

Outgoing President:**LONNIE WELLS**

We want to express a heartfelt thank you to Lonnie for his wonderful leadership and devotion to our family association. His dad, L. Bert Wells, was a huge proponent of preserving and maintaining the family cemetery and Lonnie has carried on that work with a fervor.

This photo of Lonnie is typical: it was taken on one of the numerous work parties he arranged and oversaw at the cemetery: pouring grave tops, general cleaning, weeding, re-painting the fence, creating a cemented area around the flagpole to keep the area weed free, placing headstones and generally responsible for a much improved cemetery.

Lonnie's leadership has also resulted in much more family participation. For some time, we have wanted to get younger generations involved and for the last several reunions, we have had more than 70 attendees at each one.

We regret to say that Lonnie resigned to take care of a serious health problem. His treatment is going well and we hope he will be with us for years to come.

If you would like to personally thank Lonnie and express your support and encouragement, he can be reached by email at websco@aol.com. Or you can write him at 24201 Toren Circle, Mission Viejo CA 92691.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

We will be publishing the newsletter on a more regular basis. Unfortunately a prolonged illness and death prevented me from spending more time on family business.

SO—if you have family news you would like to share, please send it in to wells gazette@aol.com. Announcements regarding births, graduations, special recognitions and general news are welcome and certainly related photographs you want to share.

We also want to be sure all lines of the family are represented so are looking for more members interested in helping. If you want to volunteer, please email us or talk to Mike at the reunion.

If you want to help but cannot attend the reunion, please call or email us. Whatever your interest we can find a niche that fits you: family history and tales, genealogy, work on the Wells Book and/or fund raising in regard to the cemetery. For the reunion, we especially need help planning and coordinating the meals.

**LODGING CHOICES**

Ask for the Wells Reunion rates at the following motels: American Best Value Inn 888-315-2378; or San Jose Lodge 520-432-5761. These 2 locations are not in the downtown area. If you would prefer a room in a downtown hotel, motel or bed and breakfast, please go to Bisbee's Chamber of Commerce web site.

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