2016 Rapid City, SD – 82nd ITA Convention

The convention was held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, just a short walking distance from downtown Rapid City, SD. We hope everyone had time to visit the galleries, quaint shops with Native American arts & crafts, Black Hills Gold and the statues of the Presidents on every corner. The pre-convention activities included Deadwood Adventure on Thursday night for gambling, shopping and eating in the historic buildings. Friday, we were off to our Crazy Horse/Train Excursion. We shopped in Keystone before boarding an 1880 vintage steam train which took us for an hour ride through the Black Hills National Forest. We arrived in Hill City to see Crazy Horse and the Native American Culture Center. Friday night's Opening Ceremonies were started by Lisa Modrick, a member of the City Council, welcoming us to Rapid City. We had a wonderful performance by the 7th Cavalry Drum and Bugle Corps, followed by snacks and fun games. We had two new 50/50 games - Reverse Bingo and Heads & Tails. Other games included the 6-5-4 dice game, bean bag toss, high/low card game and mini golf. Rapid City souvenirs were given away at the end of the night.

Saturday and Sunday morning golfers enjoyed themselves at the beautiful Hart Ranch Golf Course. Thanks to Lyle Peterson who organized this event. Saturday afternoon we went to Mt Rushmore and the buses took us on Pig Tail Tums, Iron Mountain Road, Needles Highway, Needles Eye and mountain tunnels just big enough for the buses to squeeze through. We enjoyed a tasty meal and a heavy rain shower that ended in time for the Lighting Ceremony. Sunday morning Gospel hour and Surviving Twin Ceremony were led by Sandy Meyer who did a fabulous job. The judging contest was a lot of fun. This year we had 5 judges, two were 12-year-old twins, Colton and Jacob Porter. Sunday night our "Presidential Inaugural Ball" was a great time. We had a silent auction (thanks to everyone who donated items) and a 50/50 drawing. Our Presidential Kings and Queens were John & Jerry Vandenbarg, Leland & Charles Oswalt, Lisa Musgrave & Linda Richardson, and Janet Goodrich & Joanne Perez. We thought it was fitting to represent the Presidents on Mt Rushmore. The inaugural dance was led by DJ Mike Valdez. He loved working with our group and loved ITA's Rock Paper Scissors, Lucky Draw, and Bomb games and the Broom Dance. This was the first-time Jean and I were co-presidents and what an experience it was. We hope everyone is enjoying the cooler bag, can koozie and pens that were donated by us. We want to thank Cary and Janet who were there every step of the way keeping us on track, giving us advice and answering our many questions. A big thanks to our co-vise presidents, Monica and Melissa, who were awesome to work with. We also want to thank those who helped set up the auction & table decorations and those who volunteered to help with the games during the opening ceremony. We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the 82nd convention in Rapid City, South Dakota!

Co-Presidents, Jean Kelly and Joyce Peterson
2016 Judging Contest Winners & Special Awards

Most Alike Males 50 & Over
Charles & Leland Oswalt (OH)

Most Alike Males 66-70 yrs.
Kay Morganville & Karen Pope (IA)

Most Alike Males 55-58 yrs.
Debbie Zawacki (IL) & Donna Hyson (AZ)

Most Alike Females 59-65 yrs.
Linda Graves & Brenda Solomon (TN)

Most Alike Females 71-73 yrs.
Carolyn Bridges & Marilyn Elder (OH)

Most Alike Females 74-77 yrs.
Evelyn & Virginia Hatt (CA)

Most Alike Females 78-80 yrs.
Janet Goodrich & Joanne Perez (AZ)

Most Alike Females 81 & Over
Catherine Olinger & Kathleen Jessie (TN)

Most Alike Triplets
Cary, Chris, and Charles Clark (OK)

Most Unalike Males
Colton & Jacob Porter

Most Unalike Females
Betty Fritz & Patsy Palmer (MN)

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Oldest Males
John & Joseph Patton (OH)
Oldest Females
Geraldine Dunn (AL) & Wardine Wilcox (TX)

ITA Kings & Queens
John & Jerry Vandenberge, Leland & Charles Oswalt, Janet Goodrich & Joanne Perez, Linda Richardson & Lisa Musgrave
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Little Rock convention is extremely important for members to attend to discuss the future of ITA. Last year we established a committee to look into merging with another multiples organization and they will be presenting their findings at the Little Rock convention. We urge all to attend!

THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB
A group of 30+ members, families & guests met at 5:30 pm for dinner at the Grill in the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in SD. We ate great food & compared notes on all of our weekend adventures & promised to see each other in Little Rock-2017. It is great fun to have extra time to visit before heading home for another year. It is hard to believe how our group has grown. The club started with Marilyn Davidson & Glad Werner in Springfield, IL in 2004. Carol Bond & Connie Morey

HOTEL INFORMATION-Little Rock Marriott
3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock AR 72201
IMPORTANT: Book early due to the AR Razorback game during this weekend! Hotel will fill up fast & rates will go up.

Reservations: Call the Marriott Direct Booking at 1-877-759-6290 or online at: ITA Marriott Booking Online.
Deadline for Hotel Booking: August 15, 2017

Group Name: International Twins Association
Group Rate: Available 8/30/17-9/4/17 $89
Early Departure Fee: In the event a guest who has reserved a room in ITA block checks out prior to guest’s reserved checkout date, an early departure fee of $75 will be charged to that guest’s individual account. To avoid this fee the guest must advise hotel at or before check in.

Cancellation Policy: Must be received 24 hours prior to arrival or that guest’s individual account will be charged for one night stay.
Parking: The CVC has given us a $6 rate to self-park in their Main St parking lot. It will be a busy weekend, so the lot may be full & not available for some.
Airport: Clinton National Airport www.airport-little-rock.com

Surviving Multiplies
Ralph Cunningham (Randall), Geneva Petitt (Jeanette), Paulette Fahnestock (Paulene), Sandy Meyer (Sally) & Russell Scott (Ralph).

Details and Prices for Activities will be sent in the June 2017 ITA newsletter!

Tentative Convention Agenda

Thursday, August 31
(Pre-convention)
1:00-4:00pm
Tour of Little Rock: Central High School, Museum, Governor’s Mansion & more.

Friday, Sept 1
Golf Tourney (TBA) 9:00am-1pm
Tour Clinton Library & Heifer Project Int’l with lunch and presentation.
6:00pm-midnight
50/50, Opening Ceremonies/Dinner & Dance, casual attire

Saturday, Sept 2
10:00am-11:00am
Exec Committee Meeting
1:30pm-10:00pm
Hot Springs Trip & Dinner/Show, wear ITA t-shirt

Sunday, Sept 3
Golf Tourney (TBA) 8:30am-9:30am
Gospel Hour 9:45-11:00
Judging Contest & ITA Group Photo 1:00-2:00
Business Meeting 6:00pm-midnight
Antebellum Cotillion Ball Dinner/Dance & Silent Auction, time period attire

Monday, Sept 4
The Monday Night Club evening meal (TBA)
Payment Options: Would you like to spread out payment of the yearly convention registration fee? Members can make multiple, smaller payments either with US cash, check, or money order. Simply mail partial payments to the address on the Membership Form and we’ll keep track throughout the year for you. Make your final payment before the registration deadline and you’re all set!