

**2004 NAIL-RAY ANNUAL MEETING  
BACK HOME AGAIN IN INDIANA**

The 2004 gathering of the Nail-Ray Association will be June 11-13 in Shelbyville, Indiana. Our hosts Tom and Lynda Plymate, Beck Markel, and Dick Weakley have a wonderful weekend of visiting, sightseeing, and fellowship planned for us!

The focal point of the weekend will be the Sesquicentennial Homecoming Celebration for Old Union Methodist Church on Sunday, June 13. Other activities include a get-together dinner at the Plymate farm on Friday evening, June 11, a private bus tour of historic sites in Indianapolis conducted by Dick Weakley on Saturday, June 12, and our annual banquet and business meeting at the Goodrich Party House on Saturday evening.

**Where To Stay**

Our “headquarters hotel” will be the **Comfort Inn** on the north side of Shelbyville, at the State Road 9 exit off Interstate-74. A block of rooms has been set aside for the Nail-Ray Association at \$59.95 plus tax per night. Call the hotel directly (317-398-8044 or 1-800-388-3864) to make your reservation by June 1; tell them you are part of the Nail-Ray group to get the discounted group rate.

Other lodging option include:

**Hampton Inn**, State Road 9 exit off Interstate-74, 317-398-9100 or 1-800-HAMPTON

**Super 8 Motel**, State Road 9 exit off Interstate-74, 317-392-6239 or 1-800-800-8000

**Lees Inn**, State Road 44 exit off Interstate-74, 317-392-2299 or 1-800-SEE-LEES

**Dinner at the Plymate Farm, Friday Evening (6/11)**

Tom and Lynda are looking forward to showing off all the improvements they’ve made to the farm home over the past three years. The home is 2 ½ miles west from Shelbyville on the Boggstown Road, on the right side of the road (white picket fence across the front yard, name PLYMATE and the number 2442 on the mail box).

Come as early as you’d like to visit on the front porch. We’ll have all the photo albums from our previous 23 Nail-Ray get-togethers for those who’d like to reminisce. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. For those of you “feeling lucky,” an optional excursion to our new Indiana Downs race track will depart after dinner.

## **Bus Tour of Indianapolis, Saturday (6/12)**

We have chartered a private motor coach for Saturday, and Dick Weakley will lead us on a tour of some of the historic sites of Indianapolis. The tour departs from the Comfort Inn at 9:00 a.m. and will return by approximately 4:00 p.m. Highlights include...

**Indianapolis Union Station:** Once a major hub for rail traffic, this impressive structure has been renovated into a hotel and entertainment/shopping complex.

**Benjamin Harrison Home:** We will tour the home of our 23rd President and have lunch while watching a croquet tournament taking place on the grounds.

**Indiana War Memorial:** The centerpiece of Indianapolis's monument district, this massive structure honors all the Hoosiers who served in World War I.

**Indianapolis Motor Speedway:** We will tour the museum of the Indianapolis 500, "the greatest spectacle in racing," and take a spin around the famous 2 ½ mile oval (in their bus).

A flat fee of \$35.00 will cover the transportation and admission fees to all the above attractions, plus a box lunch at the Harrison home.

## **Banquet and Business Meeting, Goodrich Party House, Saturday Evening (6/12)**

Our Saturday evening banquet and business meeting will be at Goodrich Party House outside Fairland. Our hosts Cora and Julia Goodrich will stuff us full of fried chicken, beef and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, toss salad, hot rolls and apple butter, and cherry cobbler. Dinner is served at 5:30; cost is \$8.00 per person. We will gather at the Plymate farm at 5:15 to caravan over to the party house.

## **Sesquicentennial Celebration for United Methodist Church, Sunday (6/13)**

Old Union Methodist Church was founded in 1854. Samuel Nail was one of the founding trustees. We are planning an "old fashioned homecoming" to celebrate Old Union's first 150 years on Sunday, June 13. The schedule includes...

- 10:00 a.m.   Worship Service in the Old Union Sanctuary  
                  Conducted by Ida Easley, Superintendent, Rushville District, United Methodist Church
- 12:00 noon   Pitch-In Dinner in the Church Basement
- 1:15 p.m.    Sesquicentennial Program in the Church Sanctuary  
                  Brief History of the First 150 Years, Tom Plymate and Rebecca Markel  
                  Recognition of Former Pastors and Their Families
- 2:00 p.m.    Group Photo on the Front Steps of the Church
- 2:30 p.m.    Dedication of New Flagpole for Brandywine Center and Ray/Wray Cemeteries  
                  (We'll have a golf cart available for those who might have trouble walking from the church to the cemeteries.)  
                  Presentation of Flagpole by Descendants of Gus and Emma Thomas  
                  Color Guard Provided by American Legion

Tom and Beck have revised and updated Dorothy Plymate's *History of Old Union Church* and will present a copy to each family in attendance at the homecoming celebration.

**2004 NAIL-RAY WEEKEND—INDIANA—JUNE 11-13**  
**RESERVATION FORM (deadline 5/10/04)**

Quantity		Amount
_____	Nail-Ray Membership Dues for 2004, \$10.00 per mailing address.	\$ _____
_____	Motorcoach Tour of Indianapolis, Saturday, June 12, \$35.00 per person. (Includes transportation and admission to all attractions; plus box lunch at the Benjamin Harrison House.)	\$ _____
_____	Banquet and Business Meeting, Goodrich Party House, Saturday, June 12, \$8.00 per person. (Includes "all you can eat" dinner featuring fried chicken and beef and noodles.)	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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