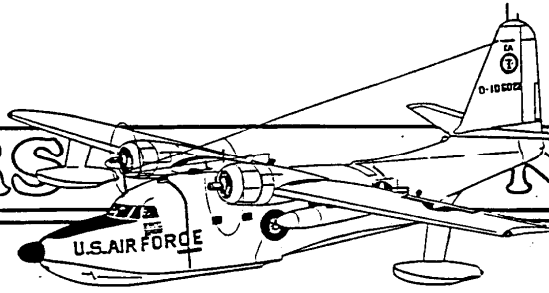


# OL TIMERS NOOZZE



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## 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Outstanding Airmen of the Year

### **Airman of the Year**

SSgt Timothy J Capps  
Optometry Technician Journeyman  
129<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron

### **NCO of the Year**

SSgt Yvonne E. Minor  
Public Health Technician  
129<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron

### **Senior NCO of the Year**

SMSgt Todd F. Hern  
Security Forces Craftsman  
129<sup>th</sup> Security Forces

### **First Sergeant of the Year**

MSgt Christopher R. Hartman  
First Sergeant  
129<sup>th</sup> Support Group

### **Congratulations!**

Each of these young people has been given a complimentary 1 year membership in the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA.

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## Old Timers Luncheon & Board Election

*Wednesday, March 12, 2003*

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni and Heritage Association was held in conjunction with the Annual Old Timers Luncheon on March 12, 2003, at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

The membership has re-elected CCMS Ed Boddington, LTC Cindy Kepple, and SMSgt Don Delucchi as board members. Congratulations...and keep up the great work!

The luncheon was attended by a 135 guests and the now traditional raffle raised \$308 for the scholarship fund. Way to go, gang!

Thanks to the generous support of the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA membership, the Association awarded four scholarships to members of the unit, and two scholarships to dependents. The recipients of the 2003 scholarships are:

- ◆ TSgt Maria Myakovsky
- ◆ SrA Raeann Cordova
- ◆ SrA Luke Fitzgerald
- ◆ SrA Jessica Vasconcellos
- ◆ Gonzalo Solis
- ◆ Steven L. Kepple, Jr.

### **Congratulations!**



## The Prez Sez

### *The President's Column*

Lt Col Jesse Craddock (Ret.)

The March Oldtimers' Lunch was the Association's most successful with 135 members and guests in attendance. The Association awarded \$300 scholarships to four Wing individuals and two Wing member's dependents. Major Dennis Davoren, a Beale AFB U-2 pilot provided an interesting view on U2 activities in Afghanistan and pre-war Iraq. The Association presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lt Col Chuck Fuller for Scholarship Program support and to TSgt Judy Brooks for her service as the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Board liaison. The annual raffle netted the Scholarship Program \$308.

The Citigroup Foundation, formerly California Fed Bank, provided the Association with a \$500 scholarship program grant. The Foundation makes grants in the name of CitiBank employees for volunteer program participation. Lynda Fawcett, the Association Newsletter editor, is a Citigroup employee.

The Board recently learned that Col Fred Petersen passed away last October. The Newsletter contains a background piece

The February Newsletter announced the Board's intention to post a list of dues delinquent members. If your name appears on the list please mail a \$10 check for the 2003 dues. Members who are two years in arrears are subject to expulsion effective July 1, 2003.

CMSgt Jim Badgrow has assumed the duties of Association webmaster. Jim would like to start an Association members exchange page and is soliciting submissions for web page use. Jim would welcome any web page suggestions. [www.129AHA.org](http://www.129AHA.org)

The Wing has been credited with save 300. The 129<sup>th</sup>'s first credited save occurred during a 1977 Red Flag exercise. In conjunction with Family Day, Saturday, July 12, the Wing will celebrate the achievement. Information on Family Day Activities is provided in the Newsletter.

*Continued*

### *The Prez Sez - continued*

Col Ed Lewis, the Wing's Operation Group Commander, has been appointed ANG Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command. Ed will assume the position June 1. A farewell dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 7. Dinner details can be found in the Newsletter.

NASA will sponsor the Moffett Air Show the September 13-14 weekend. Ken Moore will chair the Associations participation. Ken will be looking for volunteers to staff the beverage booths. Last year's Air Show raised \$1,200 for the Association Scholarship Program.

I just learned that Col Tommy Williams' father passed away recently. On behalf of the Board and the Association membership, we extend our sympathy to Col and Mrs. Williams on their loss. The family has been sent a card expressing the Association's condolences.

I look forward to seeing you at Family Day.

*Jay*

## A Look Back

### *Wing Save Number One*

Before save 300 there was save number one. The Wing's first save occurred during a 1977 Red Flag exercise. A Unit HC-130 and HH-3 were participating in a Search and Rescue Exercise. A Myrtle Beach A-7, performing the Viet Nam-era Sandy roll, crashed with the pilot ejecting just prior to impact. Range control dispatched the HC-130 King to the site followed shortly by the HH-3. After the PJs stabilized the pilot (who was the unit squadron commander), the HH-3 transported the pilot to Nellis AFB, escorted by the HC-130. The HC-130 aircraft commander was Lt Col Geary Tiffany and the HH-3 aircraft commander is believed to have been Lt Col Les Spencer.

# 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association

## Memorial Day Honor Roll

*Day is done.*

*Gone the sun*

*From the lakes,*

*From the hills,*

*From the sky.*

*All is well.*

*Safely rest.*

*God is nigh.*



BGen Harold A. Aherns  
SSG Harry Ahlborn  
TSG Gary R. Albertson  
LTC Richard Allen  
MSG Manuel Amaral  
LTC Shirley R. Ashby  
MSG Howard Bachman  
MSG David S. Bain  
SMS John S. Beasley  
LTC Gregory A. Bose  
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TSG Larry Butts  
LTC Neil Campbell  
SGT Steven Carlyle  
1LT Desmond Casey  
SMG Robert Clayton  
SMS Vaughn H. Clearman  
SSG Steve Courtney ★  
LTC Gene Cunningham  
SSG Robin Eal  
MSG Hyrshel Flygare  
SSG Johnny Forlanda  
LTC Billy Freeman  
CWO4 William Gateley  
SMS Arch R. Girvin  
MSG Clarence F. Gruenert  
MSG Lloyd Hamilton  
TSGT John E. Horton ★  
LTC James A. Hunt  
COL Eugene J. Ignatow  
MAJ Jerry Ingram  
CPT Clyde Jackson ★  
TSG Bobby J. Jarman  
MSG Art Johnson  
TSG John Karpaty  
A3C Alan A. Kelley ★

MSG Henry Kern  
BGen (Chaplain) James Kintsi  
BGen Charles W. Koenig  
COL Charles J. Kuban  
SRA Mary Lou Lara  
COL Paul Lavoie, MD  
MSG Bartley J. Lee  
CMS Joseph Martin  
Lawrence Mauch  
Col Ralston D. McKee  
SGT Kevin McKenna  
LTC Charles Means  
MSG Paul Medeiros  
LTC Robert A. Morton  
MAJ Mark Mutchler  
MAJ Terry Nelson ★  
COL Ralph L. Nobriga  
LTC John W. O'Sullivan  
COL Fred H. Petersen  
MSG Leon Pope  
Marge Rainsford  
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★  
MSG Frank M. Sacramento  
MSG Thomas Santiago  
SMSGT Don Shanks  
LTC Les Spencer ★  
TSG Nicholas Stoopin  
CMS Harold R. Strickler  
COL Herman Vandever  
LTC Urban B. Vandever  
LTC John A. Vinther  
MSG Clarence W. Wagner  
LTC Louis F. Wang  
CWO4 Albert S. Warnick  
LTC James Ward  
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★

★ Killed in Action



## Col Fred H. Petersen

30 August 1924 – 16 October 2002

Col Fred H. Petersen, age 78, passed away on October 16, 2002, in Walnut Creek. Born August 30, 1924, in Novato, Col Petersen served the Unit from its inception in 1948 through 1959 as an intelligence officer. He retired from Pacific Bell with 37 years of service, and was an active member of B.P.O.E 1811.

Col Petersen is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Lane McVae and grandchildren Bridget, Jillian, and Bryan, all of Maryland; daughter Janet Petersen of Shingle Springs; and sister Carrie M. Norton of Alameda.

Services were held October 28, 2002. Final resting place is Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette, California.

## STORY OF "TAPS"

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it were a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the memorial service. The request was turned down because the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody we now know as "Taps"... used at military funerals... was born. The words are:

*Day is done... Gone the sun... From the lakes...  
From the hills... From the sky... All is well...  
Safely rest... God is nigh.*

*Fading light... Dims the sight... And a star...  
Gems the sky... Gleaming bright... From afar...  
Drawing nigh... Falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise... For our days... 'Neath the  
sun... 'Neath the stars... 'Neath the sky... As we  
go... This we know... God is nigh.*

## Spring Golf Tourney

*Four Man Scramble - Coordinated by*

John Barbour, Tennessee Ernie Ford AFA  
Chapter 361

The 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni and Heritage Association is not hosting the spring golf tournament this year. However, the Tennessee Ernie Ford Air Force Association Chapter 361 is once again hosting a charity golf tournament and barbeque at Moffett Field Golf Course. The scramble format tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 13. Sign in will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Several special contests, including low gross, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to pin, are planned. Entry fees are based on rank. If you wish to play, please complete and mail the entry form on page 5 by June 8.

## Past Due Memberships

The Board has directed that beginning with this issue of the Old Timers Noozze, dues delinquent members will be listed. Dues were payable by March 15, 2003. After that date they became delinquent. Please correct this situation and send your \$10 dues for 2003 as soon as possible. A membership form is available in this publication.

Aldape, Roberto	DuClair, Jim
Gonsalves, Gilbert	Haack, Lou
Haslam, Ridge	Headley, Walt
Hemphill, Shirley	Hollingsworth, William
Houtz-Messina, Alice	Iffland, John
Ingalls, Charles	Koenig, Charles
Kurata, Kenichi	Larko, Dennis
Madrid, Douglas	Michels, Donald
Onderko, Ellen	Perras, Wan
Proefrock, Charles	Rogers, Kenneth
Ruffin, Jill	Shriber, Joseph
Simmons, William	Sober, Valerie
Stokes, Rosemarie	Wagner, Richard
Welle, Curtis	Wheeler, Donna
Winfrey, Mary	Young, Warren

## Moffett Crew Credited with 300<sup>th</sup> Save

A rescue crew from the 129<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing has been credited with the Wing's 300<sup>th</sup> save. In mid-April a group of fishermen chartered a vessel for a fishing vacation off the coast of Cabo San Lucas. A middle-aged gentleman with a history of cardiac problems began having symptoms of a possible heart attack. Since the boat was approximately 400 miles off-shore, the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW was dispatched. Upon arrival at the boat, poor weather mandated the 3 PJs do a free-fall into the water and then board the vessel. Two bundles of medical supplies were dropped as well. The PJs hooked the patient up to a 12-lead EKG and transmitted via a satellite-fax feed to Maj Tom Gross (the Doc) at his home. It was determined the medics would stay with the patient, while the C-130 returned to Moffett. The next day, the Coast Guard sent an H-60 helicopter to transfer the medics and the patient on-shore to La Paz, Mexico. Once in La Paz, the Coast Guard transferred all on board to a C-130 for a flight to San Diego. The patient was transported to medical facilities in San Diego and is recovering. The PJs flew to Moffett with the Coasties, who then returned to their home base at McClellan in Sacramento.

### **Congratulations on a job well done!**



# AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

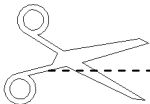
# GOLF TOURNAMENT & BBQ

13 June 2003

MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE

This Scramble Format Tournament will feature several special events: Low gross for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to pin.

**Deadline for signup is 8 June 2003.**



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## TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD AFA CHAPTER 361 ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT & B-B-Q



**13 JUNE 2003, MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE**

Entry fee: E1-O3 \$35; All others \$55; Carts \$10 each golfer

Sign In: 1130 hours. Shotgun start: 1230 hours - Scramble Format  
Entry fee covers green fee, prizes, BBQ dinner.

Sign up early – tournament is limited to 144 golfers and golf carts will be in order of signup.

First Name	Last Name	Rank	Phone	Amount Enclosed
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
				<b>Total \$ _____</b>

**Mail this entry form with check to:**

**TEF AFA Charity Golf, 15742 Kavin Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95030**

You do not need a complete foursome to participate. Individual entries are encouraged. You will be assigned to a foursome prior to the tournament day.

For information call: John Barbour at 408 244 3123 or Email: [afabarbour@scotcrest.com](mailto:afabarbour@scotcrest.com)



Colonel and Mrs. Edward C. Lewis  
and family  
request the pleasure of your company  
at his farewell dinner  
on Saturday, the seventh of June  
at six o'clock, in the  
Historic Del Monte Building  
100 South Murphy Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA

RSVP by 4 June 2003  
Commercial: (650) 603 - 9326  
DSN: 359-9326

Dress: Business Casual  
Cost: \$30.00 Officers  
\$25.00 Top Three and Civilians  
\$15.00 Technical Sergeants and Below  
Children are Welcome  
Cost: Free 5 Yrs Old and Under  
\$10.00 6 - 12 Yrs Old  
\$15.00 12 - 18 Yrs Old

Make Checks payable to: "Green Foot Association" in care of  
"Farewell Dinner."

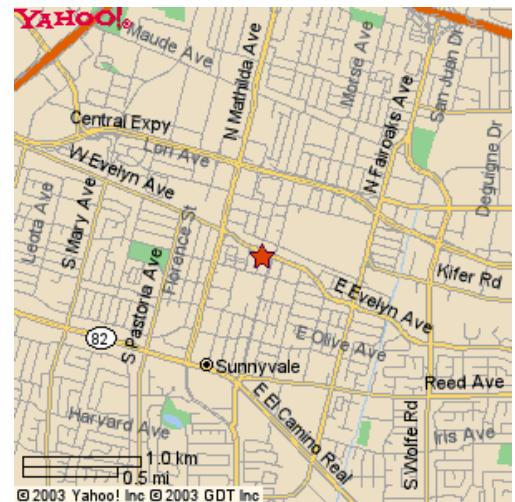
Mail in checks to the following address:

Maj Dan Lapostole  
P.O. Box #32  
Moffett Federal Airfield, CA 94035-0032

Please, indicate on the envelope "In Care Of Col Lewis Farewell"  
and the number of attendees as well.

Directions, taking **US-101 NORTH** towards **SAN FRANCISCO**:

1. Follow **US-101 NORTH**
2. Take the **LAWRENCE EXPWY** exit
3. Turn Left on **N LAWRENCE EXPY**
4. Continue on **LAWRENCE EXPY** ~1 Mile
5. Turn Right on **E ARQUES AVE** ~1 Mile
6. Turn Left on **N FAIR OAKS AVE/N FAIROAKS AVE** ~.5 Miles
7. Turn Right on **E EVELYN AVE** ~.5 Miles
8. Continue on **W EVELYN AVE** ~.1 Miles
9. Turn Left on **S MURPHY AVE**



# 129<sup>th</sup> RQW Family Day



Saturday, July 13, 2003

Moffett Federal Air Field

Unit Formation & Awards Ceremony - 0900

The New Hangar

The Wing will celebrate the  
300<sup>th</sup> Save & Present Awards



Picnic, Fun, Food, Etc. - 1200

Chase Park

Adults (everyone 9 years & older) - \$5.00

Kids (3 to 8) - \$3.00



Make checks payable to:

Rescue Member Foundation



Call Lt Douglas Madrid for Reservations

Commercial: 650-603-9268

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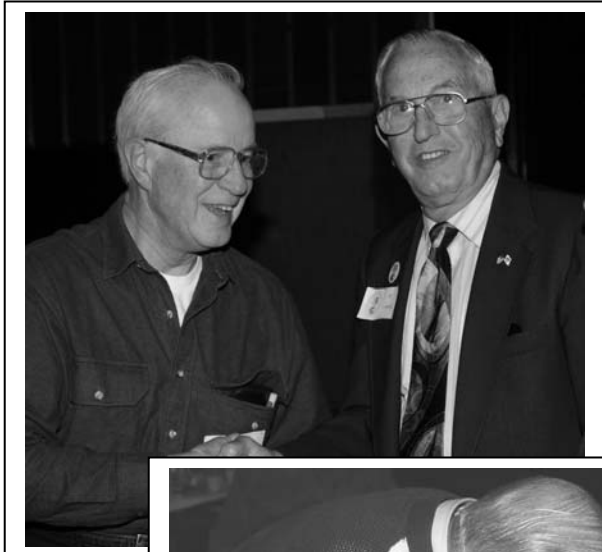
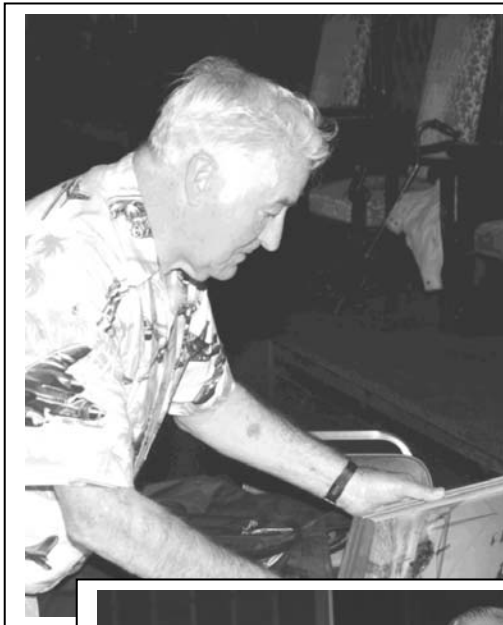
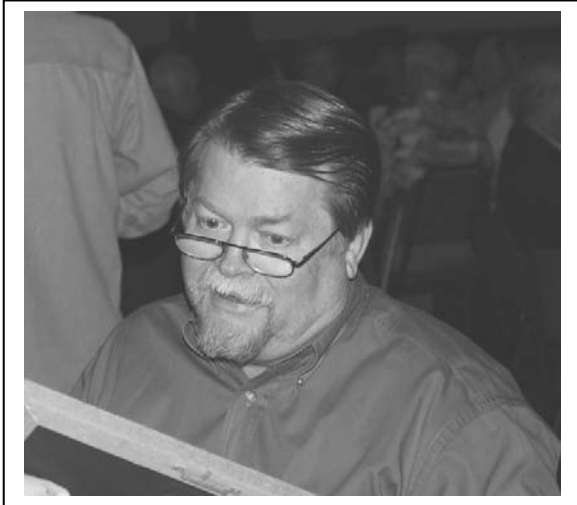


Food, fun, and games for all!!





**Old Timers'  
Luncheon  
March 12, 2003**



## New to the Gang

*Our Newest Members*

*Col Wayne Albright  
TSgt Stan Baroff  
Lt Col Ralph Brehl, Jr.  
Maj John Heine, MD  
Lt Col Dan Muat  
CMSgt Doug Sales  
MSgt Luis Solis*

# Welcome!

Do you know someone who has been affiliated with the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW or its predecessor organizations - and is not a member of the Association? Let's get them signed up!

## 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Jackets Available Again

*Customized with your name and rank!*

After much searching we have found a new supply of the MembersOnly jackets - so we are taking orders for the jackets. We have a limited number of jackets in sizes Med. thru XXL.

The left breast has the new AHA Logo patch with 129AHA embroidered below. The right breast has the new Air Force Patch with your name and status, i.e. ANG or RET, embroidered below. A second embroidered line (COST EXTRA) is available to show your job title, Rank, Call Sign, Aviation Qualification Badge, etc. Jackets are available for \$70 (\$35 deposit per jacket required).

Order your jacket from Don Delucchi at:

(925) 689-2683

or online at [Nonononi@aol.com](mailto:Nonononi@aol.com)

Have you moved? Know a former member of the 129<sup>th</sup> who isn't a member yet?

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM 2003 Dues \$10.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ 129<sup>TH</sup> SERVICE DATES FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the above information and mail to:  
129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association  
c/o Col John L. Ruppel, Jr. (ret)  
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**If your personal information has changed,  
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## Are You Missing in Action?

### *Dead Letter Department*

Have you moved recently - or not so recently? Do we have your correct mail and e-mail addresses & phone number? Please let us know when you move.

The newsletter is mailed out with a request for address correction. The post office does not forward the newsletter to you. They return it to us - and charge us 37¢. Then we update your file, put your newsletter in an envelope, put a 37¢ stamp on the packet, and mail it out to you. Total additional cost to the association is nearly \$1.00 per returned newsletter.

Please take a moment to remember the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA when you notify your correspondents of your new address. A member information form is included in every issue.

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# Don't Forget the Family Day Picnic!