



2003 Convention Set For Las Vegas

A few months after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, your Board of Directors became concerned that the terrible aftermath of the attacks would adversely affect attendance at the Ogle/Ogles Family Association's (O/OFA) Seventh National Convention scheduled for Las Vegas, Nevada, in the fall of 2003.

For six months we have been closely observing trends in air travel, security measures, gasoline prices, vacation travel, the national economy, unemployment figures, the stock market, hotel prices, etc.

Indicators reveal that although countless persons remain afraid to fly, hesitant to travel by plane or auto, and cautious about dipping into their savings, there is strong evidence that conditions are improving. Millions of Americans (including many Ogle descendants) are taking vacations, traveling by air, land and sea, spending money, and refusing to hibernate in their homes.

The Winter-2001 issue of *Ogling for Ogles* contained a short questionnaire asking members if they were planning to attend the convention in Las Vegas. The questionnaire also invited members to name other possible convention sites they would support if they did not plan to go to Las Vegas.

Results of Convention Questionnaire

Only fifteen O/OFA members returned a completed convention questionnaire or submitted partial information representing plans, recommendations and comments of some twenty-four members and spouses who are potential conventioners. However, we know there are many members and spouses who plan to attend the Convention who did not complete a questionnaire.

The first question was "Do you plan to attend the O/OFA National Convention in the fall of 2003 if held in Las Vegas?" Fifteen persons said, "Yes." Seven replied, "No." Two answered, "Maybe."

"Would you attend the 2003 Convention if

held some place east of the Mississippi River?" Sixteen persons replied, "Yes." Two said, "No." Six checked, "Maybe."

There was no consensus among responses to the question, "Where would you like the Convention to be held in the eastern U.S.?" Recommendations included: St. Louis (three votes); Memphis; Natchez, Miss.; Indianapolis; Mackinac Island, Mich.; Columbus, Ohio; and New Orleans. Also: Florida; Asheville, North Carolina; Wheeling, West Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Boston (two votes); Delaware; Maryland and New England.

One individual suggested alternating conventions between Salt Lake City and Gatlinburg, Tennessee, San Francisco, Laughlin, Nevada, and Tempe, Arizona, also were recommended as possible convention sites in the West. Two persons said, "...the convention site should be somewhere that pertains to Ogle history," such as, "...some historical place where the Ogles first came to the Colonies."

What conclusions can be drawn from the responses on the fifteen questionnaires submitted representing twenty-four members and spouses?

1. About the same number of members and spouses (15-16 persons or about 65 percent of those who responded) plan to attend the convention whether held in Las Vegas or somewhere east of the Mississippi River.

2. Chances are that some of the seven "maybe" votes regarding attending a convention held in the East would change to "yes" votes, thereby ultimately increasing attendance at a convention held in the eastern U.S.

3. The less than five percent response from our 325+ members is insufficient to gauge how many persons might or might not attend our next convention in the fall of 2003 if held in Las Vegas.

Considerations For Holding 2003 Convention in Las Vegas

Because O/OFA is national in its programs and policies, the Association has tried to hold con-

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- *Membership Coordinator - Peggy Higham*

Ogle Antique Plate Fund Progressing Nicely, Thank You

A fund drive has been underway since December 2001 to collect enough donations from O/OFA members to replace \$2,500 used from our treasury to purchase four beautiful, early 19th century, Royal Worcester porcelain dinner plates containing the historic Ogle family coat of arms.

Treasurer Betsy Ogle Montgomery reports that as of March 13, 2002, twenty-one persons have made thirteen donations totaling \$1,105. The gifts include seven checks for \$25, one for \$30, three for \$50, one for \$100, and one for \$650.

Contributors are: Katherine Brandon of Helena, Mont.; A. Tom and Sylvia Classen of Norfolk, Neb.; Sharon Lee Farmer and husband Phillip S. Osborne of Lake Forest Park, Wash.; Samuel R. and Anita Hilbert of Midlothian, Va. Also: Alex and Peggy Ogle of Somerset, Penn.; Oren and his mother Olive Ogle of Portland, Ore.; Danny Lee Ogle of Rocky Mount, N.C.; Wayne and Lung Ogle of Daytona Beach Shores, Fla.; Kathy Ogle of Dallas, Tex.; and George Ogles of Augusta, Ga.; Bob and Carol Wright of Cartersville, Ga.; Francine D. and Robert M. Shoemaker of Goleta, Calif.; and Irene S. Taylor of Barberton, Ohio.

Each contributor's generous donation is greatly appreciated. We hope that additional members will make a contribution. Donations of any amount are welcome and should be sent to Treasurer Betsy Ogle Montgomery, 1214 Stonehurst Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801-1233. Unfortunately, the donations are not tax deductible.

Plans for Plates

Wayne Ogle received the four plates in mid-February. He reported that "the colors of the plates are bold, bright, and fresh looking. Except for the gold trim, they look like they could have been made quite recently [instead of more than 200 years ago]. The workmanship is excellent, and the photographs we have seen do not belie their actual condition."

Temporarily, the valuable plates are being safeguarded in O/OFA's rented, secure storage facility in Daytona Beach while the board decides when, where and how to display them and protect them. Various recommendations have been received from O/OFA members.

Shirley Willard, O/OFA Librarian and charter member, has recommended that we

distribute the plates to different locations where more Ogles could view them. Shirley suggests Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Maryland; the Ogle Family Library in the Fulton County Museum, Rochester, Ind.; and Florida, as possible sites for the plates. Her recommendation, including additional sites, is being considered.

Longtime member Sam Hilbert has suggested that the Association obtain a professional, color negative of an Ogle plate that could be reprinted full plate size in four colors, and sold to interested members. It's a great idea that is being pursued.

Also, someone recommended that O/OFA purchase a small display case/curio cabinet or have one made in which one or more of the plates could be displayed at our national conventions.

All of the above ideas and recommendations, along with other ideas that members may wish to submit, will be considered. The leadership of O/OFA wants as many members as possible to see these truly beautiful Ogle family antique artifacts.

O/OFA website helps keep members and visitors up-to-date

The Ogle/Ogles Family Association's website was launched in February of 1999 under the leadership of O/OFA Vice-President Paul W. Ogle of Cary, North Carolina. Webmaster Paul is well qualified for this task by virtue of his extensive experience in high-tech industries, marketing, and business development.

Since the website's inception, it has had approximately 11,000 visitors, nearly 8,000 of whom are unique, i.e., distinct, non-repeat visitors.

According to Paul, the website is currently averaging about 845 visits per month.

Not all the people clicking on the website end up becoming members of the organization, although the website has nevertheless proven to be the greatest source of O/OFA's new members so far,

apparently far better than mere word-of-mouth, as membership increased noticeably since the website's inauguration. The Association currently has 325 members. A concomitant increase has been seen in sales of the Ogle-related publications.

It is unclear exactly how many O/OFA website visitors overall ultimately become members, but it is known that there have been 197 electronic applications completed since the website's introduction. Of those applications completed in calendar year 2001, 22 new members joined via the website, a significant number in an organization of O/OFA's size. Some of the joiners, and



Paul Ogle, webmaster.

many others, have bought Ogle-related materials from the organization's list of resources.

Under the care of Webmaster Paul Ogle and the leadership of the O/OFA Board, O/OFA's website will continue to grow as the organization grows and as the internet itself becomes an even more prevalent and sophisticated way of life than it is at present. The potential for the website's relevance to the organization's members will be even greater in the future, too, particularly as more and more members achieve internet access.

Keep clicking for the latest news at <http://www.ogles.org>.

Kathy Ogle Relinquishes Membership Coordinator Role

Effective May 15, 2002, the Association loses the outstanding services of a talented, devoted and hard-working officer and board member when Kathy Ogle resigns as Membership Coordinator. Kathy is cutting back on some of her many church, civic and organization leadership roles and time-consuming commitments to have more quality time with husband Bob, daughter Rachel and her extended family.

Kathy first served as our super Secretary from Jan. 1998 until Jan. 2001. In addition, she was the superb Convention Director of O/OFA's highly successful 6th National Convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in Sept. 2000, attended by some 160 members, spouses and guests.

Also she developed the new position of Membership Coordinator that was urgently needed by our growing Association. Beginning in 2001 she switched to the new Membership Coordinator role and expanded it while continuing to be a very active, knowledgeable and effective officer and member of the board. Kathy has done a marvelous job of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of Membership Coordinator, and any task she undertook.

Less obvious, yet nonetheless significant, were several other vital contributions by Kathy to our organization, including: development of a policies and procedures manual; compilation of duties and responsibilities for officers and staff; upgrade of the welcome package for new members; and progressive use of electronic communications to communicate with members.

Everyone will miss Kathy and her abundant talent, eagerness to serve, solid leadership abilities, zest for life, and infectious positive influence.

"Thank you, Kathy. Your many friends in O/OFA wish you well!"

Peggy Jean Higham

The Association is indeed fortunate to locate another talented member who has volunteered to assume the important role of Membership Coordinator. She is Peggy Jean Higham of Benton City, Wash. For the past few months Kathy has been working closely with Peggy to ease the transition.

Peggy has been married to Dale Byron Higham for twenty-six years. They have three sons (one married) and two married daughters, one granddaughter named Savannah, with two more grandchildren expected this fall. "Out of all things that I am involved in," says Peggy, "I think being Grandma is the most wonderful, fulfilling job in the whole world."

Peggy is very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was an early morning religion teacher (Seminary) for eight years. Also she was president of the Ladies Relief Society for about seven years and currently is 1st Counselor in that organization. In addition, she

taught in the Young Women and Primary organizations.

Recently she completed eight years (two terms) on the local school board. That's not all! Peggy currently is Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Unit 205 where her two youngest sons are completing work on their Eagle Scout Award. Also, she is taking a Master Gardening Course and doing volunteer work for that organization in the community and at the local elementary school.

Peggy has been an O/OFA member for twelve years. She and her father Gene attended our 5th National Convention in 1997 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her line to John Ogle the immigrant is through Jehu Ogle of Frederick County, Md., and many generations of Jehu's descendants who lived in Ohio before Peggy's great-grandfather went to Oregon. Welcome aboard, Peggy!

Hereafter, please send all membership dues and inquiries regarding membership to Peggy J. Higham, P.O. Box 93, Benton City, Washington 99320-0093. Her e-mail address is peggy@higham.com

Welcome New Members (11/01/2001 through 2/28/2002)			
<i>Gideon</i>	<i>Karen Clifford</i>	<i>Greenbrae</i>	<i>CA</i>
<i>Louder</i>	<i>Pearl</i>	<i>Jewell</i>	<i>KS</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Vicki</i>	<i>Burnsville</i>	<i>MN</i>
<i>Ogle</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Grants</i>	<i>NM</i>
<i>Ogle</i>	<i>Harold & Darcy</i>	<i>Fremont</i>	<i>CA</i>
<i>Ogle</i>	<i>Larry Richard</i>	<i>Rocky Face</i>	<i>GA</i>
<i>Ogle</i>	<i>Leland D.</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>IA</i>
<i>Ogles</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>VA</i>
<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Sandra</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>MO</i>
<i>Thompson-Robards</i>	<i>Tatjana</i>	<i>Milledgeville</i>	<i>GA</i>

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ADDRESS				PHONE	
CITY		STATE		ZIP	
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> HUSBAND/WIFE			APPLICATION TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL		
Please accept my membership in the O/OFA for the calendar year(s) indicated:		Description		Annual Dues	Amount Tendered
<input type="checkbox"/> 2002 <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 <input type="checkbox"/> 2004		1 Year Individual Membership		\$17	
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2003 Convention

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ventions every few years in all parts of the U.S. Four of our past six conventions have been held east of the Mississippi River where most of our Ogle ancestors in America lived during the 15th-17th centuries. The Eastern U.S. also is where the majority of our current members live now. The only convention held any distance west of the Mississippi River during the Association's twenty-two year history was the fourth convention in Salt Lake City in 1997. The second convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri, on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors has had a long-standing commitment to members on the West Coast to schedule a convention in or near their area. At one time or another, far more members have joined the Association from California than from any other state. California is first with 97 members, Tennessee second with 73, and Indiana third with 71 members. California members and those from Washington, Oregon and other far western states remain eager and deserve to have at least one national convention close to the West

Coast.

More than a year ago the Board voted to hold the 2003 convention in Las Vegas. We have an experienced meeting planner (O/OFA Secretary Myrna Menke) who has volunteered to be our Convention Director for the Las Vegas site. She lives in Buena Park, California, near Los Angeles, about 275 miles from Las Vegas, which facilitates visits to Las Vegas for convention arrangements.

At this time, we do not have anyone else to serve as the all-important convention director for any site in the East or anywhere else.

We Are Going To Las Vegas!

After careful reassessment, the Board has voted to reaffirm its prior commitment to hold the Seventh National Convention in Las Vegas in the fall of 2003. We cannot expect 160 persons to attend the Las Vegas convention as they did in Gatlinburg in 2000. We do expect a good

attendance including many loyal members from the Eastern U.S. along with many members from both sides of the Rocky Mountains.

The conference will be held in September or October 2003 and consist of three days of interesting programs. The exact dates will be announced as soon as Myrna can arrange hotel and meeting accommodations.

Although Las Vegas has no historic Ogle connection, the city abounds in fabulous hotels with live entertainment (some of it free), excellent food, museums about famous entertainers, gaming opportunities everywhere, and a carnival atmosphere. Tourist attractions in the area include Boulder Dam, Lake Mead, and various offerings of the Southwest Desert, including the Grand Canyon.

Start now making plans to attend the Seventh O/OFA National Convention in Las Vegas in the fall of 2003. You will have a great time!