

Dear Kimball Family Association Members,

Your Board is delighted to update you on our activities and initiatives since the last Newsletter.

Through the tireless efforts of Sylvia Stevens and her husband Ralph, the plans for the 2018 Reunion have been finalized. Details are included in this issue. This Reunion promises to be one of the best in recent years as we have lined up a number of speakers, vendors and genealogy workshops. Sign up soon!

Ralph is also head of your Scholarship Committee. He works all year long on your behalf to reward and provide deserving students with significant scholarship support. Last year, we increased the scholarship amount to \$2,000 per winner, a doubling of amounts from previous years.

SPECIAL NOTE: FOR 2018, WE HAVE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS \$5,000, 100 % MATCHING GIFT! WHEN MATCHED, WE COULD ADD UP TO \$10,000 TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR TREASURER ED MILLER. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS MATCHING GIFT OFFER.

The newsletter is, for many of you, the “face” of the Kimball Family Association. It gives insight into what we are doing, what questions we have, and where we are going. Therefore, as always, special thanks must be given to Judy Miller and her daughter Tanya Burek who lead the design and publication of our new online Newsletter. Their individual and collective leadership is unsurpassed.

Judy also serves as Recording Secretary of your Association and maintains our records and minutes. Happily, her husband Ed continues to serve as your Treasurer. Seems our wife and husband teams are magic for your Association. We are Family in so many ways.

Your Board is also reviewing our by-laws to be sure they fully meet our responsibilities for good governance. We will be presenting any revisions of the by-laws at the 2018 Annual meeting. The proposed revised by-laws will be sent to the members 30 days before the Reunion. Please be watching for it.

A continuing priority is the role and responsibilities of our Kimball Genealogy and History resource. Carol Kimball Stahl has become active in helping us to better understand the role of Genealogy in this new on-line digital age of Ancestry.com , 23andMe, WikiTree and thousands of other websites. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a listing of a few genealogy websites you might want to view. These are totally amazing sources of information. With so much information available, your Association is seeking to better define our role in assisting our members to discover their genealogy and family history. Your thoughts on how KFA can complement existing genealogy sources would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts and comments with Carol at myroadrunner@roadrunner.com.

Lastly, as we are now providing our Newsletter on-line, we are able to publish up to 2 additional KFA Newsletters, making a total of six issues each year. PLEASE provide us with personal stories about you and your family. Your stories are the most unique feature of our Newsletter, so keep them coming!

Some Genealogy websites and sources to consider:

WikiTree: [wikitree.com](http://www.wikitree.com)

Family Search: familysearch.org

Cyndi List: cyndislist.com

American Ancestors: americanancestors.org

Fold3: fold3.com (subscription) Military records

Find-A-Grave: findagrave.com

DNA study and support sites:

23andMe: 23andme.com

AncestryDNA: ancestry.com/dna

My Heritage: myheritage.com/dna

Family Tree DNA: familytreedna.com

Personal Genome Project: personalgenomes.org

GEDmatch: gedmatch.com

DNAland: dna.land