



## Health & Welfare

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### Lord Hear our Prayers

GAPA mourns the recent passing of members **Donald Markham** (CPD), **Edward Scharringhausen Sr.** and **Donald Maas Sr.** (CPD ret.) and **Herta Hunger**, mother of **Hans Hunger** (Ehren President of GAPA.) We wish all our members and friends who were sick or injured to return to health and full activity, and if I have neglected to mention anyone, please accept my apologies. I hope for a new year in which this part of the article is blank as GAPA remembers those who shared many years of camaraderie and experiences.

I met and had coffee with the mayor of Schleswig Iowa, **Bob Andresen**, while travelling in November. The Crawford County Iowa guidebook says that this is the only town with this name in the entire USA and harkens back to the Schleswig Holstein area of northwest Germany claimed by both Denmark and Prussia. The dispute ended in a war which resulted in victory for Schleswig Holstein. This small town (900

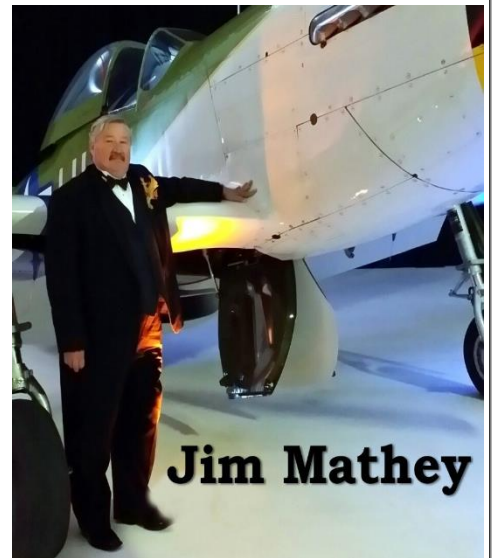


Nov. 2015 Mayor Bob Andresen

residents) was founded in the heart of farm country in 1899 by German immigrants from Schleswig-Holstein and continues to celebrate many of their traditions.

GAPA Board member **Jim Mathey** celebrated the wedding of his son **Jeffrey** to **Lindsey**

**North** at Tom Woods Aviation Hanger in Indianapolis, October 2015. This unique venue made for an interesting reception. **Best Wishes** to all!



**Jim Mathey**

As 2015 winds down GAPA will have some changes in the new year. President **Hans Hunger**, after many years of service and dedication to the organization will step down, while another long time stalwart, **Mike Haas**, who has served in many important capacities will serve as President. Many thanks and well wishes to Hans for all he has done and look forward to Mike's leadership of GAPA.

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