

2024 HFFA Reunion Information & Registration Form

Our 2024 Reunion Hosts/Committee, Sherry Youngs Morgan, Greg Youngs, Naomi Fisher, Fannie Frey, Sue Steffy, Gene Frye, and Luisa Georgov, have all been hard at work planning our next reunion. It's going to be a great one that you won't want to miss!

Dates: Check-in Tuesday June 18, 2024, or Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Reunion Thursday, June 20, 2024, through Saturday, June 22, 2024,
and check out on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Hotel: Holiday Inn

6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA

Phone: 610-286-3000

Gene & Luisa have reserved 10 rooms for Tuesday, June 18 2024, for those who would like to come early, and 35 Rooms for Wednesday - Sunday at a discounted rate of \$139 for room rate for double – plus 11% tax, \$149 for triple, plus tax, \$159 for quad, plus tax. All rooms include breakfast, Parking, and WiFi. Check in is 3:00 PM, and check out is 11:00 AM.

To book your room(s), call 610-286-3000. Identify yourself as being part of the HFFA Reunion.

Specify if you want one bed or two beds. They will require a credit card to guarantee the reservation.

Cancellation must be 72 hours prior to arrival. Our group pricing closes on May 17, 2024, so please be sure to book your room(s) before then. We appreciate early registration.



Hotel Details: Located in Pennsylvania's Amish country, this Morgantown hotel features spacious rooms equipped with free Wi-Fi and a cable TV with the HBO channel. Facilities include an on-site restaurant and indoor pool. Rooms at the Holiday Inn Morgantown - Reading Area, an IHG Hotel, Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 298, are furnished with a seating area and large work desk. A coffee maker is provided in each room. This hotel offers an on-site gym and a business center. The Morgantown Holiday Inn's on-site Carriage House Restaurant and Lounge features a full bar and offers traditional American cuisine for breakfast and dinner. Kog Hill Winery is just 1 mile from this hotel, and the Amish Home Furnishings Factory Outlet Mall is a 5-minute drive away. Green Hills Golf Course is 8.4 miles from the hotel.

Travel: The nearest airport is: Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) - 8500 Essington Ave, Philadelphia, PA



The hotel does not offer a shuttle. If you fly in and rent a car, the driving time to Morgantown is approximately 1 hour (56 miles via Highway 76W, this route has tolls). If you don't want to rent a car, let us know and we might be able to make arrangements with another member flying in close to the same time as you, so you can do a "ride share." It's a long distance to think about getting a taxi or booking an Uber, but Naomi Fisher has a Driving Service for a reasonable rate. You can make arrangements with her by calling her at 717-208-9789 or Emailing her at butterflytwist01@gmail.com.

Register for the Reunion: To register for the reunion, please fill out the registration form in this newsletter.

The registration fee is \$135.00 per person. Each person attending must be a member or an associate member or a guest accompanying a member. We know the registration fee is higher than it has been in the past but this includes two lunches, one dinner, two days of a chartered bus, snacks and drinks on the bus over two days, admission fees to some of our stops, and tour guide fees to some of our stops. You will be on your own for one lunch and two dinners. With the cost of food, gas, and admission fees up, this is really quite a bargain.

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Rough Draft Itinerary (*still working on finalizing some things*)

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 18-19 2024: Check in to Holiday Inn - 6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown

Thursday, June 20, 2024: Presentations and Business Meeting 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Village Library of Morgantown - 207 North Walnut Street, Morgantown
610-286-1022

The library is within walking distance from the hotel and we will shuttle people. We will have an Italian hot lunch brought in and will have morning and afternoon breaks. We will plan to take a big group picture before lunch. We would like to

continue our tradition of doing a gift exchange in the afternoon. Each of you bring a gift (\$10-\$20) that is depictive of the city where you come from, take a ticket, and then we do a raffle exchanging our gifts. You will have an opportunity to tell the group why you chose this gift and it's relationship to your town.



Pictures are from our fun raffles in years past

Friday, June 21st: Bus tour with lunch. 1st Stop: Germantown, Philadelphia, where Heinrich Frey started his life in America in 1685 and where he married Anna Catherine Levering, owned land and built their first house. We will tour the Mennonite Meeting House and church. 6133 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia.



Another Stop will be The Peter Wentz Farmstead.
2030 Shearer Road, Lansdale

It is a restored 18th-century historic site and working farm. The house, built in 1758, is a remarkably unique example of colonial Pennsylvania German architecture and design. It is furnished throughout with period-accurate objects representing the types of items that our family may have owned. We will see the house as it would have appeared in 1777, when General George Washington and his staff used the property as a temporary headquarters. The farm buildings, livestock, and kitchen garden represent early Pennsylvania German farming culture and practices typical to this region.



Lunch will be at Towamencin Fischer Park,
2235 Bustard Rd, Harleysville, PA .

This park is situated on land where our ancestors surely trod upon. In fact, it is just off Fry Road and Kerr Road. The next stop will be right around the corner at 2285 Kerr Road, Harleysville, PA

to the land owned by Allen Schantz, where the Heinrich Frey Family Private Cemetery is. Arrangements have been made with Allen for us to walk back to the private cemetery on the right of way easement (dirt road) where we will be able to view the cemetery and honor our grandfather, Heinrich with some small ceremony.



The right of way easement



The private cemetery

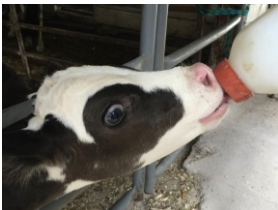
Photographs courtesy of Mike Benton

Friday, June 21st: Continuation of the Bus Tour: Our final destination for the day brings us to Valley Forge National Historic Park at 1400 North Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, PA. A knowledgeable private tour guide will join us on the bus to provide a detailed explanation of the historical sites during an hour-long tour. Following the tour, we'll have the opportunity to explore the visitor's center, where you can indulge in some shopping and watch an enlightening 15-minute film.



Saturday, June 22nd: Bus tour of the Amish countryside.

1st Stop: Old Windmill Farm - 262 Paradise Lane, Ronks, an authentic Amish farm, owned and run by a private family. The farm tour includes learning about farm life and Amish culture, meeting the animals on the farm, including the mules, pig skit, bottle feeding our baby calves, milking a cow, gathering eggs, and holding the baby chicks.



2nd Stop: Weavertown Coach Shop
3007 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-In-Hand, PA
We will enjoy an outside walking tour around the charming Weavertown Coach and Repair shop for horse drawn carriages that the Amish communities use.



3rd Stop: Bird In Hand Farmer's Market. We can shop and grab a bite to eat (but save your appetite for dinner). 2710 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-In-Hand, PA





4th Stop: Riehl's Quilts & Crafts – 247 E Eby Rd, Leola



5th Stop: Country Housewares, where the Amish shop. 589 Musser School Road, Leola



Next Up: A driving tour through some of the back roads of Amish country, viewing farms and homes with Naomi Fisher providing a detailed narrative.

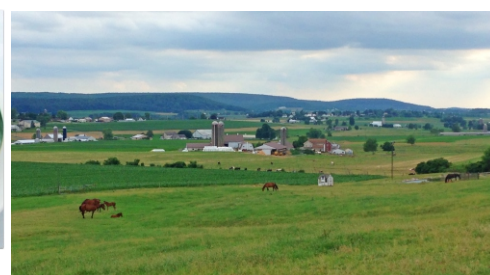


6th Stop: The Grand Finale! An authentic Amish Wedding Dinner! Our dinner will be at the home of Levi and Lydia Stoltzfus 2600 Valley View Road, Morgantown, PA.

If you attended the reunion in 2015, this is the same family that provided us the fabulous wedding dinner at that reunion. The location is wheelchair accessible and they have bathrooms right off the dining room and beautiful views.



Amish Wedding Dinner Menu: Home made bread, Jelly, Butter, Meat loaf, Roast (bread stuffing mixed with cooked chicken), Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Pickled red beets, Pepper Cabbage, Applesauce, Shoofly Pie, Fruit pie, Ice Cream. Now aren't you glad you saved your appetite?



Sunday, June 22nd: 9:30-10:30 AM Church service at the hotel (check out is 11:00 AM)

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Morgantown, PA ~ June 19-23 2024 (Wednesday-Sunday)

Thank you for completing this registration form and returning it with \$135.00 per person.

Name: (as it should appear on your name tag) _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone numbers: (cell) _____ (home) _____

Email address: _____

Will you be driving or flying in? _____

Please make your check payable to HFFA for \$135.00 for each person attending. Mail the application and check to

Ralph Frye

702 Hidden Creek Circle, Salisbury, NC 28147

Questions? Call Gretchen Fry-Harvey 949-683-6831

Or Email to gret101@aol.com

We appreciate early registration so we can figure out the bus size required.

Holiday Inn - 6170 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 1543 Ph 610 286 3000

Check-in is 3PM. Our special group rates are also valid for June 18, 2024.

Double (\$139.00 per room/night plus 11% tax) Triple (\$149.00 per room/per night plus 11% tax)

Quad (\$159.00 per room/night plus 11% tax) – Breakfast, parking and WIFI included

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