

President's Page by Bettye Bond

Dear Cousins,

Memphis was selected as the site for this year's reunion because it is the home of Tim Johnson. We wanted to honor Tim and Jill for all the years of work they did completing the Gladney Update. It has not been God's Will to see this happen for Jill. We all appreciate her effort to complete this outstanding update for the Gladney Family. What a loss for us, but we know she is in the hands of our Lord and finally free of her pain.

Although we will miss Jill, we can certainly show Tim our love and thanks by making this one of the largest attended reunions ever.

I feel I can truthfully say no one else would have spent the amount of time this couple has in completing this great, giant step for the Gladney Family Association. It was a tremendous job, requiring much time and computer knowledge. Lets all show our appreciation by attending the Memphis reunion. Tim's family is in the Memphis area. We have only met a few of them, so lets get to know them all in July.

Adam's Mark Hotel Memphis is the Hotel selected for the 25-27 July 2003

Reunion. Their price is a special offer for our Association \$79.00 +tax. That is a good price for Memphis and it is in a secure location with secure parking, just off 240. The price will increase after 20 June, 2003, all unused rooms will revert back to the hotel.

Make reservations by calling 1-901-684-6664. Indicate Gladney Family Reunion. Laura Lee Sullivan is working with me on arrangements. The hotel is located at 939 Ridge Lake Blvd. Memphis, TN 38120.

The reception will start at 4 PM on Friday. The Executive Board Meeting will be Friday afternoon from 5-6 PM. So Board members plan to be there early so we can get our work done.

Plans are to have free time Saturday morning to do as you wish with a 1 PM Bus trip to the grave site of CSA William McMilling Gladney, Tim Johnson's ancestor. Anticipating that most of the local Gladneys will drive, we reserved a 47 person bus.

The Banquet Saturday night will be at 7 PM. We have a Gladney Guest Speaker, Randy Nichols, who is the Vice President of Finance, St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis.

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Family News (continued)

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Marian E. Gladney writes...

Dear Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. They arrived soon after Vic's death on Feb. 13, 2003. It was a quick response to my sorrow. He enjoyed working with the Gladneys in America years ago and was very proud of your activity now. My best to you always,
Marion E. Gladney

Many people have been asking about contributing towards the assistance given Tim during his travels to ful-

Dues Month (continued)

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the month of July the month to pay dues. Checks should be sent to C. Wallace or pay them at reunion.

The Association cannot continue to send newsletters to almost 550 addresses and have only 1/4th of those pay their dues. We are all aware of the increase in postage prices. Please support your Association in this matter, it will make records easier to maintain and keep our treasury strong.

Hereafter, the Gladney Year will be from July to July. If you have paid since January 2003, your dues will be due in July 2004. To keep the Association financially sound, the newsletter

fill Jill's wish to rest by her father in MN.

If you would like to contribute simply mail your donation to our treasurer and indicate that it is for the Johnson family. The address is ...

C. Wallace Gladney, Treas.

6996 Richard's Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Be sure to indicate that it is for the Johnson family.

Wally and Dean Gladney are proud grandparents of a new grandson - their first after three granddaughters. He was born in January to Peggy Denise

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can only be sent to those who pay dues. We always encourage members to donate additional help for the upkeep of the old Gladney Cemetery, in Winnsboro, . We also encourage any Gladney who has a problem paying dues to please contact

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Cousins Who Need our Thoughts and Prayers

Who is Santa?

We are saddened at the loss of Dr. Jimmy Brown, 63 of Hogansville, Georgia, who died Friday October 11, 2002 at Hospice LaGrange. Dr. Brown was the Sunday Morning speaker at the 2001 Gladney Reunion in Carrollton.

Jill Johnson has some serious health problems. Bettye talked to Jill at the hospital, she was in good spirits. She feels rather weak and thanks us for our concern and prayers.

She has been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma (she has cancer of the lung, spine, brain - two tumors there). She is undergoing radiation now. 2 January she will start chemotherapy.

If you wish to send a "get well" card. Please no phone calls.

Jill Johnson
885 Goshen Rd Lot #84
Stanford, KY 40484

Dr. James Gladney was in the Homer Hospital in October as the result of a torn rotor cuff and staph infection.

He went home and has done fairly well, but his general condition was still very weak. However, Friday (13th) they had to take him back to the Hospital. He has pneumonia and a recurrence of the staph infection.

If you wish to send a "get well" card:

Dr. James Frank Gladney
304 E. 3rd Street
Homer, LA 71040

Gloria Epps has been battling cancer for quite some time. We need to remember her in our prayers.

Polly Gladney had surgery 10 December to relieve the pain in her back. They went to Atlanta and stayed overnight in the hospital. She had about 25 minutes of surgery to relieve the pressure of vertebra and Cecil says she seems to be very much better.

Bettye and Gene were there for a short visit during Thanksgiving and she was hopeful of pain re-

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Father Christmas is based on a real person, St. Nicholas, which explains his other name 'Santa Claus' which comes from the Dutch 'Sinterklaas'.

Nicholas was a Christian leader from Myra (in modern Turkey) in the 4th century AD. He was very shy, and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it. It is said that one day, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in the stocking which a girl had put to dry by the fire! This may explain the belief that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's stockings.

2003 Reunion in Memphis (25 – 27 July)

Peanut Butter Balls

1½ c. graham cracker crumbs
 1 c. chopped nuts
 1 (16 oz) box powdered sugar
 1 c. flaked coconut
 12 oz crunchy peanut butter
 2 sticks butter
 1 block (¼#) paraffin (Gulf Wax)
 12 oz semisweet chocolate chips
 (I use a little more chocolate)

- Mix all ingredients by hand in a large bowl.
- Melt chocolate and wax in a double boiler
- Shape peanut butter mixture into small balls
- Dip balls in chocolate
- Place on sheet of wax paper
- Let chocolate set completely before serving.
- Candies will keep for several weeks if stored in airtight container.

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free time Saturday morning to do as you wish with a 1 PM Bus trip to grave site of CSA William McMilling Gladney. (Tim Johnson's ancestor).

More plans are to come but mark your calendar and don't plan anything else that weekend especially if you missed last year. According to Bettye this is a Presidential decree!!!

Thoughts and Prayers

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duction. Prayers for great recovery are sent to her.

Clifton Gladney called Bettye 16 December to say he had some health problems that would require surgery. He asks that "...everybody include me in their prayers along with the others that are having such a bad time." We pray for his success in surgery and complete recovery.

There is nothing more precious than family. Our thoughts are with you all this holiday season