DOOLITTLES OF AMERICA, INC. ORGANIZATION

DOA FUTURE SURVEY

The times are changing and so is the DOA organization. In our bylaws, it says a reunion every two years and of course, we had one in 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2022. 2022 was initially supposed to be in 2020 but due to the pandemic, it was changed. We are now looking to one on August 2, 3. and 4, 2024 in Wallingford. The number of attendees is getting smaller from less than 20 to no more than 60. Of course, 2022 was small due to COVID and the cost of travel. Who wants to host future reunions and that seems to be a real question? I volunteered to host 2024 as many wanted to come to Wallingford but due to the times, could not.

Since there are many questions about reunions and the organization’s future, I am sending out this survey/questionnaire about how our Doolittle family feels about where we go. How do we get the younger generations involved? Most of our family/members are getting older. Younger generations are searching for their Doolittle Heritage but are not interested in reunions at least face to face. Now give me your opinion about the DOA future and how we should continue. Please send it back to me via email or snail or just call.

REUNIONS: continue every 2 years according to bylaws or what

Hosting: who wants to and where

Activities at reunions: Historic Doolittle places only, other historic places, or just fun activities

DUES: What should we be using them for? Postal mailing newsletters, genealogist expenses, honoring Doolittle sites, Support Wallingford CT activities (Cemetery for Abraham, Wallingford Historical Society,

and Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust for Doolittle archives), Cost of reunions

NEWSLETTERS: How often and what do you want in them? Snail mail or just email.

DOA WEBSITE: IS this helpful? How can we add or change it?

DOA FACEBOOK: Is this helpful? How can we add or change it?

LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUMS/FACEBOOK: During 2022, I used the local Wallingford sites to get the message out and found it beneficial. Is there one that we could get involved in that would benefit the DOA?

GENEALOGICAL DATABASE: Should be put the database minus living descendants on the website? Many other families have done this, and a genealogist still controls it and adds any new info. As the genealogist, I work about 2-3 hours each morning on the info that I receive or search and put into the database. Most of the requests are asking about their women with Doolittle surnames.

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