

Violette Family Reunion
30th Anniversary Celebration



“We Are One”

Greetings Violette Family! Next year the Violette Family Association, created by our founder Rita Violette Lippe, will proudly host our 30th Anniversary Reunion Celebration. Our very first Violette Family Reunion had its humble beginnings at St. Theresa's Parish Hall in Metheun, MA on July 16, 1978. Rita Violette Lippe had expected 50 people to attend but to her delight 375 showed up to celebrate the Violette Family. Since then, we have had Violette Family reunions on a regular basis, usually three years apart. The largest ever was held in Van Buren, ME in 1981 when 810 showed up in the "cradle" of the Violette family.

The purpose of this message is to spread the word of next year's reunion. We are relying on you to spread the word about the reunion to your immediate family and all your relatives. We encourage entire families to attend, from the great-grandparents to the newest babies. The 2005 Reunion had many toddlers, teens, and those in-between, enjoying the “living genealogy” of their roots. Let us continue this wonderful, fun-filled history lesson in the lives of our children.

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of The Violette Family Association, under the leadership of our President Paul Bunnell, have been hard at work organizing the reunion. Shown below are the dates and location of next year's reunion, our guest speakers for the weekend, and a list of attractions located in the immediate area. As with any wonderful endeavor, we are still soliciting help from our membership-at-large to aid with next year's Violette Family Reunion. Families and/or individuals from the central Connecticut area would be very appreciated as volunteers since the reunion will be held there.

We hope you will make a special effort to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration. Your children and grandchildren will thank you for it. We are all looking forward to a successful family reunion!

Date: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8-9-10 August, 2008.

Location: Beverly Hills Suites (right off of Interstate 91)
383 South Center Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Jennifer Feigenbaum – Director of Sales& Catering

Website: www.bhsuites.com Phone: (877) 723-8375

Room Rate: \$79.00 + Tax = \$88.48 per night (50 rooms reserved)
Free complete breakfast (Saturday & Sunday)
(NOTE: You must make your own room reservations)

Registration: Fees are \$10/adult and \$5/child under 12 years

Please register by June 2008

Room Drawing: ***Drawing for One-Night Free Room*** (\$88.48) for Early Registration (July 1, 2008). Drawing will be held at the reunion.

Meals: Friday Night Casual Buffet
Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Beverage
Adults - \$14; Children under 12 - \$7
(Price includes Tax & Gratuity)

Saturday Night Gold Dinner Buffet
Marinated Grilled Chicken, Lemon Pepper Cod, Baked Ziti, Sirloin Tips, Tossed Garden Salad, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans or Vegetable Medley, Fresh Fruit with Sherbert, Assorted Desserts, Beverage
Adults - \$30; Children under 12 - \$15
(Price includes Tax & Gratuity)

Guest Speakers:

Friday Night Speaker: Martin Violette, President of the Violette's of Virginia, Talk on the English Violette's

Martin Violette will talk about the background of the English Violette's, especially a noteworthy character as Edward Violette, Overseer on George Washington's plantation. Also, Martin will give a geographic outline of the family distribution throughout the 18th and 19th centuries from Virginia leading out westward that created "muddied waters" between all branches of the Violette family. He will also discuss the interesting approach to DNA to help solve our family connections.

Saturday Night Speaker: Ann Roy, Director of the Acadian Village in Van Buren, ME

Ann Roy will talk about the Acadian's of the Upper Saint John River Valley and the town of Van Buren, ME that was once called "Violette Brook". She will then discuss the Acadian Village and all the latest events happening there, ending with an Acadian Musical piece accompanied by her wooden dancing man.

After Saturday Banquet: Dancing with music by Disc Jockey Phil Violette

Sunday Church Services:

St. Mary's Church – 42 Spring Street, Windsor Locks
(860) 623-2524

St. Robert's Church – 52 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks
(860) 623-0240

Nearby Attractions (in Hartford, CT area):

Six Flags Amusement Park	Mark Twain House & Museum
New England Air Museum	Museum of Connecticut History
Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, MA)	
Dinosaur State Park	Governor's Residence Tours
Windsor Historical Society	Lady Katherine Cruises
Connecticut Firefighter's Memorial	Foxwoods & Mohegan Casinos
The Old State House	Bushnell Carousel
Elizabeth Park Rose Gardens	New England Trolley Museum