - Orlando, Florida

Thursday, Sept 3 - Pre-convention
AM/PM  I-Ride Trolley to Attractions, Shops & Restaurants
4:30PM  Disney Magic Kingdom After 5

Friday, Sept 4
AM/PM  Golf Tournament
AM/PM  Downtown Disney & Lunch
2:00PM  Executive Committee Meeting
7:00PM  TBA Theme Dinner/Show Adventure

Saturday, Sept 5
8:00AM  Kennedy Space Center
PM  TBD  Family Event/Games
6:30PM  Disney Theme Dinner/Dance Dinner

Sunday, Sept 6
9:00AM  Gospel Hour
10:00AM  Twins & Multiples Judging Contest
NOON  Group ITA Photo
2:00PM  ITA Business Meeting
6:30PM  “Once Upon A Time” Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction

Monday, Sept 7 - Post-convention
PM  TBD  Monday Night Dinner Club: Non-official evening meal for those who are still around

All details, prices & times TBA in June, 2015 mailing

2015 Hotel Information –
Rosen Plaza Hotel
9700 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819-8114

Reservations by phone: 1-800/627-8258 or 1-407/996-9700
Group Name: International Twins Association

Reservations online: Hotel link under Convention Information on the ITA website: www.intltwins.org

Single or Double occupancy rates:
$89 + tax per room, per night
Family rate: Children 17 & under are FREE

Triple or Quad occupancy rates:
Above rates + additional $20/guest, per room, per night.
* Limited Kings available, so call to book early!
* Onsite parking $5.00/night
* The group rate is available: Aug 30th - Sept 10th

Book by JULY 29, 2015 to reserve your room!
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