

Hirsch Cousins Reunion Newsletter *(April Edition)*

Aunt Pat is Coming! We have received word that **Aunt Pat** (Bartlett Barth) of Lebanon, OR will be at the **Hirsch Cousins Labor Day Reunion** in Albuquerque this Fall. Pat will be escorted by her granddaughter **Kim**, and possibly by her daughter **Monica** as well.

Al Reynoldson Checks In! Al wanted to know motel prices. *(If we get a block of rooms, it will be about \$99 per night - could be less depending on number of people who commit).* Of course there are *mucho* motels in Albuquerque and some could be less \$\$\$. Al said he checked with his brothers in Nebraska who are expressing interest as well!

Hotel Info:

Hotel Albuquerque: *(walk to museums and Old Town Albuquerque)* – \$99 a night with a commitment for 9 rooms.

Embassy Suites: *(off I-25 at Lomas exit)* – complimentary cocktail hour in the evening and complimentary cook to order breakfast. 2 room suite hotel with fridge, micro. \$139 a night with a minimum of 5 rooms commitment.

Hilton Garden Inn: *(3 locations, all near the Interstates)* – \$89 a night, or \$99 a night with breakfast included.

What Are The Plans? There will be much to see and do at this Reunion, some planned, some spontaneous. Here are some of the plans over 29-31 August (Labor Day is Mon 1 Sept):

- **Friday Night:** *Meet and Greet* at Bonnie (Armes) Nolan-Blackledge's, 4 pm on.
- **Saturday Afternoon:** *Mexican Fiesta Grande*, at Beth Paiz's, from 2 pm on.
- **Sunday Morning:** Breakfast/Brunch arranged.

- **Monday** (*Labor Day holiday*): open for visiting; returning home as required.

Sally's Kids are In! **Mollie Young** and **Ruthie Garrett** will travel from California. Their kids as well: **Melinda** and **Heidi** are coming from Calif. Mollie's daughter, **Mandy** has already made the plane reservations for herself and her two boys. **Pam and Marlo** and **Karen and Zach** are also trying to make it out. **Pete and Heather** and **Mary and Brian** are talking about coming as well, but they have no firm plans yet. **Michael Young** said he is looking forward to it - the California group may be huge!

Ellen Hirsch is Coming! *"Planning on attending the reunion. Sounds like a lot of fun. I can share my room or have one myself, whichever works."* – Ellen, Albion, NE

So Much to Do! Consider an extended visit to New Mexico – The Land of Enchantment. You can visit Santa Fe, Taos, Acoma Pueblo (*the famous Sky City*); the historic St James Hotel in Cimarron, NM (*haunted by spirits of murder victims*), numerous Casinos. Easy car or train ride (nmrailrunner.com) from Albuquerque to the Santa Fe Plaza; Tram ride up to the Sandia Crest (sandiapeak.com – 10,300 feet!); Albuquerque Trolley to all the *Breaking Bad* sites!

Let us Hear from You! Great opportunity to visit not only a unique area, but to re-acquaint with some of your unique relatives! Contact Bonnie@Blackledge.com and let us know how we can help make this happen for you!

Old Photos! We are collecting old photos and **Matthew Cardenas** will be producing a memorable Hirsch History DVD – please email scans of your favorite old photos, or mail some copies! We'll get 'em back to you!