



JAN 2025

THE INTERNATIONAL TWINS ASSOCIATION

The *International Twins Association* was originated by and for twins in 1932. It is a non-profit, family-oriented organization to promote the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of twins and multiples throughout the world.

Howdy Twin Family,

We hope the Dallas Texas Twins' convention was as much fun for you as it was for us. The weather during the conference was perfect; not too hot or humid. This was the first time we had met as a group in Dallas, Texas and folks had a blast; so much fun. The fact that the hotel we were staying at was located at DFW Airport allowed those flying into the airport to deplane and use the airport's transportation system to take us to the hotel and back to the airport was so convenient for all.

We want to give a special thanks to Cheryl and Meryl Hollar who had spent many hours as Co-Vice Presidents planning the events and the logistics associated with the weekend's events. They were not able to attend the conference because of Cheryl's accident the night before traveling to the conference. Cheryl and Meryl's planning was vital to the success of the conference. We want to thank Jean Kelly and Joyce Peterson for stepping in as the Co-Vice Presidents and helping with decorations and the silent auction.

The scheduled events kicked off on Thursday with a four hour-long bus tour of the Dallas downtown area as guided by two experienced tour guides that shared their understanding of the history of the area. Included in the tour was a stop at the location where President John F Kennedy was assassinated. That stop also included a detailed discussion of the facts and lore surrounding the events that occurred on that part of Commerce Street and the infamous Book Depository Building. On Friday, we visited the Ft Worth Stockyards and enjoyed seeing the longhorns herded down the street. During opening ceremonies, we enjoyed music by DJ Dan Richards and games by Georgeann. How many ducks did you find hidden in the hotel?

On Saturday, we visited the Grapevine Mills Shopping Center in Grapevine, Texas, which included a tour of the Sea Life Aquarium. It was nice to see all the children's reactions



ITA in Dallas

as they experienced the beauty of the aquarium. A visit to the Dallas area would not have been complete without a trip to the fictional Southfork Ranch where the Dallas TV series was first filmed. A museum, dinner and a tour of the house that was seen on TV was part of the activities for this event. We experienced how the Dallas Ewings lived and loved. We will have to admit that the pool in the backyard of the Southfork mansion looked much bigger on TV.

Sunday we were in the hotel for our business meeting and contest. Cecil and I again won the most unlike twins for our age group. I must convince Cecil to grow his hair and beard longer or that is the only prize we will ever win. Sunday night we ended with our Denim & Diamonds dinner and silent auction. Our special entertainment was twin comedians, and co-hosts of the NIGHTCOOP podcast - Kelly and Ali Ryan!

Our long weekend together had it all, and we thank you all so much for the opportunity to be a part of it and to serve as your Co-Presidents in 2024. We were grateful for the positive comments many of you gave us concerning the planned outside and hotel events. Thank you, Cheryl, and Meryl, again.

See you all next year in Norfolk, Virginia.

Twincereely,

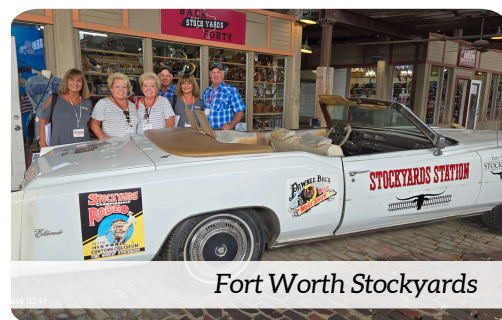
Thad and Cecil Slaughter



Dallas City Tour



Southfork Ranch



Fort Worth Stockyards



CONTEST WINNERS & SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Alike & Unalike



Most Alike Females, 64 & under, Best in Class
Debra Zawacki (IL) & Donna Hysen (AZ)



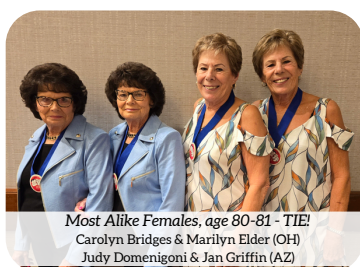
Most Alike Females, age 65-67
Jean Kelly & Joyce Peterson (MN)



Most Alike Females, age 68-77
Karen Buskirk & Sharon Smith (OH)



Most Alike Females, age 78-79
Frankie Pickelsimer & Frances Chadwick (GA)



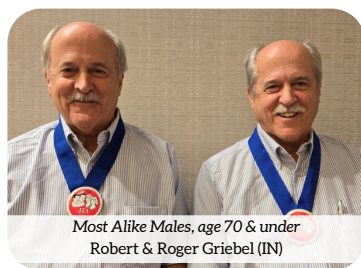
Most Alike Females, age 80-81 - TIE!
Carolyn Bridges & Marilyn Elder (OH)
Judy Domenigoni & Jan Griffin (AZ)



Most Alike Females, age 82-85
Sharleen Roberts & Sharon Kilbourne (MI)



^{TRI} Most Alike Females, age 86 + ^{TV}
Nadine Abbit & Marlene Markus (CA)



Most Alike Males, age 70 & under
Robert & Roger Griebel (IN)



Most Alike Males, age 71 +
Donald & Ronald Schweitzer (OK)



Most Alike Triplets or More, all ages
Cary, Charles & Chris Clark (OK)

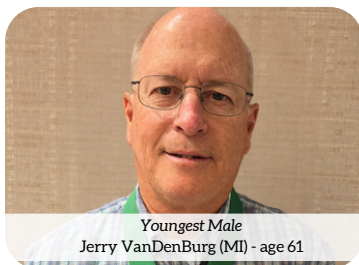


Most Unalike Males, all ages
Thad (TX) & Cecil (VA) Slaughter

Special Awards



Youngest Female + Shortest Distance
Pam Ward (Forth Worth, TX) - age 53



Youngest Male
Jerry VanDenBurg (MI) - age 61



Oldest Female
Wardine Wilcox (TX) - age 100



Oldest Males
Melvin & Walter Batman (TX) - age 79



Longest Distance
Melissa Parello (Staten Island, NY)



ITA Kings & Queens
Donald & Ronald Schweitzer (OK)
Brenda Solomon & Linda Graves (TN)



Surviving Twins
Geneva Pettitt (TN), Pam Ward (TX), Russell Scott (TX), Wardine Wilcox (TX),
Diane Knott (CA), Leland Oswalt (OH), Sandy Meyer (MN), Brad Shepard (FL)



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2025 CONVENTION

Norfolk, Virginia

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel



Sheraton Hotel

777 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
757-857-3351

Check-In @ 4 pm
Check-Out @ 11 am

7 miles to Norfolk International Airport
(no hotel shuttle service available)

Self-Parking Garage next to hotel

Transportation Service:

James River Transportation

866-823-4626 (*reservations required)

Accommodations

Two Queens/Single

\$129.00 + taxes & fees per night

Rates are available for

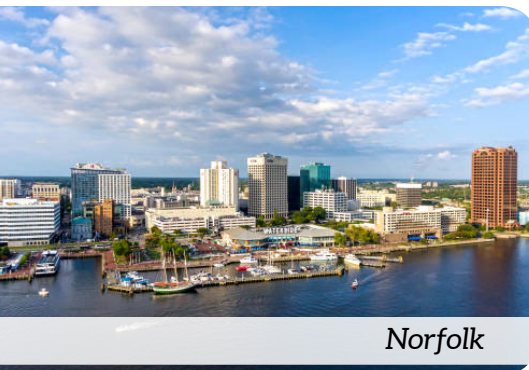
8/27/25 - 9/1/25

Book Reservations by August 4, 2025

By telephone: 1-800-325-3535

By website: <https://tinyurl.com/2h3ctx87>

Event: International Twins Association 2025 Conference



Norfolk



Williamsburg

Tentative Agenda

Thursday 8/28 - Spirit of Norfolk Evening Dinner Cruise with
Entertainment on the Elizabeth River

Friday 8/29 - City Tour of Norfolk & USS Wisconsin Battleship
Executive Committee Meeting
Opening Ceremonies (Dinner, Dance & 50/50 at hotel)

Saturday 8/30 - Colonial Williamsburg
Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Sunday 8/31 - Gospel Hour & ITA Business Meeting
ITA Judging Contest
Farewell Banquet (Dinner, Dance, Silent Auction at hotel)



Spirit of Norfolk

Looking forward to another weekend of memories!



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Payment Options

Would you like to make payments during the year for convention activities? Members can make multiple, smaller payments with a check or money order. Simply mail partial payments to:

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