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Dorsey Family Tradition in Putnam Reaches 75 Years

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It was a remarkable milestone when 115 members of the Dorsey family congregated at the Sedgewood Club in Kent for the clan's 75th reunion.

Family spokesman Lenny Harrington explained the location of the Diamond Jubilee anniversary was selected with great care.

"It was at Sedgewood, where the late General Jack Dorsey, MD, hosted the very first Dorsey Family Picnic at his summer cottage, launching a beloved tradition that has now spanned three-quarters of a century," he explained.

Cousins, siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and inlaws came together for the event where the Dorsey roots run deep.

Many members of the family still call Putnam County home.

Harrington reflected that the "day was packed with connection and celebration. Everyone wore name tags tracing their place in the Dorsey family tree, with most going back five generations and one brand-new addition proudly representing the sixth generation."

The family swam together, played games, participated in storytelling, posed for a group photo, enjoyed lunch followed by a big family BBQ dinner, a sing-along, and the debut of a brand-new family cookbook.

Three large tables held displays of cherished photos, many featuring the original 11 Dorsey siblings, alongside snapshots of generations that followed.

Harrington said the Dorsey's were "proud of their local legacy."

"Three family members are honored on the Putnam County Hometown Heroes banners displayed along Route 6 and Route 52 in Carmel and Kent. And just like generations before them, many Dorsey's learned to swim in Putnam County lakes, and still spend their summer days fishing, swimming, and making memories right here at home," Harrington said.

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