

Preface



For more than one reason this is a very special issue!

First of all we celebrate the fact that we have published the 10th issue of our magazine. This also implies that you have supported us in several ways for five years; for instance by reading this magazine, by letting others join you in reading it, by providing us with copy and by taking part in our activities. That's why we would like to celebrate this with all of you.

It is also very special that the 10th issue is a full-colour one.

Usually we cannot afford this luxury, but thanks to the organizing committee of the **Reunion in the USA** this full-colour edition was made possible. That is to say, the reunion was also a financial success and the organizing 'Baldwin-committee' wanted to allocate the surplus to a special and durable goal.

They and we opted for a colourful and lasting memory of this fantastic reunion in Baldwin, Wisconsin.

This reunion takes up the major part of this magazine and with good reason for it was an unforgettable event. What a privilege it was to be in a position to get together with about 120 family members, who all of them have some special ties with the Somsens and who share so many positive feelings that go with this. And how pleasant it was to know that lots of young people visited the reunion and how they quite visibly enjoyed it and turned it into a real celebration. This is very promising for the future!

The editorial staff has done its utmost to turn this issue into a very special one.

And, as far as we are concerned, these efforts are mainly a tribute to **The Reunion Committee**. They have meticulously prepared the reunion and they have made it into a festive and unforgettable meeting with unrestrained energy and enthusiasm. We add their names in golden letters to the annals of our family history!

On behalf of the board,
Theo Somsen



The Reunion Committee:

Back row l.-r.: Marie Ista [3711], Marilyn Olson-Lear [3850] Grace Emmert [3855], Barb DeLander [3851]
Sally Berkholder [2761] Cindy Zignego [2761] Paula Crist [816] and Irene Somsen [832]
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