

YO-HI Echoes...

...Then and



Yokohama High School Former Students Association

November 2005

Class of 1956

The Class of 1956 will celebrate their 50th anniversary of the graduation during the next YO-HI FSA reunion in October 2006. The reunion will be held at the South Shore Harbour Resort in League City, TX -Houston's Water Playground - October 13-15. 2006.

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New Name for the Newsletter!

Thanks to Auburn Spencer Romoser '58 (at YO-HI '56 to '57) who said he "wasn't of the Bluff group, but "YO-HI Echoes" is pretty good. since that the voice of YO-HI is echoing around the world. And in this newsletter of former YO-HI students, the voice of YO-HI at one time "silent" for the exes, echoes again." And so the name, "YO-HI Echoes...Then and Again"

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Phun in Phoenix

Phoenix AZ was the host city for this year's reunion, and the Reunion Committee, headed by Earl White ('58) did a great job of keeping us busy and entertained. Many people started arriving on Monday so they could get a head start on their tans and get their shopping out of the way.

The host hotel was the Hilton Phoenix/East Mesa, and they made our stay enjoyable. The hospitality suite was located in the 8th floor Presidential Suite where one could get snacks, beverages, or just meet and greet friends. Decorations included several kimonos, Japanese lanterns, welcoming signs, and year books from 1954 through 1962. On Wednesday night, those who were up to it, were

transported by hotel shuttle, car, and motorcycle to the Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, where you could view and listen to the world's largest

joke in there somewhere). The man behind the organ played a variety of songs, including "China Nights", but brought the house down with



his patriotic rendition of military anthems. Then to top the night off, he played the YO-HI and sang. It doesn't get any better than that...but it did! The bus from Black Diamond Transportation, with Darryl at the rim to look. the wheel, picked us up at the hotel at 0700 on Thursday morning for the Grand Canyon tour. This tour usually costs over \$100 but was offered to us for just \$35 per

operating pipe organ (there's a person. What a deal! The bus trip to the rim took about four hours. But the time was well spent because of Phil McLaren (58), who both educated and entertained us with his natural history narrations. Did you know that the front door to an Indian's home faces east; that female pine cones are bigger than the male pine cones; that mesquite trees are of the legume family; or that if you look out the window real quick you might see a flock of elk (Phil will explain that one)? The view of the Grand school song while we all stood Canyon was breathtaking from every angle, and the colors were unbelievable. Even those afraid of heights ventured to Friday morning was more meeting and greeting in the hospitality suite as more people started arriving. It's really fun to watch friends that

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Dottie Ennis Abernathy Memorial Scholarship

Dottie Ennis Abernathy, our "Yokohama Mama", class of 1954, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2005 in Rockwall, Texas. Because Dottie was an exceptional student who was actively engaged in many school sponsored activities, the FSA of YO -HI has created the Dottie Ennis Abernathy Memorial Scholar-

This scholarship will be awarded

annually for three years to a

graduating senior from Niles C.

Kinnick HS. The \$1000 scholarship can be used by the student

to defray college expenses. After three years, the scholarship will be renamed the "YO-HI Former Students Association Scholarship."

A scholarship committee has been established to investigate the process and criteria by which a student will be selected.

\$3000 has been contributed to the scholarship fund to date.

To contribute, make your check payable to **YO-HI FSA** and send it to: Carol Cope, P.O. Box 2182, Joshua Tree, CA 92252-0864.

lack Abernathy and his family would also like to thank everyone from the FSA for sending the many messages of condolences.

The Devil's Playground

MATH OR DRAWING? By Gertrude "Trudie" Kuhlman (Faculty 57-60)

I taught school in Kentucky after my husband George and I returned home from Japan. One summer day, while I was rummaging through some boxes I found some drawings

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done by one of my students. It was 30 years ago this last March that I first saw them. I don't know why I kept the drawings, but I had. I taught math at the time, and the student that did the drawings had no interest in Algebra and spent much of his time drawing in my class. Also, attached to the drawings was a note signed by his father in answer to my warning

that the boy was due to fail if he didn't show more interest in math. Taking a chance, and thinking that the boy might still live in the area, and might even want his drawings back, I called the operator, got his number and called him. He is still into art, and he did want the drawings. We talked for quite some time, and after listening to him call me "Mrs. Kuhlman" for the umpteenth time, I said, "Don't you think it's about time you called me Trudie?" We talked a little longer, and as we signed off, he finally said "Goodbye Trudie". It's wonderful to be a teacher, and to be remembered, and to remember my students.

Several years ago, at one of the reunions, some one gave me a YO-HI Devils patch, and a letter from a Trudie Kuhlman. Not knowing a Trudie, or George Kuhlman, I accepted them, and put them in my briefcase. I have kept the patch and letter all these years, not really knowing why, but I do now. This is what the letter read: "Any of the "Children" who remember me, also remember my husband, as he never missed a sporting event. Always he was called "George". He passed away two weeks ago, a sudden heart attack. But - that day - PM, he had attended a C.A.R. (Children of American Revolution) I Oth

sary party. He always enjoyed them, as the "Children" knew. To get back to the point, as I went over his "things" I found this (the patch). Please keep it as a memory of a man who enjoyed the children of the Dependant School System."

It was signed.....Trudie Kuhlman.

I was able to thank Trudie in person for the patch and the letter at the Phoenix Reunion. She was a volunteer on the 2005 Reunion Committee. Looks like old habits are hard to break - she's still working for those "Children".....Larry Rowe (58)

Ed. Note: I was also able to meet this wonderful lady at the reunion. She is vivacious, funny and ready to go at a moment's notice. During the reunion, we became friends and she asked my husband, Dick, and Ron Peugh (59) to wear two of her late husband's southwestern bolo ties to the dinner on Saturday night in his memory. They were honored by her request and wore them with pride.. We hope to see her at the Houston reunion.... Julie (Sadilek) Moore (59)



Ron Peugh (59), Trudie Kuhlman, Dick Moore

Roster Updates



Since the newsletter is published only twice a year, only new persons that have been found will be published.

The entire roster will be published in November and sent to all members. It will then be published every two years. After this mailing, rosters will only be sent to dues-paying members.

Since the news- If you have an email address, you will letter is published only email, from Larry Rowe on a monthly twice a year, basis.

We need your correct address to insure that you receive a copy of the roster. Earlier this year you received the roster in CD form. Please check that CD to confirm that the information listed is correct.

If you find any errors; want to make changes in the information listed; or if you were unable to read the CD and don't know if your information is correct, contact Julie Moore before

November 18, 2005 at 5915 Silver Leaf Trail NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 or call (505) 798-0688 or email juliesmoore@msn.com.

Don't forget to pay your dues to get your newsletter and



Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57) & Larry Rowe (58) with with his dinner - a Jackalope!



Earl White (58) getting ready for YO-HI in Maui



Sue (Perry) Smith (57), Charlotte "Pickles" (Ryser) Carey (59), Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57), Brenda (Kneese) Wagner (58)



Houston Hosts - Liz & Ron Peugh (59)

Phoenix Reunion 2005

Next Reunion Houston TX - October 13-15, 2006 Class of 1956 - 50th Year Reunion



Bob & Lou (Simon) Carlson (58), Barbara Edwards (Fac)



Carolyn (Miller) Kress (58),), Kathy (Hebbe) Freedlun (60), Jeanne (McBeth) Ballew (59), Liz Wood (61)



Phil (58) & Lynne McLaren, Sam Barker (58), Georg Jungkunz (59)



Don & Rosanne (Santorelli) Barone (60)



"La Lips" - Pat (Powers) Hunter (58), Judy (Armstrong) Rowe (58)



Tom Gard (60), Betsy (Ward) Hatfield (59), Fran Gard.



Carolyn (Miller) Kress (58), Marilyn (Elliott) Collins (59), Lillian (Conte) DeChristofaro (59), Jim Armlin (59), Ann Blochowiak



Arthur & Shirley (Carey) (58) DePonte, Julie (Sadilek) Moore (59), Barbara (Boyle) Torrey (59), Dick Moore, Louise (Simon) (58) & Bob Carlson

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Reunion haven't seen each other for over 50 years get together for the first time. At first they don't really know how to start the conversation. It doesn't take long before they are so engrossed in talking to each other that they don't even hear the other conversations going on around them. Friday night's buffet dinner had a Mexican flavor, and while we sat and



dined in the Atrium, we were serenaded by the Marco Mariachi Band. One of our exes, Tex Lavery (57), joined the band in singing a

Mexican Revolution song entitled "Adelita-Farewell". He claims he was off key because the darn trumpet player was playing in his ear. Viva Mexico!

On Saturday morning, several exes left for a round of golf at Superstitious Springs Golf Course in Mesa. Sam Barker (58), Tournament Chairperson, awarded the following prizes later that night: Low score - Boyd Huddleston (61); Second lowest score - Lars Barker (60); Longest drive - Lenda Barker; Most pars/birdies - Dave Truax (59). That evening, we all met again in the

Atrium, for a seated dinner. Everyone had their choice of either Prime Rib, Atlantic Sea Bass, or Breast of Chicken. Oh, there was one other selection that wasn't on the menu, "Jackalope", prepared especially for Larry Rowe. According to Larry, it wasn't very tender (Thanks, Earl!).

After dinner we were entertained by

the Yellowbird Indian Dancers. Tony Duncan, the 21 year old leader, played several ceremonial songs on various Indian flutes, and then demonstrated his award winning

hoop dance. He is currently ranked second in the world for hoop dancing and has performed at the United Nations and all over the world.

During the rest of the evening, there were class pictures, door prize drawings and speeches. Jim Zinn (59) made a bid to host the 2007 reunion in Las Vegas, and it was approved. Ron Peugh (59), host for the 2006 reunion, gave a video presentation on the South Shore Harbour Resort in League City, TX and distributed

several brochures about the Houston area.

When the hotel finally "ushered" us out of the conference room, those who were leaving early in the morning said their good-byes, and those who were staying for another day adjourned to the bar for more conversation.

On Sunday morning, everyone who was still around met once again in the hospitality suite for the Sayonara Continental breakfast. Laughter, hugs, kisses, and some crying took place, and there were promises of getting together soon.

Our hats off to Earl and Raylene White, Trudie Kuhlman, Sam Barker, Lars and Lenda Barker, and all those little "Red Devils" that helped put together a really wonderful reunion. Yes, the party is over for this year, but there are only 355 more days until the next one. Remember "It doesn't take much to keep in touch".



Earl (58) & Raylene White Your Phoenix Hosts

Treasurer's Report



Carol (Wittmaack) Cope ('57) was elected as the new Treasurer of the YO-HI FSA. at the recent reunion in Phoenix. It was decided at the reunion that YO-HI FSA dues will no longer be voluntary but will cost you a mere \$10.00 per year.

The dues will go toward:

- Printing and mailing the newsletter twice a year.
- Printing and mailing an 18-20 page roster every two years.
- Printing and mailing the membership cards.
- Providing advance money to the groups hosting the next two reunions. This advance money for the reunions is used to secure the lower rates at a hotel, reserve the dining rooms and meeting rooms, and put a deposit on two meals. \$2000.00 has been advanced for the Houston TX reunion to be held in October 2006.

Funding the YO-HI FSA Scholarship. As of 9/30/05, \$3,030.00 has been contributed to the Dottie Ennis Abernathy Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will be paid out at \$1000.00 per year for three years. The YO-HI FSA Scholarship will begin in 2009 and will be funded by the dues.

After you send in your dues, you will receive a membership card, in addition to the newsletters twice a year and the FSA rosters every two years. After this mailing, newsletters and rosters will be sent only to dues-paying members.

Send your \$10.00 dues and the YO-HI FSA 2006 Dues form (See page 8) to: Carol Wittmaack Cope, YO-HI FSA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2182, Joshua Tree CA 92252.

Don't forget to pay your dues to get your newsletters and updated roster.

Made in Japan by Larry Rowe

Have you ever thought back to your days in Japan, and wondered if any of those kids who were going steady, or the teachers that were dating ever got married, and, if so, are they still together.

Well I have, and you'll be surprised by what I've found. Many of the relationships that were "Made in Japan" continued after returning to the states, while others were rekindled after years of separation.

I've located several couples who met in Japan, married, and are still together, and will tell their stories in the future newsletters.

The first couple is Iva Jean Hurst, 48 (47-49), and James "Jim" Hyatt, 48 (47-48). Iva and Jim were in the first graduating

class from YO-HI. The school was located on the Bluff, and 24 students earned their diplomas on June 11, 1948. The couple went together for 10 months before Jim returned to Seattle WA after graduation, and a date with a military career.

Iva attended college before leaving Japan

for Fort Lee VA. She continued her education at Longwood College in Farmville VA.

Jim entered Officers Training School, and, after getting his

bars, was stationed in Fort Belvoir VA.

They kept in touch via letters and phone calls, and soon became engaged. They had

a military wedding, sabers and all, at Fort Lee on 11 August, 1951. This year they will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. If that's not a YO-HI record, tell me what is!

Iva and Jim have four children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Jim retired from the Army after 20 years, waited six months, and became a Civil Service employee for the next 23 years. He retired from the Maintenance Mgmt Office in 1990. Iva has dedicated herself all these years to homemaking, raising the children, and keeping Jim out of trouble.

Both are retired now, and living in Clarksville TN. Iva keeps busy with bridge, and playing golf, and Jim has his hands full updating and keeping us all informed through the YO-HI Web Site. They also find time to visit, and spoil the grand children.

Did You Know? The oldest wooden building in the world is located in Japan? It is the Horyo-ji Temple.

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THE CAPTAIN by Larry Rowe

The citation for the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor reads as follows:

"Rank and organization: Captain, U.S. Army, Company D, 3d Battalion. 187th Infantry, 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Place and date: Near Phuoc Vinh, Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam, 16-19 March 1968. Entered service at: U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. Born: I August 1943, Washington, D.C. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. The Captain distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer, Company D, on a reconnaissance-in-force mission against enemy forces near Phuoc Vinh, The company was inserted by helicopter into the suspected enemy stronghold to locate and destroy the enemy. During this period the Captain aggressively and courageously led his men in the destruction of enemy fortifications and base areas and eliminated scattered resistance impeding the advance of the company. On 18 March while advancing to contact, the lead elements of the company became engaged by the heavy automatic weapon, heavy machine gun, rocket propelled grenade, Claymore mine and small-arms fire of an estimated battalion-size force. The Captain, with complete disregard for his safety, moved to the threatened area to direct the defense and ordered reinforcements to the aid of the lead element. Seeing that his men were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire from a concealed bunker located some 40 meters to the front of the positions, the Captain crawled through the hail of fire to single-handedly destroy the bunker with grenades. During this heroic action the Captain received a painful shrapnel wound. Returning to the perimeter, he observed that his unit could not hold its positions and repel the human wave assaults launched by the determined enemy. The Captain ordered the withdrawal of the unit elements and covered the withdrawal to positions of a company perimeter from which he could direct fire upon the charging enemy. When I friendly element retrieving casualties was ambushed and cut off from the perimeter, the Captain ordered them to feign death and he directed artillery fire around them. During the night the Captain moved throughout the position, distributing ammunition, providing encouragement and insuring the integrity of the defense. He directed artillery, helicopter gunship and Air Force gunship fire on the enemy strong points and attacking forces, marking the positions with smoke grenades. Using flashlights in complete view of enemy snipers, he directed the medical evacuation of 3 air-ambulance loads of seriously wounded personnel and the helicopter supply of his company. At daybreak the Captain led a rescue party to recover the dead and wounded members of the ambushed element. During the period of intensive combat, the Captain, by his extraordinary heroism, inspirational example, outstanding leadership and professional competence, led his company in the decimation of a superior enemy force which left 156 dead on

the battlefield. His bravery and gallantry at the risk of his life are in the highest traditions of the military service, the Captain has reflected great credit on himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army."

This story could have ended with that last sentence, but there's so much more to tell, and I'd like you to know more about this man. I met the Captain many years ago when we were both overseas. He wasn't any different than the rest of the other young men during that time frame. Looking forward to graduating from high school, maybe going off to college, or getting a job, marrying their high school sweetheart, and starting a family. Perhaps even following in their Dad's footsteps by joining the military. The Captain graduated from Horton Watkins High School in Ladue MO in 1961. He then attended the US Military Academy at West Point, and graduated in 1965. While at West Point, he swam on the varsity team for three years, and was named All-American for two of those years. The Captain graduated in the top 3% of his class, ranking 18th out of 596 students. After graduation he attended the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where he received an MBA. Next up was Airborne and Ranger training, and a short stint in Vietnam. After his return, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Managerial Economics in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. He resigned his commission after 7 years, and entered the business world. After several years of working in investment banking and international business dealings, he left to form his own international finance, real estate, and marketing firm. Along the way he married, and is the father of four children, who now live in New York. He and Cynthia, his present wife, were married in 1996, and they now reside in Ridgefield CT. The Captain holds the distinction of being the past president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and he is a recognized lecturer on ethics in business and government.

Oh, did I mention that I met the Captain many years ago. Long before he was a West Point graduate, an All-American swimmer, an Army Ranger, a Medal of Honor recipient, and a successful businessman. You see, I met him when he was a freshman, a Jr. Varsity athlete, a "Red Devil", and just another young man attending Yokohama High School, Japan, and wondering why. Back then you couldn't tell if any of us would ever amount to a hill of beans when we

grew up, but there are a lot of stories about the "exes" from YO-HI that made something of their lives. This is just one story.

And now, I'd like to introduce you to the Captain - Paul "Buddy" Bucha (61) (57-60).

Reunion Passports

Remember when you traveled overseas with your parents, and everyone was required to have a current passport. Every time you entered a different foreign port they took your passport, and would stamp the name of the country you had just entered.

Now you can get a YO-HI reunion passport, and every time you attend a reunion, your passport will be stamped with the name of the city where the reunion is being held.

Louise (Simon) Carlson (58), and her husband, Bob, have designed a "passport" book, and a seal for each reunion with the date and graphic.

You can buy your passport books at any reunion or by contacting the Carlsons. The books are \$3.50 each (plus 2 stamps for mailing) and the reunion seals are free.

Let them know which reunions you have attended and they will send you the correct seals. Contact Lou and Bob Carlson at: 501 Emery Street, Longmont, CO 80501 - (303) 774-1977 loubob-C62@worldnet.att.net.



2006 YO-HI Reunion - October 13-15 - Houston, TX

Book your rooms now! Call the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center at 1-(800)442-5005 or (281) 334-1000. Book your room for \$99.00 plus tax for two beds in one room or one king. Mention the YO-HI Reunion for the special rate. (The AARP rate is higher than our rate.) Some events in the planning are tours of Galveston and the Space Center. If enough people are interested, a shrimp boil in a local park will be planned. If you are interested in the tours or the shrimp boil, contact Ron and Liz Peugh at 2006yohireunion@sbcglobal.net. Hope to see ya'll in Houston!

WHERE ARE THEY?

Larry Rowe needs help in locating the following exes that were found and are lost again! Please search your memories, and help us get these "lost" exes back on board.

The names are listed alphabetically: Gary Lee Atteberry (58), Melvin Caudill (57), Mitchell Chandler (62), Charles Colby (59) - living in Paris, France, but nobody seems to know where, Susan Conland (56), Alfred Cope (55), Merrilyn Crockett

It doesn't take much to keep in

(59), Robert Crockett (59), Katherine Deragon (62), Virginia Deragon (61), Rex Gallaher (59), David Holdren (56), Olin Mason (58), Albert Mays (55), Jay Morris (59), Shirley Owen (58), Jeanne Pinard (58), Sandy Podbielski (57), Michael Sowers (60), Daniel Standaart (59), Dollie Stidham (57), Phyliss Sussman (57), Sandy Van Horn (63), Landon Waggoner (56), Donna Jean Wyatt (58)



Did You Know?

Luke Skywalker from Star Wars fame graduated from YO-HI in 1969. Our school was known as Nile C. Kinnick High Scholl back then, and "Luke" was known as Mark Richard Hamill.

In Memoriam

- Pauline Northern (1958) passed away in 1990.
- Joseph Ostmeyer (1957) passed away in July 2000.
- Linda Skinrood (1955) passed away April 30, 2002. She was a 15 yr survivor of ovarian cancer and a 5 yr survivor of breast cancer.
- Ed Bruner (Fac) passed away in 2003.
- Jeanne Lehman (1957) passed away from stomach and colon cancer in August 2004.
- Dottie (Ennis) Abernathy (1954) passed away May 10, 2005 in Dallas TX.
- Robert "Bob" Ryser (1961) succumbed to a massive heart attack on June 16, 2005 while on vacation in Jamaica.

Steve Radford ('64) has reported that the following men were killed in Viet Nam.

- John David Kramer (1958)
- Bruce Edgar Yates (1958) Killed November 1966 Lived in Yokosuka
- Jack Lichte (1961)
- John McCormick (1961) Naval flier Only non-Army man from YO-HI to perish
- Terry Palm (1963) Lived in Yokosuka
- Gary Larson (1965)
- Donald Charles Vaughan (1966) Lived in Japan from 52-64 and spoke fluent Japanese Killed November 1966
 Donald Vaughn and Bruce Yates were killed in the same week and are buried only one space apart at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Yokohama High School Former Students Association - 2006 Dues Form		
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Editor's Note:

This is the first printing of the revised YO-HI FSA newsletter. It has a new name and new editor. Several of the articles may seem familiar because you have read them in Larry Rowe's monthly on-line "Honey-Bucket News". Since not everyone has email or is computer literate, it was decided to include the relevant news and some of the articles in the newsletter. Contact your Class Representative with any and all news that you want to share with your former classmates. Any ideas about the newsletter or its content are also welcome. It is your newsletter and it should reflect your news and ideas. Julie (Sadilek) Moore ('59)

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