

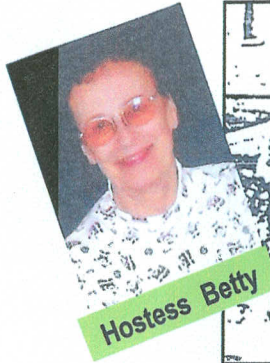
***The Weekend Belongs To You*** as we attend favorable attractions in the St. Louis, MO area with Hosts Betty (Piotraschke) Oelzen and James Piotraschke, and celebrate the special moments that happen when families gather together. A celebration of two first homesteads in a city praised for its food and entertainment.

# The Missouri Piotraschke Family Reunion

April 24—26



# Honoring The Families Of



Hostess Betty



**Frederich Piotraschke  
&  
Maria Louisa Seibert**

## Children:

<b>Julius Frederick</b>	(1887 - 1889)
<b>Karl Nicolaus</b>	(1888 - 1972)
<b>Frederich John</b>	(1889 - 1978)
<b>Heinrich August</b>	(1894 - 1972)
<b>Wilhelm Christopher</b>	(1905 - 1993)

## Memories of Betty (Piotraschke) Oelzen

My dad talked about as a young man he would pick strawberries on the farm. There was also gooseberries and peach trees. Probably apple trees and grapes. I would go in the barn and grind corn for the chickens. There was also a pond near the barn. My dad, Fred, and I would go visit my grandfather every Saturday and he would have dried apples waiting for me in the window. My dad and grandpa would talk in German the whole time we were there. He died when I was 10 - pneumonia. I would usually go outside and yell for my cousin, Helen, (Uncle Henry's daughter), who lived on adjoining property, to come over.



Fred John

Son, Frederich John, was the inventor of the well-remembered, "Presidents" Barber Chairs.



# Frederich & Gustave Piotraschke

## **The Stowaway** The Legacy Of Lil' Gus



Host James

**Gustave R. Piotraschke  
&  
Ella Goss**

## Children:

<b>Sara Elizabeth</b>	(1908 - 1985)
<b>Mary Louise</b>	(1909 - 1996)
<b>August Herman</b>	(1911 - 1974)
<b>Walter William</b>	(1913 - 1953)
<b>George John</b>	(1918 - 1972)
<b>Florence Marie</b>	(1927 - 1987)

Baby Emma died at 5 months. Birth date is unknown. - An Honorary Tribute

"I can still remember riding down Geyer Road in Grandpa Gus' old Model T pick up truck."

- Frank Waters

"I can remember running up to Grandpa Gus when he was in his strawberry patch pickin' berries.

His neck was sunburned real red. When he saw us, he smiled real hard. He was always happy to see us." - William Piotraschke

St. Louis Chief of Police, Walter Piotraschke.

Leaders in fire fighting & police work are in every generation of Gus' descendants. -An American Tribute!

"When folks needed the police, they didn't say, I'm calling the cops. They'd say, I'm calling Piotraschke!"



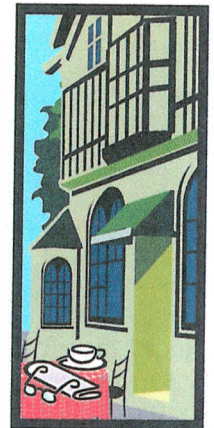


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I-70 to Exit 236 follow signs toward airport & merge left onto Pear Tree, left onto Natural Bridge & right on Woodson.

- ⇒ **Flights, Amtrak or Bus**
- ⇒ **Directions to Reunion Site**
- ⇒ **Motel Reservations**
- ⇒ **[To schedule your shuttle](#)**



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Shuttle Services all three

Along with some of the popular attractions of St. Louis—we'll tour a few of the Piotra-schke bygones in drive-by-tours for those who are interested.



Frederich John Piotraschke's home

**Betty Oelzen**  
is completing  
the Missouri  
Genealogy

# War story of Frank's Grandpa Walter found in Berlin Archives.

**Andreas' grandpa  
had 16 children!**



# Germany Reunion Review

After nine years of a growing friendship between Andreas of East Germany, Rod of the United States and Frank of West Germany—the **trailblazing trio** finally united for the first time at the ports that our forefathers departed from: Bremen & Hamburg.



Julia Piotraschke was a new face to enter the PFH scene as she took on the role of the East Germany Translator and tour guide. - And what a fabulous job she did!.

Ancient pillars of the Holy Roman Empire still stand in a medieval area of Aachen.  
- Tour provided by Frank & Tom



This breathtakingly-beautiful mural in down town Dresden is a collection of all the kings as early as the 10th and 11th centuries.



Below is a photo from the boat tour we took through a channel leading us to the Hamburg Port. Along with the port tours we visited an outstanding genealogy museum in Bremerhaven.

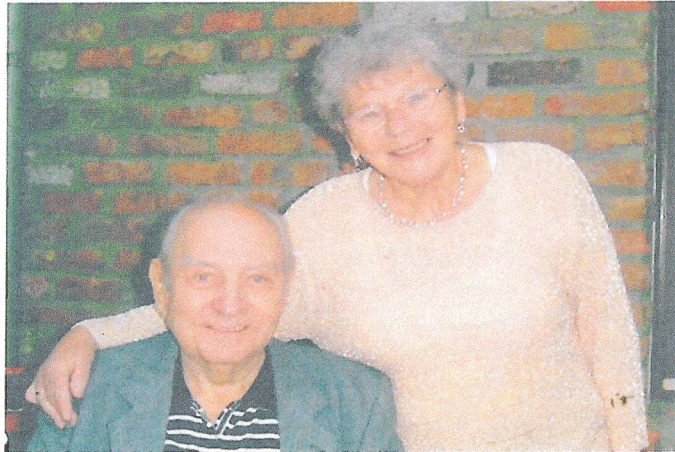








## Meet our Aachen Gang!



Grandpa Walter and Grandma Ruth



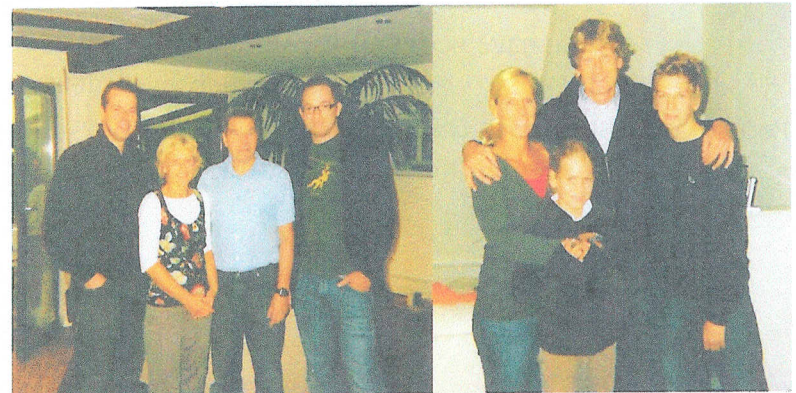
Front: Helga, Lena, Karin, Grandma Ruth & Christel

Back: Frank, Simon, Thomas, Achim, Christian, and Grandpa Walter

## Spectacular Hosts!



Christian and Christel provided food, wine, beer, beds and memorable hours of just spending time together. Thanks again you two!



Tom and Frank with their father, Christian and his life-partner, Christel. Christian is Walter and Ruth's oldest son.

Meet Walter and Ruth's oldest daughter, Karin-with her husband Achim and children Lena and Simon.

Missing are son: Lothar and daughter: Renate





**A number of Piotraschkas from East Germany, West Germany and America met for the first time ever at the Berlin Wall.**

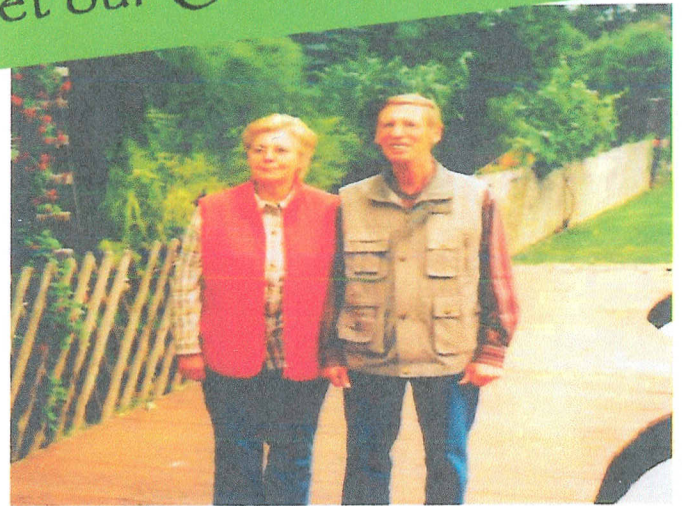
"Walter was working at a coal mine in Aachen while I was living in the East. I knew it was dangerous, but I needed to get to him, so I snuck across the wall with my two first born." - Ruth Piotraschke (West side)

"I love the freedom we have now that the wall is down. But I have to admit, my little city was much safer when the wall was up. People could sleep with their doors unlocked. It's not that way anymore." - Carmen Piotraschke (East side)



A memorial to the lives that were taken

## Meet our Oschersleben Gang!



Grandma Erika and Grandpa Hans



Kneeling: Sandra and Julia

Middle: Andreas, Katrin, Grandma Erika, Grandpa Hans and Carmen

Back: Andy and Chris



# House Hosting is in our Blood



Another amazingly scrumptious feast with plenty of German wines and beers! And another wonderful evening of just spending time being together.



Chris Katrin Andreas Sandra



Julia Carmen

Andreas and Carmen are the children of Hans and Erika



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A wealth of Piotra-  
schke information  
was gained from  
Genealogist,  
Mariusz and his  
service is available  
to the rest of the  
family when they  
need him.



According to Anastasia, a Ruschutz  
citizen, when she was a little girl, her  
parents spoke of an Albert Piotra-  
schke who lived in the house above.  
They said he moved to America.



Arnold, Rod, Anastasia, Gladys



The finale of our tour  
ended with a few days of  
site seeing in Berlin and a  
lot of Prussian History!



# Wisconsin Piotraschke Family Reunion

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## Potluck Dinner

Sunday,  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1:00 PM

This years potluck  
theme is St.  
Louis style !

## July 31<sup>st</sup>—Friday 6PM at Ferg's Bavarian

Smoked Pork Chop Dinner - \$13.00 (tax & tip included)

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From: **Andreas Piotraschke**

Date: Thu, Oct 30, 2008 at 12:16 PM

Subject: Michael Piotraschke 1776 Jan.

To: Rodney Piotraschke

your grand- grand- grand- grand- grandpa is born 1776

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2010 - *Sunsets In The West*, the warm ocean breeze and the steady sound of waves breaking upon the shore - only 3 miles away from the Long Beach, CA, Reunion Site with Hostess Paula Piotraschke. Visit Hollywood, Beverly Hills & the Queen Mary with Tour Host Paul Piotraschke.



2011 - Visit the *Great Mist Of The North*, feel its exhilarating thunder & refreshing spray. Hear the legends of those who were swept away by its mighty current & taken over the edge. Then enjoy a savory fresh fish "catch of the day" with Hosts Paul & Rene' Piotraschke of Rochester, NY.