

# Ulrich Given 90th Birthday Party

Pearl Meitzen Ulrich was the star of the show at her 90th birthday party on Saturday, August 19.

The Community Center was decorated with elegant flower arrangements and festive balloons with a background of sparkling hot pink and lavender tablecloths.

The honoree had a special chair draped in silver lame beside her husband Charles (Chuck) Ulrich.

Many, many family members gathered to celebrate and enjoy a day of reminiscing and visiting.

Picture books of Pearl's travels to Alaska, Ireland, Peru, the Amazon, Cancun, Egypt, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, and Fuji, Hawaii, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Soviet Union were displayed for viewing. A group of framed photos and a Glamour Shot of Pearl were prominent in the background.

Father Robert Guerra was a special guest. He bestowed to the honoree a memorable and loving hands-on Birthday Prayer before leading the group in the blessing of the food.

Guests enjoyed a bountiful snack table, drinks, and a delicious full course BBQ and fajita lunch buffet.

Decorated birthday cakes, chocolate sheath cakes and strudel topped off the menu.

Hosts for the family fiesta were her six children, Joe Ann Gertson, Walter, John and Sam Meitzen and spouses of Eagle Lake, along with Betty Janow and Marilyn Thomas and spouses from San

Antonio and Fredericksburg. Prior to the gathering at the Community Center, Betty and Richard Lewis welcomed the direct descendants of Pearl and the late Walter Meitzen to their home.

The family gathered on the front steps of the stately manor, where many other photos had been taken. The Meitzen family lived at the Stockbridge address from 1950 to 1990.

The morning rain showers stopped just in time for photographer Christi Stancik to put the five-generation group in place for a multitude of photos.

The Lewis's enjoyed lunch with the group and were so gracious to have an open house all day for all to see their magnificent home remodel.

Out of town guest included grandchildren, Marlo Thomas, Andy Gertson and Susan, Drew and Tyler and niece, Sharon Berryman; cousin, Anna Jordan Dodier and husband, David all of San Antonio; Pearl's brother, Jim Mays, wife, Jackie from Rockport, Karen Mays Morris, husband, John and children from Houston; nephew,

Jim Thompson and wife, Donna from Kempner; sister-in-law, Madeline Meitzen from Plano; nieces and nephews, Judy Meitzen of Houston, Bob and Claire Meitzen of Kingwood, Bill and Cindy Meitzen of The Woodlands, Margaret Meitzen Simank and Leon of League City, Mike and Phyllis Meitzen of Hallettsville; cousins, Carolyn Jordan of Lar-

edo, Rosemary Jordan Contreras of Laredo; grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

Sunny Gertson Dippel and Lee of Brenham, Judith Janow Gardner and Guy of Bay City, Brenda Janow Munoz and Pete and Amber, Becky Gertson Moulder and Mindy, Russell, Johnna Maertz and Carly and Jessy all of Columbus; Byron and Beth Black of Pearland;

Sheli Meitzen Gallaher and Gary, Jordan and Jacob of Richmond; almost daughter of Pearl, Jennie Clipson Johnson and husband, Paul of San Antonio; Chuck's family, daughter and son, Jackie Clough of Wallis, Susie Scholeman of Houston, Sue and Joe Gyorsky and Jerry Goebel and sons, all of Sealy.

It was hard to tell everyone goodbye. This was a truly wonderful celebration, described by some as "magical-mystical".



Family members recently gathered to wish Pearl Meitzen Ulrich a happy 90th Birthday.



## Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?" — Robert Schuller

ANYTHING. EVERYTHING. But we know that's too simple an answer.

The true question may be: What do you not attempt because you are afraid of failure?

And unfortunately, most of us subconsciously live a form of that question every day and, even more unfortunately, answer it by our neglect of doing something meaningful in our lives.

I happen to have a pretty good idea for a book, but find I'm holding back progressing on

this venture because I'm afraid of failure.

A friend has an idea for a very feasible invention, but admits he will probably not follow through on his design.

Maybe that's why reality shows are here and why the majority of people like them. It gives the average John Doe the opportunity to view someone just like us - the everyday man - having the opportunity to meet his dream, challenge his talents, pursue his interests, take that giant step forward that on his own he may never have had the courage to seek.

Someone named Charles

Luckman once said, "Success is that old A-B-C - ability, breaks and courage."

If a person has the ability, his courage to apply for participation on a reality show may just give him the break he needs.

The Mr. Schuller quoted at the beginning of this article is a well-known author, theologian and public speaker who stresses the "theology of self-esteem." Perhaps he has heard and used the tragic tale of a young high school boy, a quiet loner who rode the school bus each day, attended classes, blended in too well with the everyday crowd.

When he died, none of his classmates or fellow bus passengers really knew or even missed him. The pastor at his funeral said the tragedy was not that he died - but that he never lived. He hadn't really attempted life.

I always remember for some reason - perhaps because I tried so hard to drill the message in my head - a quote on a heavy paper-

weight I saw at a bookstore some years ago.

The message popped out at me because I was going through a rather uninspired time in my life. It was a quote from Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never give up." I figure he put in three strong, repetitive "nevers" for a reason.

Winston Churchill, who accomplished so much in his lifetime, probably attempted many things without always knowing if history would judge his actions as success or failure. But... he initiated the effort and never gave up. It doesn't mean the great man never failed. What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? And does that attempt itself signify success? Success is not merely a lack of failure.

"Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

Someone named Winston Churchill.

## Delicious Mustard Sauces

Mustard is one of the most popular condiments used today. It is slathered on sandwiches, used to flavor meats during and after cooking and is the main ingredient in many dips and other recipes.

Mustard's spicy appeal has been enjoyed as far back as recorded history allows. History points to ancient Egyptians chewing mustard seeds with meat; Pythagoras using mustard seeds as a cure for scorpion bites; and there are unconfirmed reports that Benjamin Franklin was responsible for bringing mustard to the United States.

There are many theories behind the origin of the word "mustard." Some believe it has to do with the Romans and their use of "must," or unfermented wine, in the process of making mustard. Whatever it's origin, it's hard to deny how delicious mustard tastes, especially atop a food that seems made for mustard: hot dogs.

Mustard has experienced a popularity boom among people of all ages since the proliferation of honey mustard, commonly used as a dipping sauce for chicken, salads and more. In fact, it's hard to eat out these days without seeing a handful of menu items with honey mustard in the mix.

To recreate the taste of popular restaurant chain's honey-mustard-topped dishes at home, try one of these recipes for "Copycat

Honey Mustard," courtesy of online recipe resource CDKitchen.com, or the "Almost Like Joe's Mustard Sauce," an homage to Joe's Crab Shack in Florida, courtesy of Fred Thompson's "The Big Book of Fish and Shellfish" (Chronicle Books).

### COPYCAT HONEY MUSTARD

- Makes 1 cup
- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard, such as Grey Poupon
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator until ready to use.

### Almost Like Joe's Mustard Sauce

- Makes About 11/3 Cups
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3/2 teaspoons Coleman's Dry English Mustard
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon A.I. Steak Sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Put the mayonnaise and mustard in a small bowl and whisk them together to blend. Add the half-and-half, Worcestershire sauce, steak sauce, and salt, whisking until the mixture is creamy. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use.

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There is a wide variety of products containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), ranging from 4 to 100% DEET concentration. Products containing lemon eucalyptus may be used in children 3 years and older. Picaridin is a fragrance-free product that provides protection for 4-8 hours. Picaridin leaves a light feeling and provides odorless protection from mosquito bites. Both DEET and picaridin-containing products may be used in children over 2 months old. Determine if the exposure area will be highly infested, which will require a higher active ingredient concentration, or if minimal exposure will occur, in which case a lower concentration of active ingredient (5-15%) may be acceptable.

**New Arrivals**

**Jet Everett Thomas**  
Ryan and Jennie Thomas of Fredericksburg are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son.

Jet Everett Thomas made his arrival on Monday, August 7, at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Born at 2:58 in the morning, Jet weighed in at eight pounds, seven ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

Welcoming the little bundle of joy into the family are Billy and Linda Burdett, maternal grandparents, and John and Marilyn Thomas, paternal grandparents, all of Fredericksburg.

Jet's maternal great-grandparents are Calvin and Elaine Weber and Dawn Beckendorf, all of Fredericksburg.

His proud great-grandmother is Pearl Meitzen Ulrich of Eagle Lake.

**John Allen Kaluza**  
John and Jessica Kaulza of Katy are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born August 10 at 3:12 p.m. at the Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston.

John Allen surprised his parents five and a half weeks early weighing five pounds, 4-1/2 ounces and measuring 17 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Mary Ann Kaulza of Eagle Lake and the late Johnnie A. Kaluza and Jeff and Michelle Ponton of Katy.

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— Luke 6:23  
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