

# Our Family News Letter

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## But the name is spelled McNulty.

By Bob Heck

I don't know how many times I have heard someone say, "But that can't be my family; it's not spelled the same way." If I had believed that, half of my family would yet be "undiscovered" by me.

As a case in point I decided to look for one family in the 1880 US Census using the 1880 CD set from the Family History Center. The CD set allows one to look up variations in the spelling of a name. The family that I was looking up was that of my great great grandfather, Peter McNulty. Here is some of the background information.

Peter McNulty, born in Ireland and Patience Burgess born in New York had the following 13 children: (Indicates how I found the name in the census index.)

Henry McNulty (Henry McNulty)

Mary Ann McNulty married Henry Heck (Mary Heck)

Adaline McNulty married to John Newmann (Adaline Newman)

Elizabeth L. McNulty married to Sherman Asplund (Elisabeth Aspland)

John McNulty died before 1880

Peter McNulty Jr. (Peter McNulty)

Benjamin McNulty died before 1880

Daniel McNulty died before 1880

Julia McNulty died before 1880

Lawrence McNulty (Larry McNeltie)

Josephine McNulty (Josephine McNaulty)

Loretta M. McNulty (Loretto McNulty)

Sylvester McNulty (Sylvester McManus)

To top it all off, Peter McNulty had a brother Lawrence McNulty. He was found in the index as (Laurence McNully).

The variations in McNulty included McNulty, McNeltie, McNaulty, McManus, and McNully. You might ask how on earth someone came up with the name McManus for McNulty? That one had me going for a while so I looked up the actual census and found that the name was shown correctly in the census as McNulty, but the very next entry was for a family named McManus. Apparently whoever transcribed the data for the CD index jumped one line on the census.

Now you are probably asking why did I pick Sylvester McManus out of the index? Good question. Nobody in his or her right mind would have made that connection. This is what happened. I knew that Sylvester McNulty was 11 years old at the time of the 1880 census. I also knew that he was not living at home with his parents since he was not listed with them in the census. I suspected that Sylvester might have been working at one of the resorts or on a farm in Racine County, Dover Township near Eagle Lake and Kansasville since his parents lived in that area.

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I did a search of the 1880 CD set for anyone named Sylvester in Racine County. After all, how many Sylvesters could there be in one county? While there were several people named Sylvester, only one was 11 years old and he was living with the Thomas Power family in Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin. His name was shown as Sylvester McManus. His father was born in Ireland and his mother was born in New York while he was born in Wisconsin.

Using my subscription to the US Census at Ancestry.com I checked the actual census image and found that Sylvester was indeed a McNulty.

The lesson here is to use your logic and try to check out every variation possible and even some that are impossible.

Bob Heck

### Meet some of your shirttail relatives

Steve Zeren, 825 North Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80304, was looking up his family name on the internet when he found some data that I had posted on my web site. He sent me an e-mail message asking if the Zeren name in my database could possibly be related to his ancestors. After a few exchanges of data we found that indeed we were talking about the same family.

Steve Zeren, while not directly related to me, does share some common connections through marriage. Here is Steve's ancestry:

Susannah Sebenbrunner - Nicholas Zeren  
Peter Zeren - Gertrude Stacken  
William Zeren - Gertrude Amberg  
Joseph Zeren - Peggy Pastore  
Steve Zeren

After her husband died in 1855, Steve's great great grandmother, Susannah Sebenbrunner Zeren, married Johann Heck at Brighton, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. The new combined family moved to Swan Lake, Minnesota in 1857. Steve was kind

enough to send some pictures of the Zeren family. Many of the names are familiar since they are mentioned in Howard Heck's book, "**The Hecks From Alendorf, Germany**" published in 1991.

An obituary for John Zeren shown as (8) in the pictures states the following in part:

*John Kevin Zeren of Bolder died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995, at Manor Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers in Bolder. He was 74. He was born March 28, 1920, in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, the son of William Zeren and Gertrude Amberg Zeren.*

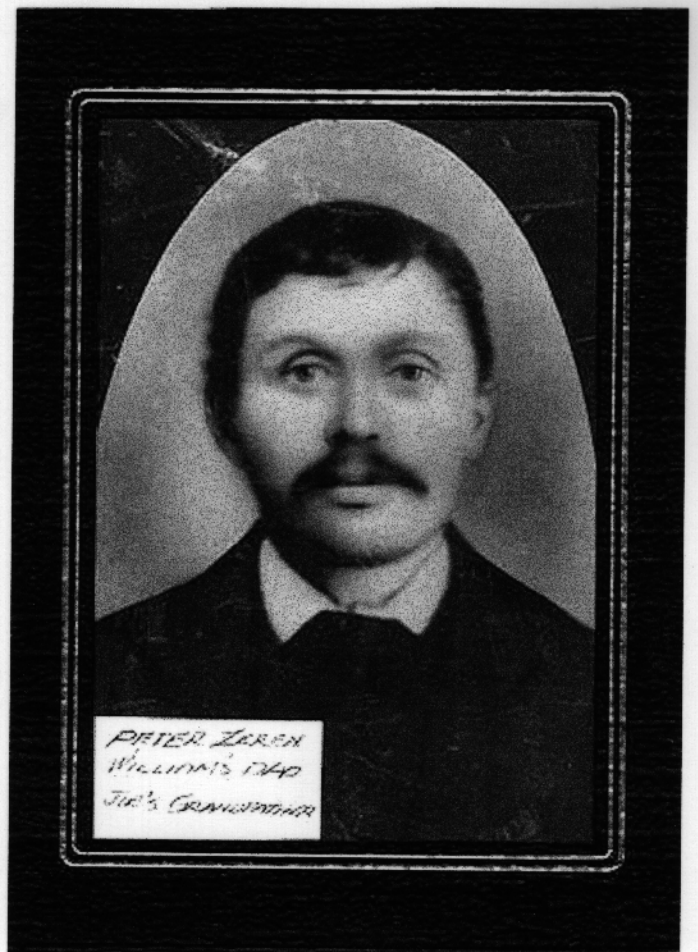
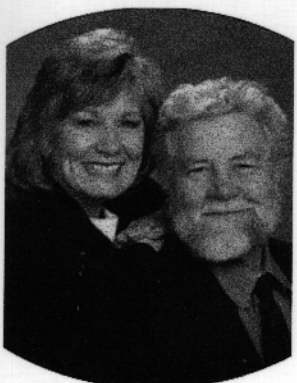
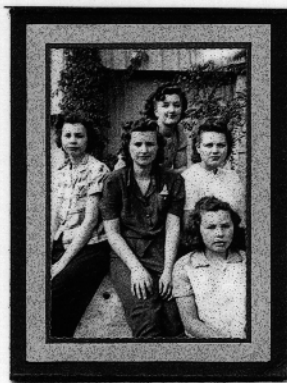
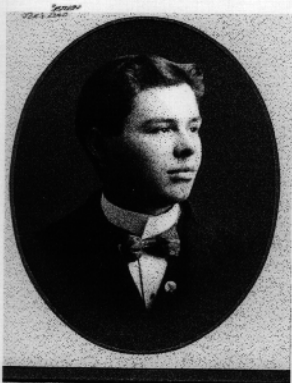
*He was a highway superintendent for the mountain district of the Bolder County Highway Department. Before that, he did government contract work for Tullie Air Force Base in Greenland. Mr. Zeren served in the Army during World War II. He fought with General George Patton's Third Army in Europe and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He also served in the Aleutian Islands in the Pacific.*

*Mr. Zeren moved from Redwood Falls to the Bolder area in 1921.*

*Survivors include a brother, Joseph D. Zeren of Bolder; four sisters, Dorothy M. Hinshaw and Dolores M. Black of Bolder, Irene I. Cook of Santa Rosa, California, and Thelma T. Speirer of Reno, Nevada. A sister, Gloria R. Maddox, preceded him in death.*

The following page contains some of the pictures that Steve sent to me. Starting in the upper left are (1) Gertrude Stacken, wife of Peter Zeren. In the upper right are (2) Johann Heck and Susannah Sebenbrunner Zeren Heck, (3) John, Peter, Margaret and Philip Zeren, (4) John and Cornelius "Nels" Zeren, (5) Gertrude Amberg, wife of William Zeren. In the lower left are (6) William Zeren, (7) William and Gertrude's daughters Irene, Dorothy, Gloria Thelma and Dolores Zeren. (8) John Zeren in uniform, son of William and Gertrude. (9) Joseph Zeren and Peggy Pastore, parents of Steve Zeren. In the lower right is (10) Peter Zeren.





## It's a small world...

As many of you know I'm very heavily involved in leading a computer genealogy group in the Milwaukee area. We have over 320 members in 14 States. We call our group the MPAFUG or Milwaukee Personal Ancestral File Users Group. I coordinate the monthly meetings, teach at least one session per month, head up the Steering Committee, and maintain the MPAFUG web page at:  
<http://www.mpafug.org>

I also created and maintain five or six family web pages containing my family history data at:  
<http://www.execpc.com/~bheck/heck.html>

As a result of all of this activity I receive about 40 e-mail messages per day and two or three phone calls per day from members seeking help.

This past week I received a pleasant surprise from a man from the Village of Rudimov, Czech Republic. He had been doing an internet search and entered the name of his village. One of the "hits" that he got was from my home page. This was a great surprise to him since Rudimov only has about a dozen buildings in it and their only claim to fame is that their soccer team took first place in a County tournament.

Rudimov was also the place where my grandmother, Anna Pastyrikova Mikel, was born in 1887. Her father was Josef Pastyrik and he was the Veterinarian for the area in and around Rudimov. I remember the many stories that my grandmother told me about her little village that was surrounded by fruit trees of every type. I remember her telling me how good it would smell there in the spring time with all of the cherry blossoms in full bloom.

The man from Rudimov was kind enough to take 14 colored pictures of the village and the surrounding hills. He sent them to me as an attachment to his e-mail message. I'm including eight of the pictures in grayscale on the following page.

## Don't Forget The Heck Picnic

On the last page of this newsletter you will find the schedule for the 36th consecutive Heck Family Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2002, at the Leisure Center, 101 Bayfield Court, in Racine, Wisconsin.

Activities begin at 7:00 AM with a breakfast at Hammez restaurant located at High Street and Douglas Avenue in Racine. Everyone is invited to attend the breakfast. Following breakfast, we will meet at Shoop's Park at Wind Point, overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan for a friendly round of golf.

You don't have to be good to golf in the tournament. Many of the golfers only golf once a year at the tournament so you kind of get the idea that you just need a good supply of golf balls. Skill is generally not a requirement. Don't get me wrong. There are a few who eat drink and sleep golf. I don't want to mention any names but they both are my brothers. I'm the one who golfs once a year.

The cost for golfing is \$5.00 plus green fees for 9 holes. The \$5.00 goes toward prizes and gifts. Generally everyone gets some sort of gift or prize. The overall winner gets to wear the coveted Blistering Red Blazer.

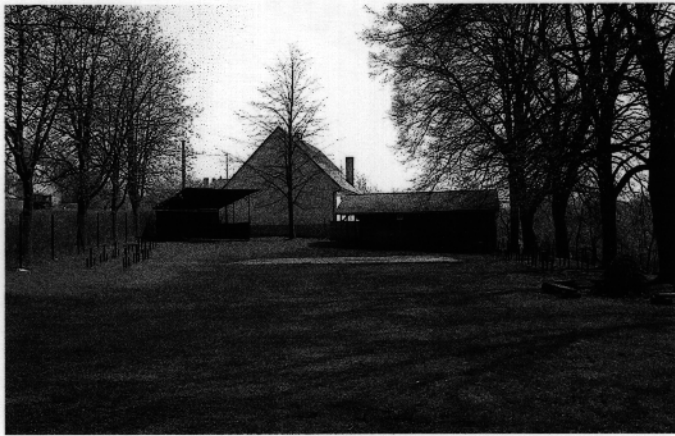
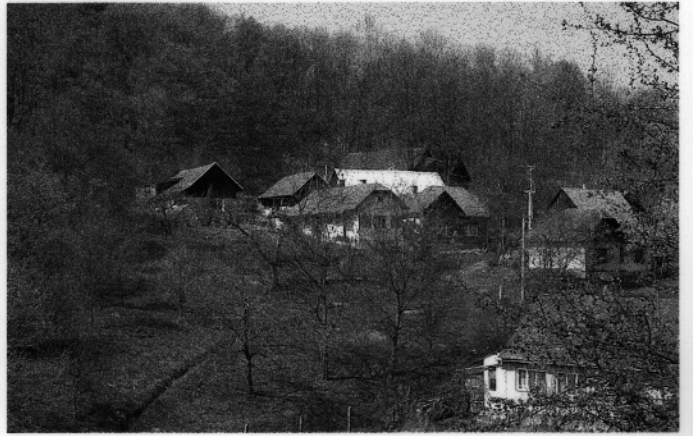
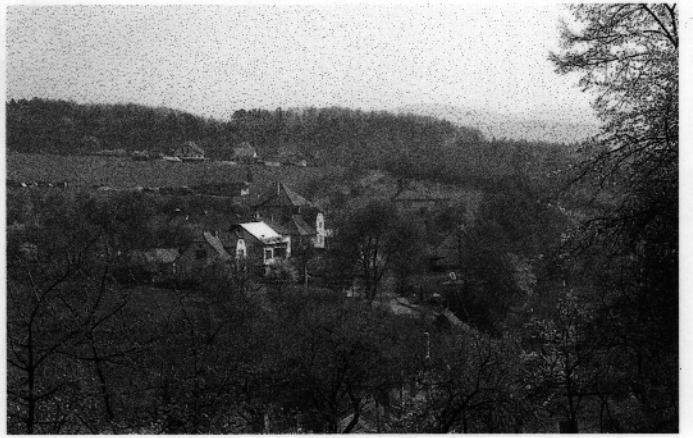
If you would like to golf please call Bill Heck at (262) 681-1872 or Dave Heck at (414) 764-2035.

We generally finish golfing by 11:30 AM and then we begin the fun with the Heck Family Picnic. This year I understand that there will be a bikini contest for women over 60 years of age. Marv Pfeiffer has been busy practicing being a judge for the contest.

There will be a whole bunch of games for the kids and even some for the adults. There is always lots of food to eat. and nobody goes home hungry.

The cost of the picnic is \$5.00 per family. If you need more information call Cel Heck at (262) 639-5370 or 639-6064. See you there!!!!



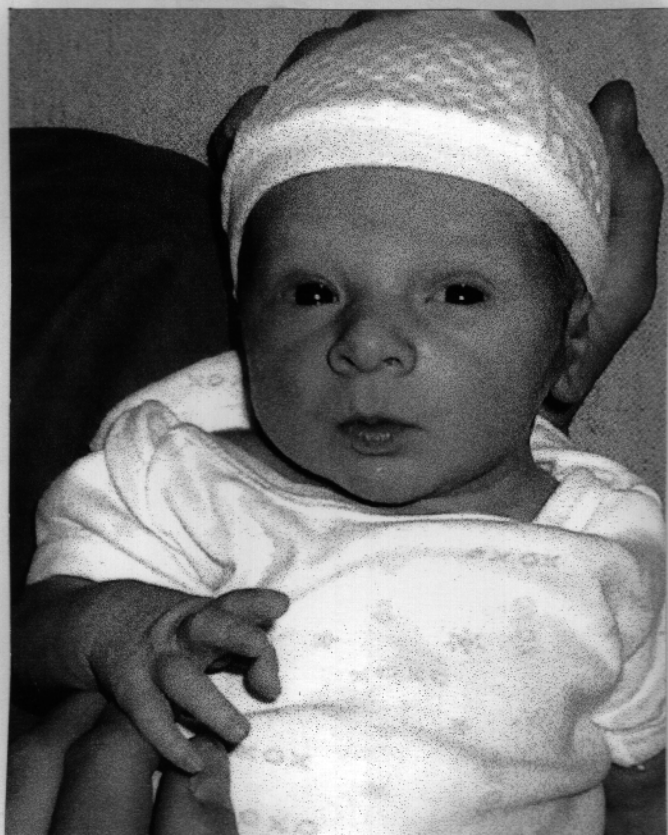


## The Stratman name lives on...

Clara Stratman was born on 14 November 1847 at Coesfield, Germany. She brought her Stratman name with her when she came to the United States on 18 June 1868. The Civil War had been over for just three years and the country was heavily involved in reconstruction. Clara Stratman was engaged to marry a man named Henning in Wisconsin however he died while she was on board ship. Clara later met and married Henry Henningfeld from Burlington, Wisconsin in 1873.

Clara's granddaughter, Lolita Henningfeld Manske, loved her grandmother very much and named her son Thomas Stratman Manske. Tom in turn named his son Eric Stratman Manske, and Eric named his son Cole Stratman Manske when he was born on 14 March 2002.

The picture below was taken when Cole Stratman Manske was just 10 days old. His proud great grandmother, Lolita Manske sent in the information and the picture.



## Names from the Village of Alendorf, Germany

While searching the internet I found some of our ancestors from Alendorf, Germany. The data was from Peter W. Lohmann, Karl-Arnold-Str. 33, D-46446 Emmerich, Germany. Shown in **BOLD** are the parents of Johann Heck. The number before the name indicates generation number and the + indicates spouse of the person above.

- 1 Johann Schomers ( - 29 NOV 1747 Alendorf ? )
- + Susanna Müller (BEF 1700 - 11 SEP 1742 Alendorf)
- 2 Magdalena Schomers (14 OCT 1719 Alendorf - 29 APR 1782 Alendorf)
- + Hubert Keller ( Ripsdorf ? - 07 JAN 1774 Alendorf)
- 3 Eva Keller (14 SEP 1749 Alendorf - AFT 1798 Alendorf)
- + Hilger Schmitz ( Gönnersdorf/ Jünkerath - 21 MAY 1795 Alendorf)
- 4 Johann Peter Schmitz (27 Apr 1783 Alendorf - )**
- + **Anna Lucia Heck (13 Dec 1778 Alendorf - 1 May 1849)**
- 4 Agnes Schmitz (26 MAY 1785 Alendorf - 17 MAY 1845 Mülheim)
- + Thomas Linden (04 NOV 1767 Waldorf - 25 MAY 1834 Waldorf)
- 5 Johann Heinrich Linden (22 JAN 1817 Waldorf - )
- 5 Margaretha (katharina) Linden (03 NOV 1820 Waldorf Standesamt Dollendorf - 02 AUG 1891 Mülheim)
- + Johann Peter Daniels ( - 10 AUG 1856 Mülheim)
- 6 Johannes Henricus Daniels ( - )
- 6 Johannes Josef Daniels ( - 05 JAN 1848 Mülheim)
- 6 Maria Catharina Daniels ( - 30 JAN 1911 Mechenich)
- + Hermann Joseph Meyer (03 AUG 1840 Nettersheim - 12 JUN 1904 Breitenbenden)
- 6 Anna Gertrud Daniels ( - )
- 6 Johann Josef Daniels ( - )
- 6 Anna Helena Daniels (13 JUN 1854 Mülheim - 05 AUG 1937 Stolberg)
- + Hermann Joseph Mommertz (25 AUG 1853 Stolberg/Landkreis Aachen - 17 APR 1928 Stolberg)
- 7 Nn. (totgeburt) Mommertz (25 MAY 1878 Stolberg - 25 MAY 1878 Stolberg)
- 7 Nn. (totgeburt) Mommertz (12 JUN 1879 Stolberg - 12 JUN 1879 Stolberg)
- 7 Josephina Therese Mommertz (22 NOV 1880 Büsbach - )
- + Eugen Niessen ( - )
- 7 Peter Paul Mommertz (10 JUL 1882 Büsbach - )
- 7 Johann Mommertz (03 SEP 1884 Stolberg - AFT 1954 )
- + Maria Margarethe Vertewall ( - )
- 7 Helena Mommertz (03 NOV 1886 Donnersberg/Eschweiler - 19 MAY 1971 Stolberg)
- + Johann Wilhelm Bildstein (24 OCT 1883 Stolberg - 28 OCT 1958 Stolberg)
- 7 Josef Mommertz (29 DEC 1889 Stolberg/Landkreis Aachen - 30 JUL 1966 Hermülheim)
- + Maria Reiners (22 NOV 1892 Brand/Landkreis Aachen - 06 APR 1966 Hermülheim)
- 7 Anna Maria Mommertz (17 OCT 1892 Stolberg - )
- 7 Franz Mommertz (24 MAY 1895 Stolberg - )
- 7 Maria Petronella Mommertz (01 NOV 1896 Stolberg - )
- + Nn. Nn. ( - )
- 6 Peter Linden (02 JUL 1860 Mülheim - )
- + Maria Anna Schäfer (28 JUN 1861 Rohr/Blankenheim - )
- 5 Elisabetha Linden (30 MAY 1823 Waldorf - )



**Biographies From "The History of Racine and Kenosha Counties" (Chicago: 1879)**

**THEODORE RICHTER**, farmer, Sec. 24; P. O. Wheatland; he was born in Germany, July 25, 1816; came to Wisconsin, Sept., 1846; first worked in Burlington Township married, in Burlington, Nov., 1849, Miss Catherine Kabbits; she was born in Germany, July, 1825; they have had ten children, eight now living- Mary, born in Aug., 1850; Henry, Oct., 1851; Wilhelm, Feb., 1853; John, Dec., 1854; Amelia, April, 1856; Alpheus, Dec., 1858; Theodore, Feb., 1860; Anna, Dec., 1861. Mr. Richter has led an industrious life, and has accumulated a valuable property; he owns 160 acres of fine, fertile land, handsomely improved; members of the Brighton Catholic Church.

*Note: Theodore Richter is believed to be a brother or cousin of Elizabeth Richter, wife of Franz Henningfeld.*

**W. F. HENNINGFELD**, harness-maker, Waterford; born in Waterford April 10, 1852; son of Frank and Elizabeth Henningfeld, who came to Racine Co. July 4, 1845. This son, W. F., served his time with M. F. Raymond, in Waterford, at harness-making, and bought him out Sept 27, 1878; conducts the business on his own account. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of Theodore and Gertrude Greter, of Milwaukee; they have two children- John, born May 5, 1876; Rosie, Aug 26, 1878. Members of Catholic Church.

*Note: W. F. Henningfeld is William F. Henningfeld, son of Franz Henningfeld and brother of Henry Henningfeld.*

**ALONZO BURGESS**, farmer; born in Bennington Co. Vt., Aug. 27, 1820; moved when 3 years old, to Oswego Co. with his parents; his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; Alonzo, at the age of 15, went to Southport (now Kenosha), March 5, 1835; on the way to Wisconsin, went through Chicago, then a town more renowned for its unfathomable depth of mud than for any prospect of future greatness. Mr. Burgess' father, Benjamin Burgess, bought 160 acres in Pike's

Woods; went into the lumber business, and ran a saw mill. He died about 1837, at the age of 39. Alonzo then went to work for his uncle, Wm. Foster; was with him five and one-half years, and then went into the brick business near Kenosha, and followed that six years; bought eighty acres in town of Somers, and in 1847, moved to Mt. Pleasant, and settled on 160 acres; through industry and frugality, he has now 420 acres, one of the finest farms; keeps 400 sheep; has fine Durham stock. He married, in 1842. Artemia Kellogg, who died May 7, 1864; had five children- Adelia, Emeretta (now Mrs. Cook), Carrie (also Mrs. Cook), Fred and Martha. July 2, 1867, married Mary A. Buswell, a daughter of Ezra Buswell, one of the oldest and most respected settlers in Wisconsin; she was a teacher many years in Kenosha, and also in Ohio; was a teacher in Racine High School at one time; they have two children- Mamie, born May 17, 1869; and E. Roy, born Sept. 13, 1873.

*Note: Alonzo Burgess was the brother of Patience Burgess McNulty.*

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## Meet your cousins...



*Nathan Adam Tappen and his younger brother Nicholas Donald Tappen in 2002, children of Amy and Adam Tappen.*

36 th Heck Family Picnic

Sunday, **July 21, 2002** - Noon

**Leisure Center - 101 Bayfield Court**

**Swimming---one dollar per person**

Cel - Dick Tomato Salad	Barb - Dave Games	Jim - Karen Games	Clarence - Mary Am. Potato Salad	Shirley Ger. Potato Sa
Gene - Carol Watermelon	Vickie- Kurt Cookies	Sandy - Mike Dessert	Allen & Clair Dessert	Suzie-Jeff Snacks
Larry Olives & Pickels	Joan salad	Theo- Cathy Salad	Jim- Sue Dip & Chip	Lynda - Randy Salad
Eric - Lora Candy	Dee - Bernie Jello	Jamie - Carol Cookies	Kevin - Becky Cookies	Kathy - Jim Cupcakes
Bob - Lorraine Cupcakes	Mary - Roger Watermelon	Tim - Lois Dessert	Mike Ketchup & Mustard	Paula Grapes
Bob - Pat Candy	Kevin - Kathy Chip & Dip	Al - Donna Blueberries	Mich - Joel Salad	Albert- Y Dessert
Marvin - Joan Beans	Jeanie & Malcolm Chips & Dip	Steve - Judi Cantelope	Ann - Dan Strawberries	David - Mary Grapes
Bob - Gloria Salad	Bill Dessert	Gary - Carol Snacks	Don - Sharon Salad	Lori - John Broccoli Salad
		Steve & Cara Potato Salad	Janice - Tom Cookies	Dan - Patti Salad
			Dave - Judi Dessert	Amy - Adam Candy
				Sharon-Bill Candy

Breakfast 7 Hammez

Golf : 8:30 Shoop's Park

Reservations Bill 262-681-1872

or Dave 414-764-2035

\$5.00 Fee plus golfing fee

Provided

Hall

Coffee

Plates

Cost \$5.00 per family

Please call if you can not come so we can fill in. If you don't want your name on the list we will take it off. It is not fair to other if you don't bring your share

Silverware

Grill

Napkins

Game prizes

Bring:

Table Cloths

Table

Balls & Bats

Meat

Soda

Beer

Chairs

Also - how many children under the age of 10 that will be coming

Next Yr. Picnic 3rd Sunday July

RSVP at : 639-5370 or 639-6064

or sherr@execpc.com

Please bring serving spoon for your items