

# McAndrew Reunion 2009

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## Lost Nation McAndrews To Have Reunion!

### 2009 Plans Are Unveiled

You may have heard the rumors, and wondered what was going on. Now, the truth is out. There will be a McAndrew reunion in the year 2009. This biennial event celebrates the family of Philip and Jane McAndrew of Lost Nation, Iowa.



Shown above are seven of the original ten children of Philip and Jane McAndrew, gathered for one of the first reunions in Ankeny. L-R: Bob, John, Marie Hughes, Rose Tiedje, Mary Hart, Paul, and Clem.

As they've been doing for 25 years, descendants of Philip and Jane McAndrew will gather again in 2009 on the July 4th weekend. The location will be Ankeny, Iowa, which is the site of the first McAndrew reunion.

### Mark your Calendars

So, family, mark your calendars. Schedule your vacation time. Save your pennies. Get your head and heart working on family ties (and an act for the BIG talent show). For immediate access to all the latest info, check out the website of Mary and Greg Woolever ([www.wooleverhome.com](http://www.wooleverhome.com)), who are, on behalf of the "Hughes Kids," coordinators of the 2009 McAndrew Reunion.

### When

Arrival/check-in: .....Friday .....July 3, 2009  
Closing Brunch: .....Sunday .....July 5, 2009

### Where

Best Western Metro North, Ankeny, Iowa (exit 92 on I-35, north of Des Moines about ten miles). This is the site of the original reunion, and of two more since then. The motel has a large swimming pool, and a 50s style diner on the premises. Plenty of choices for restaurants and shopping are nearby.

### History of McAndrew Reunions

The first McAndrew reunion was in 1984, a joint dream of Jim Tiedje, and cousins, Bob Hughes and Joan Kohl. No one had a clear idea of what to do, but imagination and enthusiasm were not lacking, neither in the three cousins, nor the extended family.

The second reunion was three years later, and then it was every two years after that, making 2009 the 25th year! The reunions have taken place in Ankeny, Davenport, and Dubuque in Iowa, plus one in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the most recent in Riverside, California.

Early on, activities included a hospitality room gathering, a golf outing, Saturday picnic, professional photographs, Catholic mass, a talent show, and a farewell Sunday brunch (culminating in selection of the host family for the next reunion). All these have now become part of The Tradition.

### Reservations

Call the Best Western Metro North motel at 515-964-1717 to make reservations. Tell them "McAndrew Reunion" to get a \$74 rate on a standard room. Motel reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance of the reunion.

If you're doing the golf outing Saturday morning, be prepared to sign up Friday evening when you arrive. Foursome groupings are up to you to define. Tee times will start early.

### What should you do right now?

Right now, you mainly need to decide that you ARE coming (of course you are), and make sure you've got the time blocked off on your 2009 calendar. If you have any questions, please call Mary or Greg. As always, this is going to be fun!

Love,

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