

# The Stalnakcer Family Association Newsletter

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Website address: <http://www.stalnakcerfamilyassoc.org>

It' s time to "Save the date" for the next Stalnakcer Family Association Reunion! The Stalnakcer Family Reunion for 2019 year is July 20 & 21, 2019.  
(See reunion section of this letter).

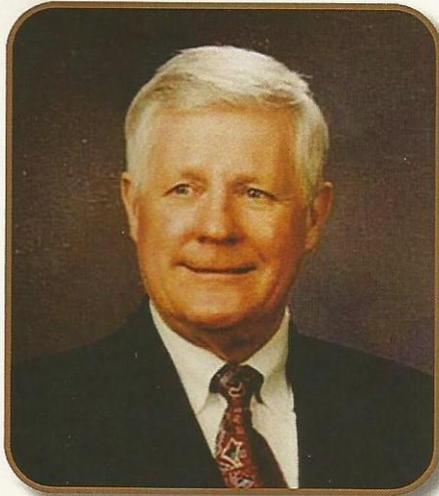


## Notable Events for the 2018-2019 Year:

December 8, 2018 - The board called a meeting to discuss the direction we are taking during maintaining legal rights to the cabin and what we need to do going forward. Thanks to everybody for their continued hard work in this. Cela Burge is acting as our legal representative in this endeavor and continues to provide feedback along the way.

December 26, 2018 - Former President, Rex Stalnakcer, passed away due to illness. Services celebrating his life and journey were held at Pat Boyle' s funeral home in Jane Lew, WV on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Former President, Pam Stalnakcer, his daughter, continues to aid the association with her efforts, sharing his memory and direction for the organization along with her vision for the future.

Below is an excerpt from his service program and his tribute:



*In Memory Of*

*Madison "Rex" Stalnakar*

**Tribute to Past President Madison "Rex" Stalnakar (July 2007- July 2016)**

**Madison "Rex" Stalnakar May 5, 1937- December 26, 2018**

Rex's compassion for the Stalnakar Family and their "Living History in America" was contagious. He got many descendants to join the organization and serve on the Board without them being present at the annual meeting. Membership grew to over 100 households annually during his presidency and the fundraising to maintain the "Living History" grew to meet Rex's ambition. Under his leadership he oversaw the implementation of membership cards and small gifts given to those who had donated to the cabin and cemetery fund. The Stalnakar Family Association applied for IRS 504 3c tax exempt status but was denied. The website was redesigned by Nancy Stalnakar Bundy under his leadership, complete with family history and photos. He established the annual Saturday History Days at the cabin and encouraged everyone to visit it.

Rex personally hand cut and installed every board in the first-floor ceiling in the cabin and got the cabin power washed for the first time. He got family members, Zane Stalnakar and William Dawson, to establish the boundaries of the cemetery, install a new fence, and got the head stones hand cleaned.

Rex was proud of the research that was done to establish the history of the Jacob Stalnakar Cabin and worked with the State of West Virginia to get the first road marker installed along with annual replacements. He hosted the unveiling of the Jacob Stalnakar Cabin and Old Stalnakar cemetery road marker. He planted a tree to the right of the cabin and had a granite marker installed to honor Ed Stalnakar, the Cabin Restoration Manager. He hung a plaque to commemorate previous presidents of the association in the cabin. Rex was proud that his daughter, Pam Stalnakar, followed him in the presidency as our only father-daughter presidents in the history of the association.

Rex's leadership will always inspire other Stalnakar family members to join the group and to be guardians of the "Living Stalnakar Family History in America Forever."

He reestablished the necrology service at the annual meeting. Please send your information for this year's necrology service to [wilsondan@aol.com](mailto:wilsondan@aol.com).

**The Stalnakar Family Association is looking for a family member to be our next president that can dream like Rex.**

February 12, 2019 - Nancy Stalnakar Bundy's aunt, Mildred Stalnakar Harmon, passed away in Greensboro, NC. She grew up in Mill Creek, WV. To see her obituary, please go to:

[https://www.greensboro.com/obituaries/harmon-mildred-stalnaker/article\\_14dfeccl-e6ab-5e18-8f2e-9e9f596babbe.html](https://www.greensboro.com/obituaries/harmon-mildred-stalnaker/article_14dfeccl-e6ab-5e18-8f2e-9e9f596babbe.html)

March 30, 2019 - After 17 years of excellent work, Nancy Stalnaker Bundy resigned her post as our webmaster. Her hard work and diligence provided a valuable location in which to collect information for the association, as well as a well-established repository for historical data from which the world could access the depth and breadth of our rich family heritage. Her work will be missed! Matt Wilson will be taking over her work for the website until the reunion.

#### **Cabin and Association Updates:**

This year, the President position for the association will need to be filled. The position will require regular conversation with local groups and maintenance personnel for the cabin, and it will include approving any costs that the organization may incur. In cooperation with the rest of the sitting officers, the President will shape the association, allowing for a more fluid and maintainable future for the generations to come. Laying the groundwork for a legacy such as this is a labor of love, and it will require that whomever is voted into the position treat it as such. The Stalnaker Family Association needs you!

In compliance with the IRS, the association by-laws and regulations have been changed to reflect a non-profit organization and a historical site. These changes can be made available upon request. The association is now officially registered with the WV Secretary of State!

A new road marker for the cemetery was placed. Photos will be posted on the website and on the Facebook page.

Estimates are being gathered for repairs on the cabin. Making the cabin accessible to everybody is a priority to the association, so that we may share our story with everybody! There will be a ramp and rails installed to ensure that our visitors will be safe and able.

**Association website:** Click this link to the **historical documents:**

<http://stalnakfamilyassoc.org/historical-documents/>

## Stalnaker Family Reunion: Saturday, July 20, 2019 & Sunday, July 21, 2019

### Saturday, July 20, 2019:

History day is **10am to 4 pm** at the cabin. We give guided tours of the cabin and discuss family history. It is great for new members and first time visitors to the cabin. The Stalnaker Cabin will be open with association members available to answer questions.

### Sunday, July 21, 2019:

Kevin Lloyd will be our featured speaker this year! He will be talking about his travels with the James Miltenberger Jazz Quintet, his music and teaching career, and possibly playing some of his solo work. His great-grandfather was married to Motie Stalnaker, and can his lineage can be traced back to Valentine Stalnaker, the brother of Jacob Stalnaker, Jr.

The potluck lunch and live auction will be held at the Beverly Fire Department. This event **begins at 11:00 am** starting with the **annual meeting**, the potluck lunch will immediately follow with time to look over the items for the live auction. **Please bring a covered dish and send items to be auctioned** to *Darrell Allman - 450 Center Ave Weston, WV 26452*. All proceeds from the auction, annual dues, and monetary donations support the future goals of the Stalnaker Family Association.

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion! There are many historical sites to visit in and around Beverly. For more information, contact the Randolph County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-422-3304 or visit the website: [www.RandolphCountyWV.com](http://www.RandolphCountyWV.com) Come and enjoy both days with us!

### Dues and Donations:

*Annual dues time!* Special thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues. If you have not sent dues - **good news - it's never too late!** Remember with a **generous donation** to the cabin and cemetery maintenance fund - a special gift from the board will be sent.

*Enclosed is a form for your convenience to submit your annual dues.* We need and appreciate your continued support to maintain and grow the success of our association.

*Thank-you in advance for your support!*

*Remember your help is needed, Just a few hours **makes a REAL DIFFERENCE!***

*Warm regards,*

