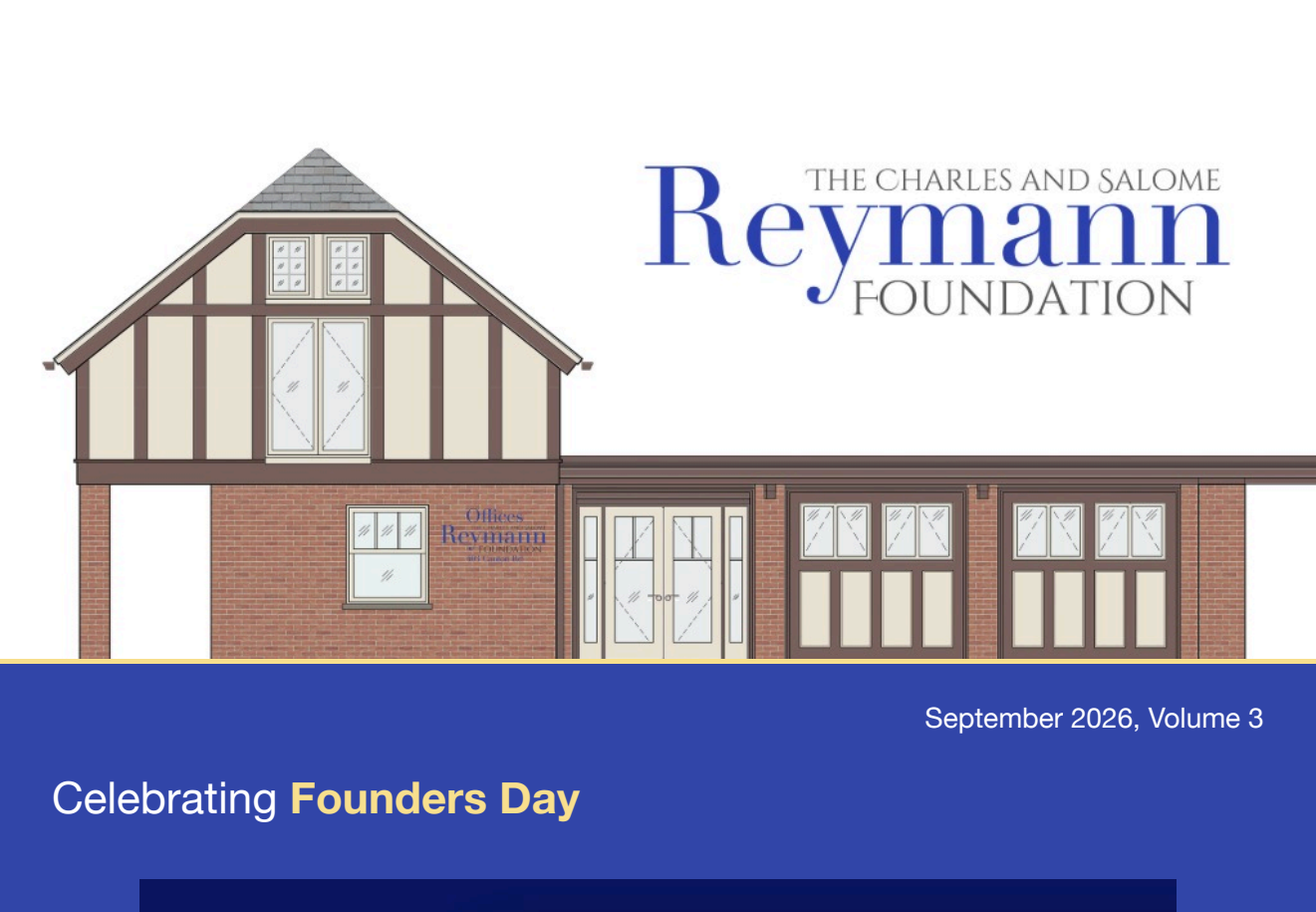
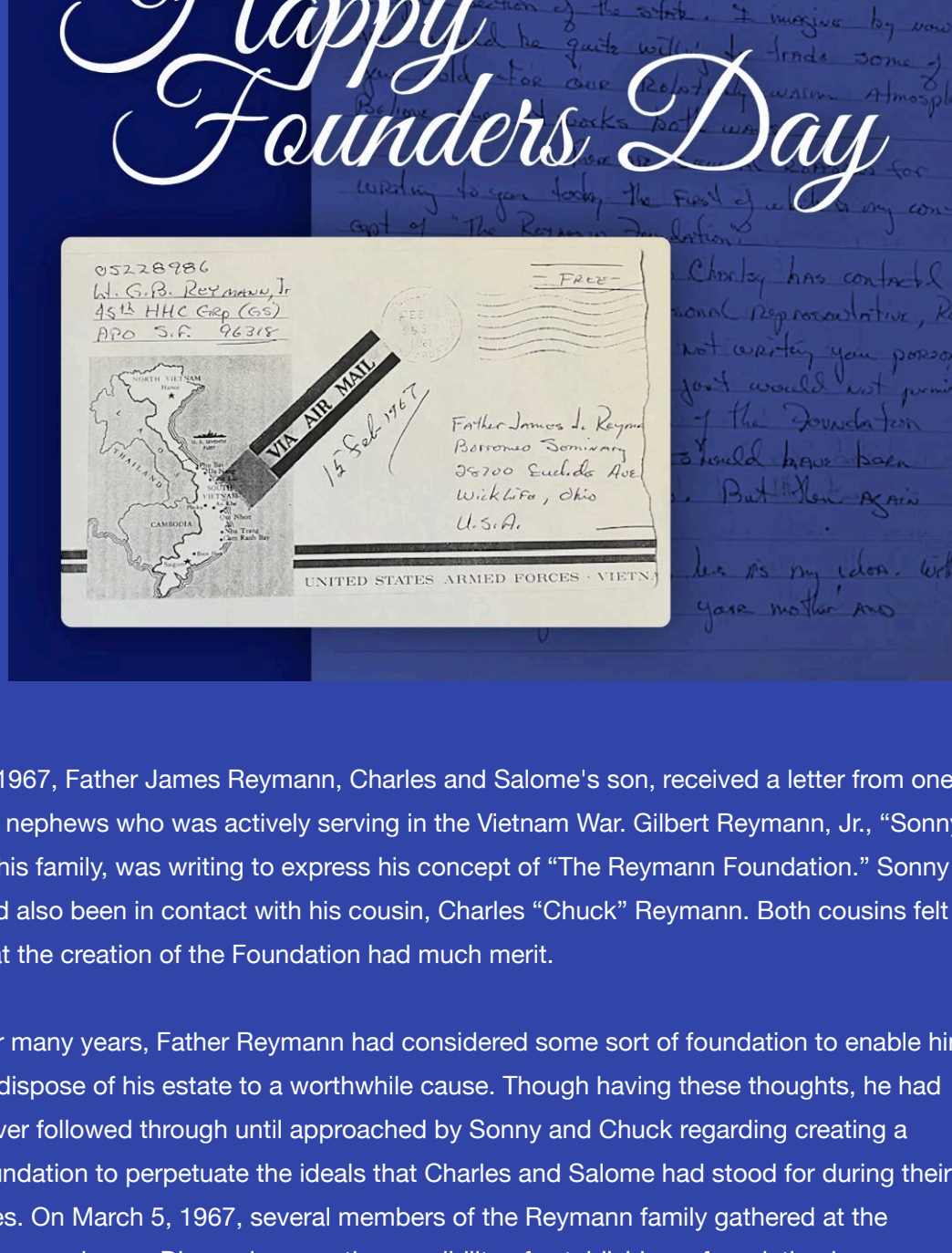




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Celebrating **Founders Day**



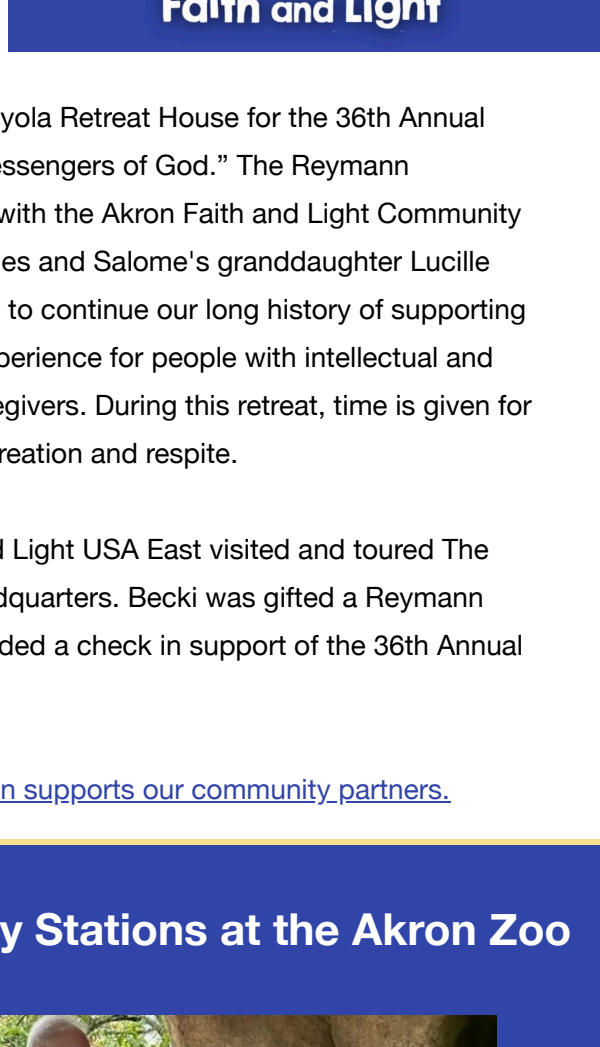
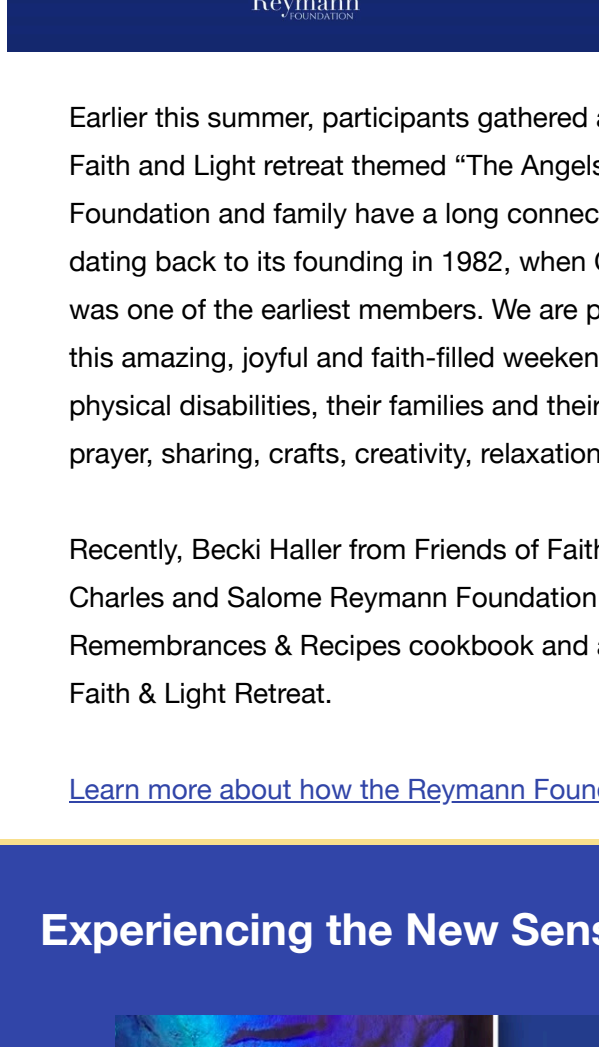
In 1967, Father James Reymann, Charles and Salome's son, received a letter from one of his nephews who was actively serving in the Vietnam War. Gilbert Reymann, Jr., "Sonny" to his family, was writing to express his concept of "The Reymann Foundation." Sonny had also been in contact with his cousin, Charles "Chuck" Reymann. Both cousins felt that the creation of the Foundation had much merit.

For many years, Father Reymann had considered some sort of foundation to enable him to dispose of his estate to a worthwhile cause. Though having these thoughts, he had never followed through until approached by Sonny and Chuck regarding creating a foundation to perpetuate the ideals that Charles and Salome had stood for during their lives. On March 5, 1967, several members of the Reymann family gathered at the Reymann home. Discussion was the possibility of establishing a foundation in memory and honor of Charles and Salome Reymann.

What followed from that letter from a nephew to his uncle, and that first gathering around the Reymann kitchen table, was that on July 3, 1967, the original founders signed a document defining the membership of the Foundation. The charter establishing The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation was signed on July 7, 1967.

[Read Sonny's Prophetic Letter](#)

Messengers of God: Faith & Light Retreat



Earlier this summer, participants gathered at Loyola Retreat House for the 36th Annual Faith and Light retreat themed "The Angels, Messengers of God." The Reymann Foundation and family have a long connection with the Akron Faith and Light Community dating back to its founding in 1982, when Charles and Salome's granddaughter Lucille was one of the earliest members. We are proud to continue our long history of supporting this amazing, joyful and faith-filled weekend experience for people with intellectual and physical disabilities, their families and their caregivers. During this retreat, time is given for prayer, sharing, crafts, creativity, relaxation, recreation and respite.

Recently, Becki Haller from Friends of Faith and Light USA East visited and toured The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation headquarters. Becki was gifted a Reymann Remembrances & Recipes cookbook and awarded a check in support of the 36th Annual Faith & Light Retreat.

[Learn more about how the Reymann Foundation supports our community partners.](#)

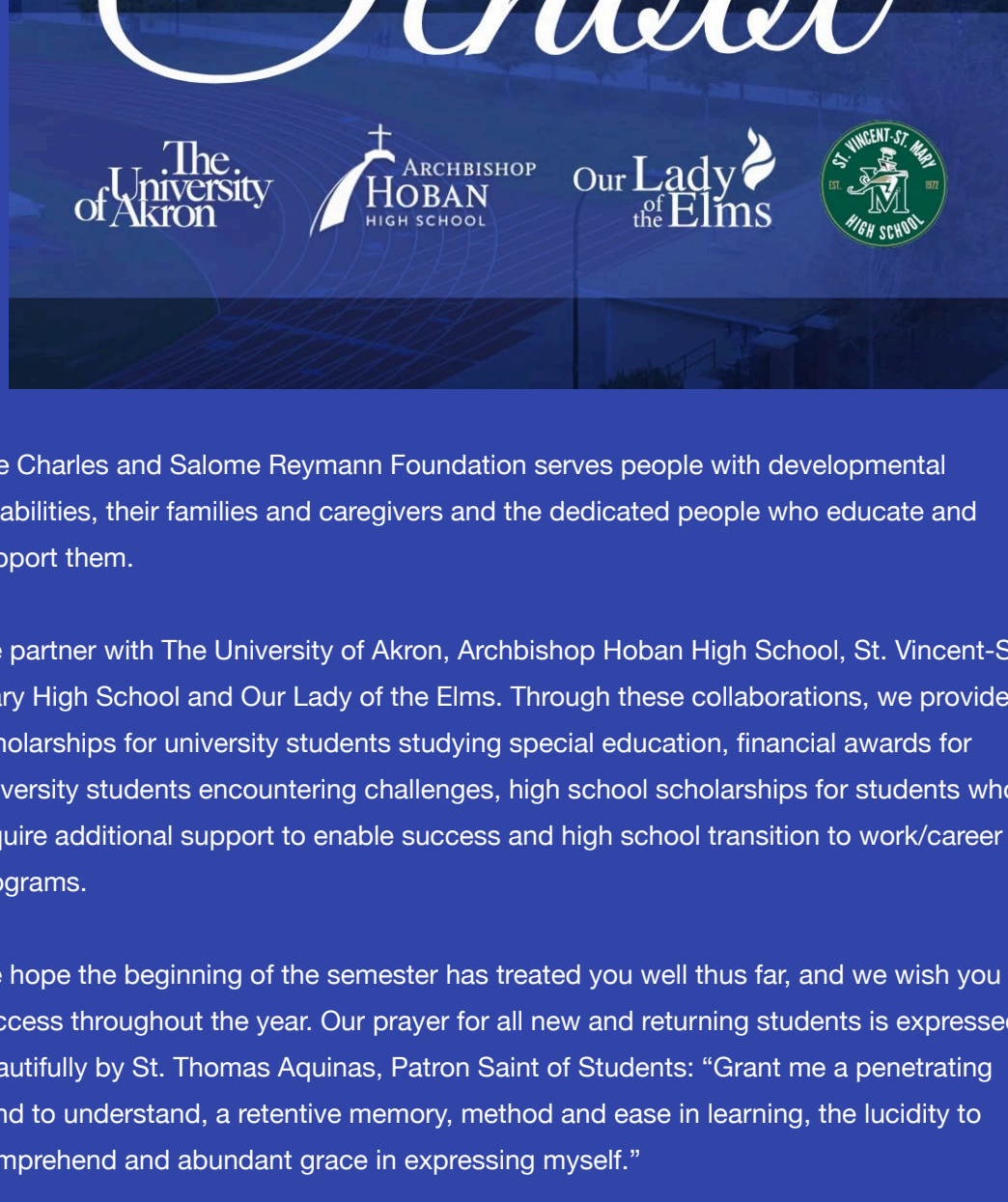
Experiencing the New Sensory Stations at the Akron Zoo



Representatives of The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation celebrated Akron Zoo's rollout of their Sensory Explorers Program. This program creates an infrastructure for guests with special needs to enjoy the zoo using more of their senses. We were able to view and experience the new Sensory Stations located throughout the park. The Stations are partially supported by a grant from the Reymann Foundation. Despite the rain, it was a fun day. One Foundation representative stated that she "felt like a kid again," and another observed, "It's more than just the animals; it's the whole experience."

The Akron Zoo strives to include all through the use of programming and education. Supporting the Akron Zoo's Sensory Explorers Program truly aligns with the Foundation's mission to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities in Northeast Ohio.

The Reymann Foundation's WAKR Radio Interview



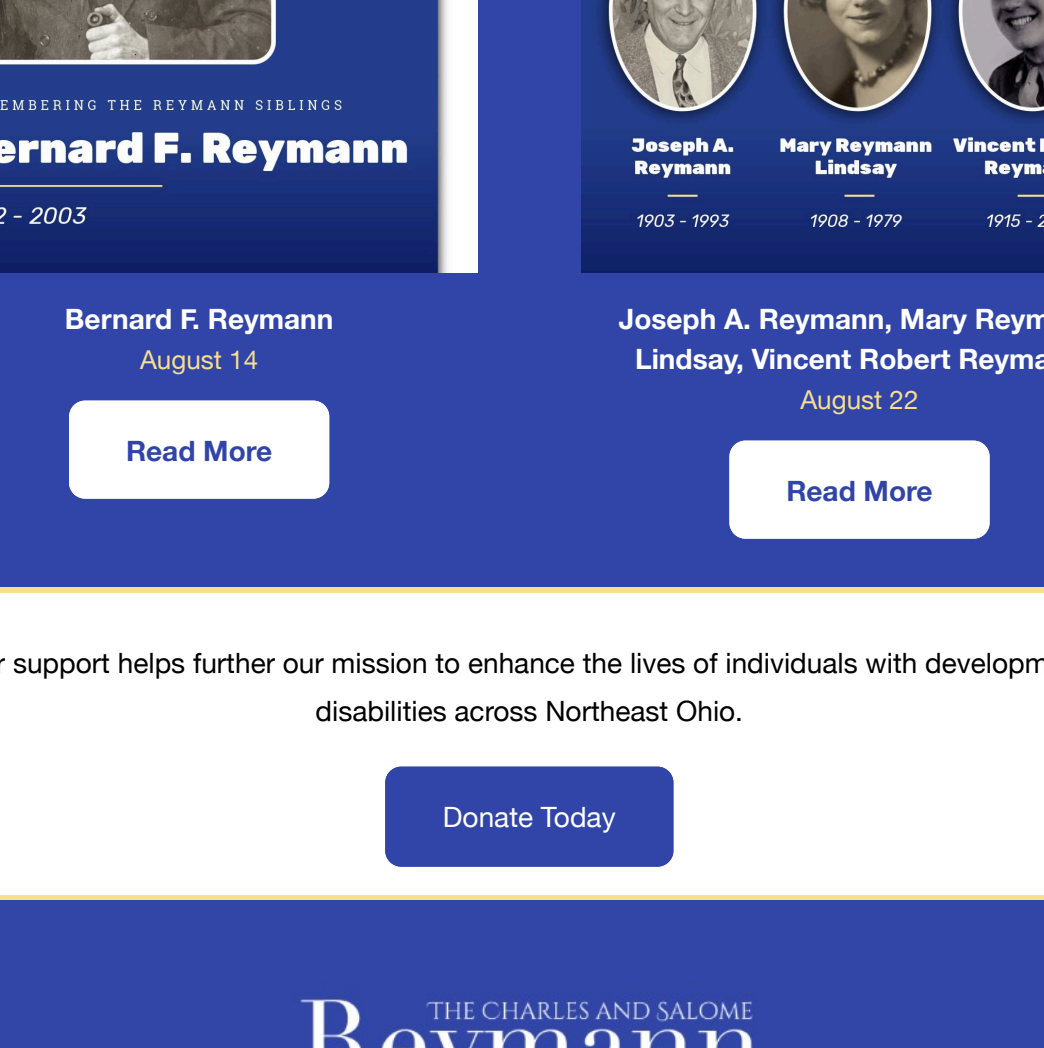
Recently, Reymann Foundation Vice Chair, Margaret Reymann Skinner, joined with Akron Zoo Director of External Affairs, Michelle Camou, for an interview with Jeanne Destro of WAKR radio.

The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation has a strong partnership with the Akron Zoo. Margaret and Michelle spoke about the Foundation's financial support of the Akron Zoo Guest Comfort Station and Animal Sensory Stations.

Pictured visiting the comfort and sensory stations are Foundation Advisor Ken Dorsett and Board members Steve and Chris Reymann.

[Listen to the WAKR Interview](#)

Welcoming the 2026-27 Academic Year



The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation serves people with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers and the dedicated people who educate and support them.

We partner with The University of Akron, Archbishop Hoban High School, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and Our Lady of the Elms. Through these collaborations, we provide scholarships for university students studying special education, financial awards for university students encountering challenges, high school scholarships for students who require additional support to enable success and high school transition to work/career programs.

We hope the beginning of the semester has treated you well thus far, and we wish you success throughout the year. Our prayer for all new and returning students is expressed beautifully by St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Students: "Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend and abundant grace in expressing myself."

Recent **Reymann Family Birthdays**

We are proud to celebrate the birthdays in the Reymann family!

John Richard Reymann
July 5

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Agnes Reymann Kennedy
July 23

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Bernard F. Reymann
August 14

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Joseph A. Reymann, Mary Reymann Lindsay, Vincent Robert Reymann
August 22

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