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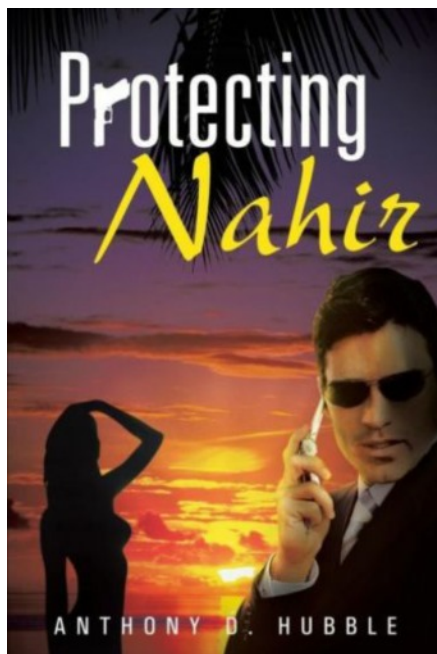
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Tony Hubble and “Protecting Nahir”: A New Book

By Richard W. Hubble

Anthony (Tony) Dean Hubble (A&R# a297cf), a retired Navy Chief, a lifelong martial artist, a former celebrity bodyguard, a licensed Arizona Private Investigator and, now, a novelist, has molded all of these passions into a new book titled “Protecting Nahir”. The story is set in his native island of Puerto Rico and Tony weaves his love of the Island into the fabric of the action. It is a murder/mystery novel that is as good as anything Raymond Chandler ever wrote.

Nahir Delvalle is a pop diva star on the island and Armando Miranda, an ex Navy Seal, is her bodyguard. Through no fault of her own, Nahir’s husband and business manager, Johnny, becomes involved with the New York mafia; with dire consequences. The action is fast paced and keeps you guessing. A good read by any standard.



Tony is working on a sequel to “Protecting Nahir” that is about 85% finished. Additionally, he has started two other books. One is targeting the youth audience and another one is the continuation of an idea he had when he wrote the blog “The Philosophy of Billy Joel”. They are both fiction.

According to Tony, “Finding time to write is challenging when you work upwards of 15 hours a day.”

Tony started writing in his early teens but “Protecting Nahir” is the first book he finished. According to Tony, “I spent the better part of my youth starting books and then discarding them when I would say to myself, ‘No one wants to read this’. It was a confidence issue. Once I stopped caring who would want to read the story I was able to finish one. As far as I am concerned if only one person reads and enjoys it, the work will not have been in vain. Turns out more than one person read it and liked it. It hasn’t made me a million dollars but you don’t write because it’s an easy and lucrative business to get in. You write because you have no choice.”

Tony’s father, Garry Lee Hubble was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan. His mother, Heyda Lucia Torres was born and raised in Puerto Rico. Garry and Heyda met and married while Garry was on military assignment in Puerto Rico. Tony was born (1960) in Seattle, but with his father in the military they moved constantly. Tony lived in Alaska, Maryland, Puerto Rico, France, Germany and then back to Puerto Rico, all by the age of seven. At age seven, his father retired from the military and the family settled in Puerto Rico, where he lived until he joined the Navy at age seventeen.



Lisa and Tony Hubble of Sierra Vista, AZ

Tony’s martial arts training began at the age of thirteen. He started teaching martial arts in 1992 at the Great Neck Black Belt Academy in Virginia Beach, VA where he achieved the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree Black Belts. From there Tony won two state Championship titles and made the Top Ten in the world list two years running.

Today, at the age of 55, he still actively competes despite two prosthetic hips. Tony just won (2015) the Southwest District Championship in 3 categories (Creative Weapons forms, Extreme forms and Creative Forms). The Southwest District consists of California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona. He will be competing for World Champion in July 2015 in Little Rock, AR. In a recent interview with Family Notes, Tony said, “Competing is something I thoroughly enjoy but teaching the martial arts is my true passion. It changes lives; regardless of age. I tell people that there are easier ways to make a buck in business, but none more rewarding. When someone comes to me and tells me how training in

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hubbell Family Historical Society (THFHS) is a volunteer not-for-profit organization, founded in 1981, to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubball, the immigrant. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and the New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

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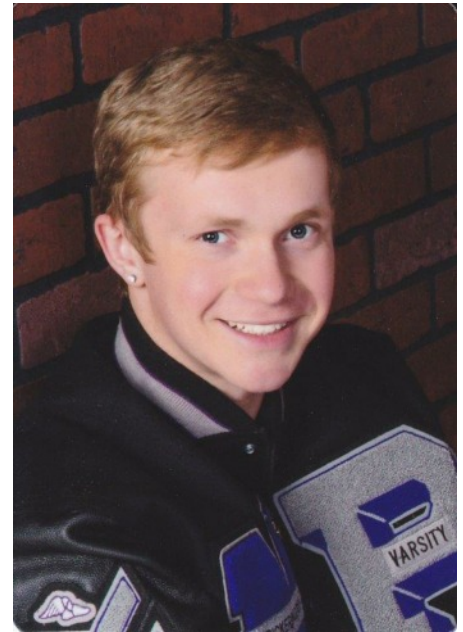
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ANDREA ROSE ARCARA

Andrea is a senior at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. She is enrolled in the School of Nursing and will graduate with a degree in Nursing in May 2016. She has been on the Dean's list every semester since becoming a student at Otterbein and was a recipient of the *Shelia Murphy Award* for having the highest grade point average in nursing. Andrea is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Societies. In addition to her college studies, Andrea is currently working as a Patient Care Advocate at the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio in the Pediatric Oncology Unit. She hopes to continue working with children in the Oncology Unit at the hospital after graduation.

Andrea is the daughter of members Dianne Arcara and granddaughter of Shirley Hubbell Mack (A&R# 8624).



JOHN CHARLES ERINGMAN

John is a sophomore at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in sports administration with a minor in Spanish. He has been active in sports from a young age through high school. In high school John earned a varsity letter in track, was president of the Spanish Club and was a member of the Students Against Destructive Decisions. Along with his college studies, John is conducting surveys for the University of Cincinnati. Upon graduation he plans to pursue a career in the sports related field to support youth and community programs.

John is the son of member Jaqi Mitchell Eringman (A&R# (3716)) and the 9th great-grandson of Richard Hubball.



NOTICE: Final submissions for the new Genealogy must be sent to Hilbert Hubble by the end of 2015. See mailing and email addresses on the left of this page.

ALSO

Our website is undergoing major renovations. Soon you will be able to pay membership dues and purchase merchandise through the website. Also don't forget, all previous Family Notes and Annuals, along with other material, are available under the "Publications" Tab for reading and research. Go To:

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June 2015: 17th Bi-annual Family Reunion Photo-Cleveland, Ohio

The photo was taken in the atrium of the Cleveland Art Museum, a 1916 structure designed by the architectural firm of Hubbell & Benes. (For Identification of participants see page 8)

THFHS 17th Biennial Reunion Memories

By John A. Hubbell, Reunion Chair

I look back on this reunion with much gratitude to the Society and the members who joined us here in my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, for what was a fun, educational, and meaningful experience. It's so great to get to see one another again, to share our family connection and further our goals for the future of The Hubbell Family Historical Society. It was certainly my pleasure to show folks just some of what makes Northeast Ohio special, and to commemorate the achievements of architect Benjamin S. Hubbell and aviation artist Charles H. Hubbell. Their accomplishments are part of Cleveland history and are still enjoyed by people today.

It was a busy week! Our general family meetings gave our membership the forum to discuss the business of the Society, including a strategic planning discussion. Our hospitality room, always a "hub" of activity at any of our reunions, gave cousins the chance to view memorabilia and photos from past gatherings, work

puzzles, play games, and generally enjoy each other's company. The room resonated with laughter!

In setting up our tour days, my goal as reunion chair was to give our membership a real taste of what the Cleveland area has to offer. We certainly did have a taste at the West Side Market, where prepared food was available along side produce, meats, and cheeses. A century-old landmark, the Market was designed by Benjamin S. Hubbell and his partner, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We visited the Great Lakes Science Center, which is also home to the NASA Glenn Visitor Center. Many interactive exhibits allowed us to explore the past, present, and future of the space program. We also learned about travel on the surface of our planet with a visit to the Steamship William S. Mather. The Mather is a retired freighter that transported cargo such as ore, coal, stone, and grain to ports throughout the Great Lakes, and was nicknamed "The Ship That Built Cleveland".

Our tour of University Circle afforded us with visits to three museums in one area. The Cleveland Museum of Art is internationally renowned with a diverse permanent collection of more than 45,000 works of art from around the world. The original 1916 building was also designed by the architects Hubbell & Benes, and we were treated to a viewing of original plans, construction photos, and other holdings presented by the museums chief archivist.

After our group photo at the art museum, we visited the Crawford Auto & Aviation Museum, a part of the Western Reserve Historical Society. On display, we viewed

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Incoming President Marjorie Hlava receives the gavel of office from outgoing President Peter Hansen. You can let go now Pete!



Tom Simms with Myrna Kepford as she is awarded her induction into The Hubbell Family Historical Society Hall of Fame

original paintings of aircraft that flew in the Cleveland National Air Races during the 1920's and 1930's. These works were painted by Charles Herman Hubbell, one of the most recognized commercial aviation artists in the country. Also at the Crawford, we viewed a collection of automobiles from as early as 1897 to modern concept cars. We also rode the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel that had been restored and relocated to its own enclosed pavilion at the museum.

We finished our day in University Circle with a stroll through the Cleveland Botanical Garden. With beautiful themed gardens outdoors, the Garden also includes The Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse, an 18,000 square foot conservatory that houses plant and animal life from two separate biomes: the spiny desert of Madagascar and the cloud forest of Costa Rica. We lounged with a beverage and a snack on the terrace before returning to our hotel.

Our final tour allowed us to see more of the Ohio countryside, this time on board



Bonnie Sims and Reunion Chair John Hubbell aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



Robert Dawes, Donald Hubbell, Barbara Dawes, and Pete Hansen, as the Dawes are presented with their 25-year membership certificate

the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, which travels through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Some our group, disembarked in the village on Peninsula, where we could explore a bit before the return trip on the train. Some folks went birding, some browsed the galleries and shops, and some went to view the remnants of one of the locks of the Ohio and Erie Canal.

On our final day, our host hotel provided us with a buffet selection for our Biennial Reunion Banquet. We shared a wonderful meal and wrapped up our time together with the recognition of some special people. Robert and Barbara



Elliot Fair leads a water aerobics session with Martha Watson, Emily King, Laura Hubbell, and Karolee Hansen

Dawes were present to receive their certificate noting them as 25-year members of the Society. Myrna Hubbell Kepford was inducted into The Hubbell Family Historical Society Hall of Fame, honoring her for active service to the Society for many years. Our newly-elected officers were introduced, and the President's gavel was passed from Dr. Peter O. Hanson to Marjorie M.H.K. Hlava as she took office.

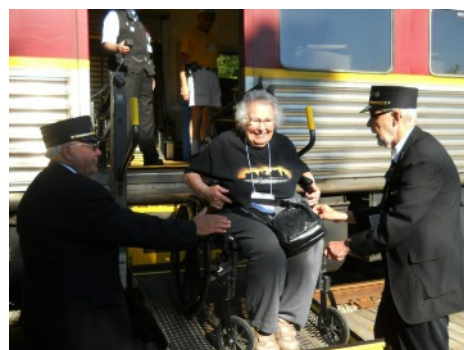
It was a grand finish to a special week. I want to thank the Board of Directors for



Anne Cooper, Jean Hubbell, Alan Cooper, and Barbara Kruse view a rainforest waterfall inside the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse at the Cleveland Botanical Garden

their support, all those who attended, and most especially my father Donald C., brother Michael, and sister-in-law Glenna, for their invaluable assistance in making this Reunion happen. We had a great time!

The week gave us the opportunity as a name-based genealogical and historical society to discuss where we stand now and our goals for the future. We recognized and honored those who have participated and given of their time over the years, helping to shape our organization into the group we have today. We're now looking at ways to continue to grow The Hubbell Family Historical Society, and we welcome and encourage your involvement and patronage in preserving the history and genealogy of our common ancestor, Richard Hubball.



Mary Kimmel rides the lift to board the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad car



Rick Hubble, Margie Hlava, and Kitty Ver Kuilen sample some tasty treats at the West Side Market



Hilbert Hubble displaying his aggressive and competitive nature in a round of “Apples to Apples”. Ease up there big guy.

The Art of Christine Hubbell

The Hubbell Family Historical Society



Christine works out of a crowded home studio, drawing with live botanical specimens, using unusual techniques. In a current project studying “everyday” flowers like tulips, carnations and daisies, the colored pencil is layered onto Mylar, a thin plastic film that can be frosted on one or both sides. It’s a technique she learned from Denver artist Susan Rubin at the School of Botanical Art and Illustration. It’s the process that she employed for the Cardinal print. She also uses colored papers or hot press watercolor paper. Her art is influenced by her love of the outdoors. She grew up near the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and now her interests are the wildlife she encounters while hiking in the Colorado mountains. “It’s an endless supply of subject matter!”

Some of Christine’s work has appeared in juried exhibitions and some has found good homes with friends and family. Two of her pen and ink illustrations appear on signage in the conservatory at the Denver Botanic Gardens. She is also creating greeting cards that she sells. In October of this year, she will participate in an exhibit hosted by the Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists at the Aurora Cultural Arts Studios (CO). Christine also maintains a blog at chubbellart.com which contains many examples of her work.



Mark and Christine Hubbell (A&R# 11157) of Colorado Springs, CO.



Emily King demonstrating her expert knowledge about US geography at the Great Lakes Science Center.

The menu at the 17th Bi-annual Reunion in Cleveland was graced with a colored pencil drawing of a Cardinal. The drawing was created by Christine Hubbell (wife of Mark Hubbell and daughter-in-law to long time active member in the Society Donald C. Hubbell of Cleveland (A&R# 8625).

Christine (Grusak) Hubbell was raised in the small northwestern Indiana town of Portage. While working as a technical writer for a software company, she began taking evening classes, experimenting with photography, stained glass and drawing. When Mark and Christine moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 2003, she explored several jobs, including teaching technical writing at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Nothing was as compelling as art. In 2010, she discovered the School of Botanical Art and Illustration at the Denver Botanic Gardens. She recounted that “I was fortunate to study with many accomplished artists and illustrators. The program gave me a foundation in basic drawing and scientific illustration techniques for botanical subjects. Although I worked in graphite, pen and ink, watercolor and colored pencil, I really took to colored pencil which is now my primary medium.” Christine received a certificate from the school in 2013 and she continues to take classes in drawing and painting with local artists in Colorado Springs.



The crowd favorite and dream bus: A 1936 Jordan Camper on display at the Crawford Auto & Aviation Museum.



Jon and Sharon Hubbell

We got a taste of Australia back in 2002 when we spent two weeks on the west coast traveling and performing with a community chorus that we sang with at the time. We began almost immediately to plan for an extended stay to travel to as many places in Australia as we could cram into one year. Since we were both still working for a living, the actual trip had to wait until after retirement.

All of the documentation on the Australian government web site talked about visas for up to either three or six month stays. We have some friends who had stayed for a full year by getting a six month visa and extending it once they arrived. We decided to just “go for it” and applied for the full year and were pleasantly surprised when approval was granted in only about three days.

We left home on April 11, 2014, and after a week stopover on Maui to watch our grandson get married on the beach at sunset, we flew to Sydney, Australia, arriving on April 19. We spent the first week searching for a motorhome to buy that would be our home on wheels for the next year. It was a 1997 Australian-built Winnebago which Sharon named Winston (instead of Winnie, as most Winnebagos



“Winston”- our home away from home

THFHS Members Spend a Year Traveling in Australia

By Sharon & Jon Hubbell (A&R# 10069)

are called) because of the sound of its deep-throated diesel engine. It took another week to complete the finances, registrations, and stocking up – the dealer furnished some kitchen and dining ware and minimal bedding, but we had to purchase food and anything else we needed.

Beginning from Sydney, we traveled counterclockwise around the continent doing what Australians frequently call “The Big Lap.” It would be impossible to describe our entire year in great detail in this short article, so we will try to summarize some of the highlights but not necessarily in chronological order. We invite anyone interested to look at the full details of our journey on our online journal at <http://MyTripJournal.com/2014-Australia>. There you will find 62 entries accompanied by 1818 pictures.

Since we landed in Sydney in what is their fall, it was beginning to get a little cold for our taste. As soon as we found and purchased our motorhome, we headed north into the tropics. Most of our timing regarding where we were and when revolved around the season. Winter in the tropics is the dry season; summer is wet. Spring on the west coast is flower season. Summer in the Outback is HOT with temperatures exceeding 110°F regularly. We interrupted our circle to drop south into the “Red Center” to visit Alice Springs, Uluru, and Coober Pedy during the winter. We then returned to the north to Darwin to continue our circle.

Shortly after arriving, one of our goals became visiting the four extreme corners of the continent. It started out when we were walking on Cape Byron on the east coast. There was a sign along the path announcing we were at the easternmost point on the continent, and the seed was planted. The northernmost point would have required a vehicle beyond the abilities of our Winston and too much time. We solved that by taking a tour, a four-

wheel drive bus, and about 700 yards of walking to get to Cape York. Steep Point is the westernmost point and it lies at the end of some 180 miles of road half of which was axle-deep sand. That too was solved by a tour. South Point, the southernmost point, is also in a very wild area at the end of a 10 mile hike – no roads at all. Once again we relied on someone with an airplane. With that, although we did not stand on the last point, we did actually see all four corners.

We have lived most of our adult lives in the Washington State Capital, so we try to visit state capitals whenever possible. Australia was to be no exception. Of the six Australian states, one territory, and the national capital, we visited all: one was not open the day we were there (Saturday) so no tour, and one forbade taking pictures inside (I can’t imagine why). All the rest were welcoming and encouraged picture taking.

Australia, like the United States, created a territory outside any state for its national capital. Within the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the city of Canberra is an entirely planned city; again, like our city of Washington. Its location was selected in 1908 and construction began in 1913 after an international contest for the city’s design. The Parliament House is a modern building completed in 1988.

As already suggested, spring (September to November) along the west coast is

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Our route around Australia

A Hubbell Style Surprise!

By Marjorie M.H.K. Hlava

My cousin Jim Hubbell from Utah (A&R# 11206) wrote “We were thinking it would be wonderful to have Aunt Mary sitting in her wheelchair when my Mom comes around the corner in the Mendocino Botanical Gardens on her 90th birthday”. “Aunt Mary could shout” **“Surprise!”**

Aunt Marge (Marjory Hubbell) and my Mom (Mary Hubbell Kimmel) were college roommates at the University of Michigan School of Nursing during World War II and have been close friends for over 70 years. Marjory Emma Hyde (Aunt Marge) married my Mom’s brother Robert James Hubbell (Camino Bob) (A&R# 8669). Mary Elizabeth Hubbell (A&R# 8667), my Mom, married John Kimmel. When I was born, I was named after Aunt Marge. She is a very special Aunt and definitely worth a special effort to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Now Jim did not write to Aunt Mary (that’s my Mom), so it was implied that I would go from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Racine, Wisconsin to pick up my 91.5 year old mother and bring her to Fort Bragg, California for this event. Sounds like fun I thought. So I called Mom, she said um...okay. Meanwhile the plan began to morph a little. The list of attendees began to grow and it was decided that we would meet at the Sea Ranch Chapel, on the northern California coast, for the surprise. The Sea Ranch Chapel, a unique structure, was designed by famed architect James Hubbell (1).

My brother Larry Kimmel said “that sounds like fun, I’ll go too; my lady fair Derrain and I can drive up from New Mexico and meet you in California.” My other brother, Glenn Kimmel, who lives in California, said he would drive up with his wife Beth to be part of the excitement. Sister Kitty VerKuilen volunteered to fly to San Francisco from Madison, WI and take Mom back home. That made all four Kimmel Kids accounted for mostly with partners. Jim Hubbell’s sons Erik and Spencer decided to join the fun. Richard (Aunt Marge’s youngest son) and Colleen Hubbell (A&R# 11208) decided to come up from Long Beach, California with a BBQ for all. Their son David (A&R# 13476) and his wife and two little ones from Sacramento, California rounded out the group.

Fortunately, we all had cars. Glenn picked up Kitty at the airport and they went camping in the Redwoods. Mom, my husband, Paul, and I flew to Oakland, CA and rented a car. Later that day, we met up with Larry and Derrain in San Rafael, CA. Meanwhile, the Jim Hubbell’s left Utah, and drove to Placerville, CA. to spend the night with Aunt Marge.

Aunt Marge had emailed me the day before asking where Mary was, perhaps with one of her progeny? She hadn’t been able to reach her lately. I wrote back that she was with me, at “Spa Hlava” getting over her pneumonia. Sure enough just as we got off the plane in Oakland, Aunt Marge called Mom. Mom told her I was taking her to lunch somewhere. We had a lovely time listening to Aunt Marge grill Mom with the “how and where are you?”

questions. Mom gave nothing away! The surprise was still on. They chatted a while, then agreed to talk again soon.... The next morning we all headed for the rendezvous point at the Sea Chapel, a lovely fairy like folly on the Pacific coast. We kept in touch via texting. Our target rendezvous time was 12 noon. The first three cars, Glenn, Larry and ours arrived within about 5 minutes of each other at 12:10. The “Utah group”, with Aunt Marge texted they were near so we all ran for the chapel. Peeking out we saw the van pulling over toward the Chapel driveway. Larry dropped the cooler on the ground and sprinted to the chapel door as they drove up. People started getting out of the van; but where was Aunt Marge?

She had fallen asleep in the van and decided not to go into the chapel since she had seen it before. Jim brought forth his firm nature and told her she needed the exercise. Reluctantly, she agreed. We were all sitting quietly in the chapel when she walked in.

As Aunt Marge walked into the Chapel, she looked at all the people, then looked again with a puzzled look. Mom said “Surprise”. Aunt Marge, a little confused said “but you are supposed to be with Margie.” Mom said, “I am, she’s right there!” It was perfect! A total surprise!! Her head jerked back and forth looking at everyone. She knew every face but they were out of place! We congratulated ourselves, had an excellent impromptu picnic and then headed to Fort Bragg.

The house that Aunt Marge and Camino Bob lived in many years ago, in Fort Bragg, is now part of the Mendocino Botanical Gardens. We stayed at the Beachcomber Hotel for two intensive days of visiting, laughing, walking along the sea, singing and of course, reciting “the Cremation of Sam McGee” among other family favorites. Then as quickly as we came together we dispersed again with warm memories and happy hearts.

Happy 90th Aunt Marge.

(1) For more on James Hubbell and the Sea Ranch Chapel see the Spring 2013 Family Notes



From left to right: Beth Ross, Larry Kimmel, Derrain Cook, Spencer Hubbell, Marjory Hubbell (the birthday girl), Colleen Hubbell, Paul Hlava, Mary Hubbell Kimmel (seated), Jim Hubbell, Glenn Kimmel, Mary Ann Hubbell, Rich Hubbell, Erik Hubbell, Kitty VerKuilen, Margie Hlava



“Hubbells” present at the Cleveland, Ohio 2015 Family Reunion



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| 1) Alan Cooper-Brecksville, OH | 14) Bonnie Simms-Lakewood, CO | 27) Susan Okoniewski-Aurora, IL |
| 2) Jean Norford Hubbell-Gaithersburg, MD | 15) Matthew R. Hubbell- Green, OH | 28) Roger Hubbell-Centerburg, OH |
| 3) Mark William Hubbell-Colorado Springs, CO | 16) Donald C. Hubbell-Parma, OH | 29) Sally Hubbell-Centerburg, OH |
| 4) Anne Hubbell Cooper-Brecksville, OH | 17) Dorcas Aunger-Arcadia, CA | 30) Marjorie M.H.K. Hlava-Albuquerque, NM |
| 5) John A. Hubbell-Lakewood, OH | 18) Myrna Kepford-Winterset, IA | 31) Barbara Currier Kruse-E.Northport, NY |
| 6) Tom Simms-Lakewood, CO | 19) Emily King-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada | 32) Laura M. Hubbell-Federal Way, WA |
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| 10) Richard W. Hubble-San Mateo,CA | 23) Karen Hubbell Wertanen-Negaunee,MI | 36) Dr. Peter O. Hansen-Kenai, AK |
| 11) Michelle Hubbell McNerney-Alameda, CA | 24) Kitty Ver Kuilen-Evansville, WI | 37) Paul F. Hlava-Albuquerque, NM |
| 12) Janet Watson-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada | 25) Mary Hubbell Kimmel-Caledonia, WI | (Donna DeVore is not visible in the photo, she's behind #26 Doug Watson) |
| 13) Robert Dawes-Ontario, Canada | 26) Douglas Watson-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada | |

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flower season. We timed our visit to travel that area in mid-October. This year, the flowers came a little early so we missed the vast fields of wildflowers but did enjoy a wide variety of flowering shrubs.

We spent Christmas in Adelaide where our son Jon, Jr., joined us for ten days.

January and February are the hottest times of the year, so Tasmania sounded like the ideal place to be during that time. Being so far south, it is never as hot as the mainland and this year proved to be no exception. Tasmania is a beautiful island with some of the highest mountains (not “the” highest, though). We spent some time in the Port Arthur area learning about the penal history of the founding of Australia. Located in Port Arthur is the last and largest penal facility where men, women, and children were transported from England for crimes ranging from picking a pocket to murder.

The southeast corner, including Victoria and southern New South Wales, holds some of the more mountainous country, a large portion of the sheep raising country,

and many mines producing gems and industrial minerals. By mid-March, we were beginning to wind down and prepare for our return to the United States. Although we did do many “touristy” things, we devoted a significant time preparing our motorhome for sale. In the 18,000 miles we put on it, it developed some problems including a leak in one corner of the roof. There was also some body damage that we needed to repair in order to sell it. We got those chores completed and turned it over to the same dealership that we purchased it from. They would sell it on consignment for us.

On April 16, 2015, we returned to the United States just three days short of the one year allowed by our visa. Including the pictures posted on our online journal, we took about 25,000 pictures of Australia between us. Australia is a terrific country and the people were welcoming. It was a wonderful year that we will never forget.

Editors note: Jon and Sharon have been continuous HFHS members since 1989



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the martial arts has changed their lives, or their children’s lives there is no better reward.”

After retiring from the Navy, Tony moved back to Puerto Rico and joined a friend’s protection services company; a bodyguard/security service for celebrities. Tony said, “Being a bodyguard was one of the most enjoyable jobs I’ve had, but my most satisfying moment did not come from escorting some big star or act. It came one time when I was working access security at a concert watching the entrance to stage right. My least favorite of all security gigs. At the end of the gig when I was about to leave the venue, a backup dancer came to me and asked me if I wouldn’t mind walking her to her car in an underground parking lot. She said she would feel safer. How do you beat that?”

Tony moved to Arizona in 2002 with his wife, Lisa. Three of Tony’s five children and two grandkids also live in Sierra Vista. Tony currently is the owner/instructor of a martial arts school called: “Hubble ATA Masters Academy” in Sierra Vista, Arizona. The school has been open eight years.

