



YO-HI Echoes...

...Then and



Yokohama High School Former Students Association

May 2006



Class of '56 Grads

The Class of 1956 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation during the next YO-HI FSA reunion to be held in Houston, TX in October 2006.

*It's funny how someone can come in and out of your life so quickly, yet leave footprints and memories in your heart...
Think Reunion!*

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2006 FSA Reunion - Houston, TX

Book your rooms now for the 2006 YO-HI FSA reunion to be held October 13-15th at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, TX - Houston's Water Playground. Call for reservations at (800)442-5005 or (281)334-1000. Room rate is \$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.) The room rate is good from October 11-17th.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$130.00 per person or \$140.00 after September 1st. Make checks payable to "2006 YO-HI Reunion", and mail payment to: Ron Peugh, 16458 Dunmoor Drive, Houston, TX 77059.

Shrimp Boil

A shrimp boil is planned in a local park on Thursday, October 12th

at 5:00 - 9:00 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes soft drinks and beer. For all you shrimp lovers, this is a bargain!



NASA Space Center Tour

A tour of the Space Center Houston (NASA) is planned for Friday, October 13 from 10:00 - 3:00 PM. Cost is \$21.00 per person. Bus transportation and prepaid tickets will be provided. If you are interested in the Space Center tour or shrimp boil, contact Ron Peugh at 2006yohireunion@sbcglobal.net.

Best Ball Golf Tournament

The tournament will be held on Friday, Oct 13th at 8:30 AM at the Beacon Lakes Golf Course located in Dickinson, Texas. The course is located six miles from the reunion hotel. Green fees are \$28.00 including a cart. The

course is an 18 hole, Par 72 championship facility. The club includes a driving range, two putting greens, a chipping green and small snack bar. This well maintained course can become difficult quickly since there are a lot of trees, water hazards and traps. *Caution: October is cooler here, but snakes are still about, so don't be to anxious to chase a ball in the tall grass areas adjacent to the course....*

Take a look at the course at beaconlakesgolf.com. There is a nominal tournament entry fee of \$8.00 to cover prizes. If interested, contact Ron Peugh at ronusmc@sbcglobal.net or Bud Rodee at wfr38@aol.com as soon as possible. Green fees will be paid at the golf course.

Early Birds

Check out who has already registered: Martha (Brigiman) Enyeart (See Reunion on Page 4)

Dottie Ennis Abernathy Memorial Scholarship Winner

The Dottie Ennis Abernathy Memorial Scholarship was established in October 2005 to honor the memory of our "Yokohama Mama" and to be awarded to a graduate of Nile C. Kinnick High School. A scholarship selection committee, which included Ginny (Murphy) Travis (57), Ozzie Olson (58) and Dick Moore

(Friend of YO-HI) reviewed the applications and made the selection.

The first annual winner of this scholarship is Kenji Doughty, a Japanese-American student with outstanding qualities.

Tari Wright, Principal of Nile C. Kinnick HS, wrote that "Kenji is an all-around, multi-talented student. He excels in his studies and in athletics, and works diligently to make Kin-



nick HS a better place for all students. He is confident and poised and is a leader at Kinnick HS. He demonstrates those leadership skills on a regular basis and has an excellent sense of himself, not a common trait in many high school students. Kenji remains focused and humble in his day-to-day dealings as a student and as a leader. He is an independent thinker and is not afraid to take a stand for something he believes in. Kenji is a model student at Kinnick HS." He made the Honor Roll as well as the High Honor Roll. Kenji was chosen to be an oral presenter at the annual Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, an honor due to the fact that the presentation process is very select. His other activities included membership in the Children's Aid Coalition, a UNICEF organization, participation in the school TV station, KTV, and working as an elementary school aide. He was the writer/director of two

(See Scholarship on Page 3)

The Devil's Playground

THE POWER OF THE BROCADE COVER by Lynne Richards (Sadlowski)

Oh, the impact of a YO-HI yearbook! In the early eighties, while being car pooled to basketball practice, my daughter and the daughter of Elena Dur (Morris) discovered that both of their mothers had unusual high school yearbooks with red brocade covers and rice paper inserts. The girls had privately perused these books. While eaves dropping on the girl's conversation, Elena and I were surprised to discover our YO-HI connection. The YO-HI bond caused a casual acquaintanceship to grow into a close, strong, and long lasting friendship. Our lives have been intertwined ever since. Since I am older by two years of the once Asian travelers, I had known other students in Elena's class in the late 1950s, but not specifically Elena. Remarkably, we now lived only blocks apart in Fairfield, CT. Our children attended the same small parochial school, and both of our husbands commuted to work in New York City. We are fond of cheating a

little and saying that we have known each other for almost fifty years! Over the years we have shared so many of life's milestones: special birthdays; the loss of parents; applying for jobs after many years at home raising our kids; family illness; getting to know members of our extended families (e.g., we love having special conversations with Dr. Dur, Elena's very interesting, alert and intelligent 91 year old father); our children's weddings; and, most recently, the births of our grandchildren. It has been our custom for the past fifteen years to spend New Year's Eve together along with another good friend. However, for the last few New Years celebration, we have had to travel from our neighborhood as Elena and her husband, Phil, have moved to New Hampshire. To think, we owe this long, wonderful friendship to our mutual, unique red brocade YO-HI yearbooks!

JAPANESE TRIVIA

It costs 80,000 yen to get a home phone in Japan, including installation. That is about \$684.00 at 117 yen to the dollar.

The word, "karaoke", comes from *kara* (empty), and *o-kesutora* (orchestra). So *karaoke* means "empty orchestra". The word, "karate" comes

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.

Charles "Chuck" Colby (59), Susan Conland (56),
Merrilyn Crockett (59), David Holdren (56), Albert

Mays (55), Lottie McCoy (FAC), Jerry (Miller) Hall
(58), Jay Morris (59), Jeanne Pinard (58), Sandy

(Podbleiski) Verdugo (57), Frank Ready (59),
Michael Sowers (60), Daniel Standaart (59), Dollie

(Stidham) O'Sullivan (57), Landon Waggoner (56),
Maude Zimmerman (FAC)

It doesn't take much to keep in touch!



KeepersSome things we keep – like a best friend who moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what. Life is important, and so are the people we know and so, we keep them close – because we know their heart!

Need Your High School Transcripts??

Thompson Prometric has taken over, from the Educational Testing Service, as the depository of transcripts of those students who attended the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) or Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA) schools. To get your transcripts, make your request by either **FAX** (609-895-5026) or **mail** (Thompson Prometric, Attn: DODDS, P.O. Box 6605, Princeton, NJ 08541-6605). Include the following: Your full name; Name of the school you attended; Graduation year (dates of attendance); Where to send the transcript; Your contact information; Your Signature

(This is a MUST!). If you need further assistance, call 609-895-5000 and ask for a Ms. Moore because most of the employees do not understand the terms, "DODDS", "dependents" or "overseas schools". Requests usually take two weeks to process and are free. Currently, Thompson Prometric can only provide transcripts from the year 2000 back to the beginning. Newer information does not get transferred to them until after five years has elapsed.

(Thanks to Jeri Polansky Glass, Sembach ES-Berlin HS/ Germany'72

MILITARY REUNION

Hap Haggard (56) is looking for anybody who was assigned to any unit under the Headquarters 601st Tactical Control Wing (USAF Germany), from 1945-1995. There was approximately 40,000 personnel assigned over the years. Hap has a master list of 3400 names and a mailing list 460. There is another database with 260 names of persons who are "lost". If you are one of the missing, call Hap at 520-298-8208. He's waiting to hear from you.

Something to Think About.....

Rosemary Hu ('57) wrote that her beloved classmate, Jane Lee Kwon, died suddenly in February 2006. Rosemary was Maid of Honor when she married. Then Jane, who was pregnant and barely showing,, was the Matron of Honor at Rosemary's wedding in 1962. They corresponded and chatted by phone but hadn't met in over 30 years. Rosemary added "If this isn't an argument for attending reunions?"

SPECIAL REQUEST From Betty (Creech) McMillen (58)

Hey, you military kids! I am working on a committee in San Diego that is trying to make old Highway 80 a designated "Historic Highway" similar to Routes 66 and 101. Once called the "Ocean to Ocean Highway", old Highway 80 was the Southern route across the USA. It starts in Georgia and ends in San Diego and there are still remnants of the narrow concrete one lane road here. Recently, I saw some of the old plank road that used to cross the sand dunes in Imperial County. I remember traveling across the USA on Highway 80 in 1953 in our 1948 Plymouth Sedan ... heading to California before we boarded the ship to Japan. It was a miserable hot trip.

Do any of you have memories about Highway 80? Good or bad, they would make an interesting addition to publish in our book about the way things were. Please send any information you have or...just give me a call and I will add your memories to our archives. Betty Creech McMillen (619) 443-1133 or e-mail: scoopcmillen@aol.com. Thanks for any help you can give me.



TAKE ME BACK TO THE FIFTIES

Ken Miyamoto (59), found this Web Site, and thought you'd all enjoy seeing it. Copy and paste the following into your browser : <<http://oldbluewebdesigns.com/TakeMeBackToTheFifties.htm>>

(Scholarship)

KTV series, "Komodo Chameleon" and "Brown Stallion". Kenji was also the producer and chief editor of the "Red Devil Review", the KTV news program. Richard Huffer, KHS Varsity Wrestling Coach, wrote "In the four years I have know Kenji Doughty, I have come to respect him not only as an outstanding student athlete, but also as a young man of exceptional character. Awarding him your scholarship would be a wise and sound investment in society's future." Rita Bullock, KHS Guidance Counselor, also wrote "I know it is too late to provide input on this candidate as you have already made a selection, but I would like to say he is an outstanding young man--a scholar athlete, Japanese/American (mother is Japanese, father is American), one of four children (the three older ones have graduated from our school), very involved in school activities, a nice/kind/considerate individual--one who makes a difference in our school!"

The following note was received by the Scholarship Selection Committee from Kenji after he was notified that he was the winner. "Thank you very much for the great news. I can't explain how grateful I am to receive this scholarship. It will help an enormous amount with my college tuition and other expenses, and I cannot begin to thank you enough. I will be attending the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, in the fall semester and will either pursue elementary education or film school, both of which I have a true passion for. This scholarship will help me get started with that plan. Thank you once again for this scholarship. Your generosity is much appreciated."

The scholarship will be presented to Kenji by Tari Wright, Principal of Nile C. Kinnick HS, at an assembly on June 1st.

Ed. Note: Thanks to all of you who contributed to the scholarship fund. You made a difference in a life. If you wish to make a contribution, send a check to Carol Wittmaack Cope, YO-HI FSA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2182, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Indicate on your check that it is for the scholarship fund.



The "Seahawk" Needs Your Help with YO-HI Memories

Bill Doughty, who works in the Public Affairs Office of Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, is planning a series in the base newspaper, "Seahawk" about life in Japan as seen through the eyes of those who attended YO-HI in the 50s and early '60s. If you have any pictures, stories, or memorabilia from your time spent in Japan, please forward them to him at the following address:

Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka
Code 013 ATTN: Public Affairs Officer
PSC 473 Box 01
FPO AP 9634

Jim Armlin (59) is sending him a copy of the 1958 Y-Tac Annual. Several of you have stories about attending the teenage club, riding the bus to school or sporting events, skipping school to go see your friends off at the port, dating, climbing Mount Fuji, or remembering your favorite teacher. Let's help him out, and show them that we still have that "Red Devil" spirit.



YOU MIGHT BE A MILITARY BRAT if you.....

- Have to explain, over and over again, that being born in Japan does not make you Japanese.
- Graduated from Junior High School two years in a row in two different states.
- Wish you were back at the last place you were stationed and are only 10 years old.
- Are asked the question "Where are you from?" and you answer "I'm kinda from all over the place."
- Are amazed at people who have never left their hometown.

(Reunion)

53), Charlotte (Ryser) Carey (59), Alfred Cope 55, Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57), Lillian (Conte) DeCristofaro (59), Jeanne (Johnson) Johnson (60), George Jungkunz 59, John Killen 58, Robert Reis-Lavery 57,

Phillip McLaren 58, Donna (Gruenewaldt) Manna (56), Carolyn (Miller) Kress (58), Kathy (Miller) Pool (61), Virginia (Murphy) Travis (57), Caron (O'Leary) Silva (61), and Michael Smith 57. Get ready for some great door prizes,

give-aways for everyone, delicious menus, spectacular entertainment and tons of fun.



See ya'll in Houston!

BOAT or SHIP???

John "Hap" Haggard 54-56 ('56) wrote an innocent article about "Memories" in the "Honey Bucket" and started an avalanche of wonderful accounts of "memories" about boats and ships.

In each of the following issues, a new group of accounts will be published.

Here's the article that started it all!!!!



"How about those bus rides to/from school!

One hour each way, at least on the YO-HI/Camp Zama run. Pick up or drop off one or two here and there. What did we do for entertainment? Occasionally, I was asked by a couple of girls to sing "16 Tons", the Tennessee Ernie Ford hit. I usually obliged, taking time out from taking photographs of the kids on the bus. Some of us read or did homework; some sat with a favorite buddy or special person of the opposite gender. We also got the usual run of local aromas through the open windows while en route. Hopefully, some of those practices have been replaced with more modern conveniences. There also were the slow-moving beasts of burden, which got its share of horn honks. As I recall, our Japanese drivers did a really good job of getting us through traffic and to our destinations on time. Summer of 1956: June 7th, last day of school. Pick up diplomas, pay your bills, and head for home. Friday, June 15, found my family on the Gen Patrick, headed for Seattle after a short stop at Adak Alaska. While on board, the Haggard family barbershop quartet participated in a talent contest. What a wonderful event in an otherwise boring trip across the big ocean. I noticed the mission of the USS Gen Randall, a smaller troop ship, which brought us to Japan in Sep 1954. A night or two before arriving in Yokohama, we cut the edge of a typhoon, causing some discomfort among many passengers. As for me, I get seasick just climbing aboard, so I stayed away from the dining room. Much of my time was spent in the children's nursery, providing some

assistance with the little ones.

BOAT OR SHIP: My Dad, a career Navy man, always told me that a boat is something you put on a ship. Well, do any of the names of these ships ring a bell: Ainsworth, Barrett, Breckenridge, Buckner, Gaffey, Hoover, Mann, Monterey, Patrick, Sultan, or Walker??

And the Replies.....

Bob Carney (56) wrote: "I sailed on the S.B. Buckner on her maiden voyage out of N.Y. through the canal to S.F to pick up passengers, then on to Adak Alaska to drop them off, and finally on to Japan. Thirty days on a troop ship! I returned stateside on the Ainsworth, a civilian cruise ship before being converted. She still had a touch of class, wooden decks. In your ship list you missed the H.B. Freeman, MSTs's worst transport. She had her engine room far in the stern so she bounded over even small waves, I know, I was there."

Kathie Dougan (55) wrote: "Two of those "ships" are familiar to me. I spent my 15th birthday in the middle of the Pacific on the General Sultan and my 17th, again in the middle of the Pacific, on the General Gaffey. On arrival in Seattle in 1954, reporters met my family at the dock and took pictures which ended up on the front page of the newspaper. My grandparents were at the dock to greet us and the reporters did a write up about how my Dad was returning to his home town after being in Korea and Japan, (actually he was a Canadian until his late teens when his family moved to Bellingham and he enlisted in the Navy). Everyone on the ship was held back while we disembarked first. My dad was a chief, photographers mate, not an admiral! Must have been a slow news day. The reporters christened the Gaffey "The Diaper Ship" because it was chock full of American and Japanese families with lots of babies. It seemed like a huge ship in the early

(See Boat on Page 7)

SEATTLE MINI REUNION

A mini reunion was held at the Seattle Airport Hilton on Saturday, April 29 for 4 hours. They came from as far away as



North Pole, AK (Stu Sibitsky) and Oakdale, CA (Carolyn Miller), and as near as two miles away in Seattle, WA (Dave Sneen), but they came. They came

for various reasons, some to see old friends for the first time, some to reconnect with friends from past reunions, and some just to see what this YO-HI Reunion fuss was all about. Several attended their first ever reunion, and some have attended quite a few reunions. To all of you we

say, "See you in Houston!" Of the 47 people who attended, 31 were YO-HI exes. Those who attended included: Raymond Choate (53), Stan Tutlis (54), Clark "Beep" Dodd (56), Terry Kirkpatrick (56), Russell Kelly (57), Dave Sneen (57), Bob Webster (57), Judy Armstrong (58), Mike Elkins (58), Phil High (58), Carolyn Miller (58), Duane "Lefty" Olson (58), Ozzie Olson (58), Larry Rowe (58), Judy Yohe (58), Yvonne Fittz (59), Rex Gallaher (59), Robin Ruzek (59), Stuart Sibitzky (59), Jeanne Johnson (60), Norman Leech (60), Jerry Merritt (60), Mike Murphy (60), Carmen Tatom (60), Lorian Choate (61), Cesar Gatbunton (61), Leslie Geer (61),

Boyd Huddleston (61), Bob MacLeod (61), Benny Gatbunton (62), and Alan Werner (62).

After the reunion, Terry Kirkpatrick (56) wrote that, at the reunion, the waitress serving the room asked "What group we were, and what we were celebrating?" He informed her that we all attended high school in Japan and were having a small reunion. The room went quiet when she informed us that her mother also attended school in Japan, and was a 1979 graduate of YO-HI. Having Jennifer as a waitress was a reminder of how small a world this is.

Made in Japan

Mary Lee Wible - 54 (53-54) and David C. Sheppard - 57 (54-55)

Mary Lee and David met at the Fleet Activities Teen Age Club (Y-TAC) in Yokosuka and dated for a year. She graduated in 1954, and returned to San Diego, CA. The couple communicated through the many love letters they wrote, until his family was also reassigned to San Diego. Mary Lee and David were married in Ocean Beach, CA on December 28, 1957, and will celebrate their 49th anniversary this year. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

Mary Lee taught Special Education Classes for 38 years, and David taught Junior High School for 35 years. They are now both retired and, in between golf and baby sitting, they enjoy working out together at the local gym. They presently make their home in Garden Grove, CA.

Judy L. Armstrong - 58 (55-57) and Larry K. Rowe - 58 (56-58)

Judy and Larry met at the Yokosuka Teen Age Club in the summer of 1956, and went together for about four months. Judy returned to National City, CA and graduated from Sweetwater High School. Her family relocated to San Lorenzo, CA, and Judy found employment working for a food distributing company in Oakland. Larry, along with Bob Richardson (58), left Japan in December 1958 to join the Air Force. They stopped by San Lorenzo, just to say hi to Judy, and a spark was rekindled.

The couple were married on April 30, 1960, and have two children.



They also have five grand-daughters, and one great-grandson who take up a lot of their time. Judy worked off and on throughout the marriage and is currently working as a Library Technician with Tom Green County. She plans to retire in April 2006.

Larry spent 22 years running Sports Programs for the Air Force, retiring in 1980. He used the G.I. Bill to attend Angelo State University where he received his BS degree. Upon graduation, he was hired by the University to manage the Intramural/Recreation Sports Department for the next 21 years.

In their spare time, Judy enjoys genealogy, and scrap booking while Larry likes to cook, play golf, and locate lost YO-HI "exes".

Together they like to travel, and spend time with the clan. San Angelo, Texas is where they call home.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY

Here's three books you might want to check out - "Baby Soniat: A Tale From The Jazz Jungle@ (1989), "She Came Of Decent People" (2003), and "Naked In The Rhododendrons" (2005). Oh...by the way, they were all written by our own Neal Holland Duncan (57).

Bruce Morrison has recently edited a book called "Wild Country: The best of Andy Russell". Andy is one of North American's great story tellers. He pioneered a whole new approach to understanding grizzly bears. The book is full of stories about a ranch life, hunting and fishing and making a film about grizzlies as well as his battles to save wilderness areas. His wonderful stories are a good read for people who like the out-of-doors.

YO-HI Maui Splash 2007

Earl White, also known as "The Big Kahuna" is planning a trip to Maui, Hawaii for YO-HI exes, their family and friends in May 2007. Earl has negotiated a terrific hotel rate of \$210 per night at the Sheraton Maui. We need 30 rooms booked to get this special rate. The usual price for these rooms at this time of year is \$400+ per night. The hotel has all of the Hawaiian amenities...great white sand beaches, snorkeling, scuba diving, pools, golfing, good food and, most of all, a relaxing atmosphere. The hotel is located near Black Rock on Kaanapali Beach, 15 minutes from beautiful historic Lahaina. Rooms have been reserved for our group from 5/6/07 - 5/15/07. Additional days can be booked at our special rate of \$210 from 5/4 up to 5/17. Check out the hotel at their website: www.sheraton-maui.com. The group that owns the Sheraton has hotels on all of the islands and will provide you with a special discount at these other locations too.



Lahaina, which means "merciless sun", is an old whaling village designated as a National Historic Landmark. There are lots of restaurants, shops, and, of course, Earl's favorite restaurant-bar, Moose Magillacuddy's. Some of Maui's other attractions include watching the sunrise on Haleakala's summit. Haleakala, whose summit is 10023 ft above sea level, is a volcano that has been inactive since 1790. Drive the historic Hana highway with its 600+ turns, 50 (or so) one-lane bridges, and breathtaking views.

You will have to book your own air travel to Maui. If you are interested in this trip, contact Earl White at earlwhite2@cox.net with the number of attendees. It is going to be a great trip for YO-HI folks, their friends and family to get together on a beautiful tropical island in paradise.

Treasurer's Report



Carol (Wittmaack) Cope ('57) submitted the following financial report for the YO-HI FSA organization from July 2005 through May 2006.

The opening balance of money received from the account of the former treasurer, Dottie Abernathy, was \$10355.77. Other deposits in the account were for the Scholarship Fund (\$3545.00), Annual Dues (\$5150.94) and a refund from Earl White from the Phoenix 2005

Reunion Fund (\$425.25).

Expenses included the 2006 Scholarship award (\$1000.00), Roster and Newsletter expenses - sent to 915 persons in 2005 (\$2063.45); Houston 2006 Reunion Startup Funds (\$572.96); Membership cards (\$187.42); Las Vegas 2007 Reunion Startup Funds (\$2000); and Bank Charges (\$86.42).

The current balance in the account is \$13566.71.

CLASS NEWS

1955

Our class was delighted to make contact this year with our salutatorian, *Jimmy McCoy*. After serving 30 years with the Navy, he and wife, Pam, fell in love with their last duty post, Hawaii, and never left. Jimmy and Pam have two stateside daughters and two granddaughters. While visiting his daughter in Tampa over Christmas, Jimmy made contact with *Terry Irwin* and had lunch with him and wife, Dana, as well as *Jimmy Pryor* (57), all YO-HI Chess Club members. In January, *Priscilla Welbon Ewy* and husband, Gordon, had dinner with Jimmy and Pam in Honolulu watching fireworks from the Chinese New Year celebration.

Bob Cumberledge lives on Coronado Island, CA and is feeling a fortunate and wealthy man having "four beautiful, loving kids", "five gorgeous, healthy grandchildren" and having had the "greatest parents anyone could ever have." He appreciates living in the "near perfect paradise" of Coronado, retaining friendships, and remembering the "incredible years of innocence growing up in the 50's." "Thanking the Man Upstairs every day of my unpredictable, wonderful life."

Al Cope has just moved to the Villages retirement community south of Ocala, FL. He joins *Warner Millson* and his wife, Mary Lou who also live there, and hopes to get together with him soon. He's had lunch with *Ross Tarvin* (54) and wife, Maxine, who live in a nearby retirement community. "Other than that, it's a beautiful day in the Villages."

Georgia Neblett Jenkins is doing well, living a quiet life with her dog in Columbia, SC. She reports that her son visits her weekly and her daughter will be in a triathlon in San Francisco with the swimming portion starting at Alcatraz!

Connie Dodson Wright and husband, Ron, have settled now in Penn Valley, CA where they can pursue their interests of kayaking and hiking. Connie is still substituting in the local schools while Ron does some consulting. They are planning their second trip to Croatia this summer. *Cal Sutliff* who attended YO-HI from March 52-June 53 is now in contact with us. He and *Priscilla Welbon Ewy* were certain that they had met even though they hadn't attended YO-HI at the same time. They discovered they both attended the same Stateside high school their junior years and must have taken classes together. Cal is retired in Washington, DC and after a busy business career in cable TV, he and his wife, Linda, help their daughter with her flower shop in Georgetown.

Barbara Light reports on an unforgettable People to People tour to China with librarians from the U.S. meeting with librarians in China. Their group was able to introduce the idea of Friends of the Library who donate books. As well as the interaction with the Chinese Library Association, they were able to see many of the interesting tourist sites. She has an official looking document that proves she was on the Great Wall. *Richard Savage* and *Kenneth Savage* (56) are taking their wives on an Hawaiian cruise to celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Richard and Shirley have been married for 40 years and Kenneth and Jean for 45 years.

Foye Hall Brewer who was named after the French Saint Foy, wrote a book on the life of the saint. The books are now being sold in the Ste Foy Abbey in Conques, France. She is active as a volunteer in the National Area Breast Cancer organization, writing a column to keep the volunteers up-to-date on the latest information concerning breast cancer. She and her husband just returned from a reunion of former crew members of the USS Battleship North Carolina.

Terry Irwin and wife, Dana, are going to Ireland and Scotland in June where Dana will be performing with the Winter Park Bach Festival Chorus. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 22nd. *Jim Hunt* and wife, Yolanda, had a great cruise in the Southern Caribbean since we last saw them in Phoenix.

Priscilla Welbon Ewy and husband, Gordon, will be flying to Osaka in June where Gordon will be speaking at a medical conference. Priscilla plans to fly over to Seoul, Korea to visit the grave of her grandfather who went to Korea in 1900 as a Presbyterian missionary and died there of typhus in 1928.

"A dream came true" for *Kaye Hoefke Beechum* when a grandson recently presented her with an old piano for her 68th birthday. The piano she had as a very young girl had to be sold when her Dad came home from WWII and was transferred and ever since then she has wanted a piano. She is now in the process of restoring this valuable antique, but the real value to her is "having a loving grandson make a lifelong dream come true. Now I must relearn how to play."

1956

Barbara "Bang Bang" (Gunn) Buckel (56)

We are all finding new challenges as the years keep piling up, and here is an update of my challenges. Starting Friday 5/4 I began having my left side go to sleep, which turned out to be TIA's or mini-strokes. I went into Emergency on Tuesday 5/9, was admitted and they began a barrage of tests including an MRI. They found I had a 70% blockage in the right Carotid artery. Had surgery on Saturday 5/11 and went home on Sunday. We went to the beach on Monday in our RV to rest and recuperate. One of the tests told them that my heart is doing better than right after my triple by-pass. That was encouraging.

1957

Nancy (Ruehlow) Hunt (57) reports that her husband, Larry, had biopsy surgery to remove the inside and part of the wall of his brain tumor. He was to have subsequent MRIs to determine if what was left had grown, changed or become malignant. We saw the results of the first MRI and it showed ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. The tumor had dissolved, absorbed, is TOTALLY GONE. Now I get to say that there is truly a big empty space up there! We continue to be thankful for your good thoughts and prayers.

1961

Vikki (Gard) Weinberg (61) Do you remember me at YO-HI in 1957-60? Well, I don't remember me. My "claim to fame" is I'm a survivor of a TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) which occurred from my 1982 auto accident. It left me in a coma for two weeks, and rehabilitation for the rest of my life because, Brain injuries are a LIFE-LONG recovery. To characterize realization of lost memories, I'll take you back to June 1993 to San Bernardino, CA. for a YO-HI reunion. I flew to California to reunite with my YO-HI "best friend", JUDY BIERCE, who lived in Stockton, CA. We drove 6 hours to attend the YO-HI reunion where the temperature that day in the park hovered at over 100 degrees, and there were 107 of us at the picnic. The next morning, we gathered in the meeting room, signing a blackboard to make our presence known (using maiden names). Sunday evening brought us together for dinner. As the pitch of voices heightened with recollections of days-gone-by, I realized I was unable to recall any event, so other than thumbing through snapshots and listening to their depictions, my memory was BLANK. Sad, mad, frustrated was I! After returning to Judy's home, she took me on a tour of San Francisco, then driving across the Golden Gate Bridge, she asked "well, Vikki, this is where we first met 36 years ago". "We did???" I replied. To remedy my lost memory, Judy's parents showed a movie they'd taken that day on our boat bound for Japan! So, the next time we're at a reunion together, and you remember me, and my reaction isn't immediately jubilant, please forgive me. But a GREAT BIG THANKS to you for marking your spot in my history!



What Did You Want To Be When You Grew Up?



Did you ever wonder what ever happened to that student in school that was the Valedictorian, or was so good in athletics, or maybe played in the band? Most of us put in the yearbook what we aspired to be after graduating, but did we actually achieve those goals?

- * Larry Adams (54) - Race car driver - worked in a bank for 30 years...NOW he drives race cars.
- * Sam Barker (58) - Own a 100 ft. yacht - became a chief engineer on a supply ship.
- * Judy Bierce (61) - Physician - recently retired from IBM after 20 yrs as an Information Technology Specialist.
- * Barbara Boyle (59) - Foreign Service officer - now works for the National Academy of Sciences as a manager.
- * Wayne Burr (62) - Lawyer - attended one year of law school, didn't like it and became an Aerospace Engineer.
- * Mark Craig (55) - Friend to man - worked in finance.
- * Skip De Lara (60) - Career in the Air Force - joined the Air Force and ended up working for the Navy.
- * Hale Detweiler (53) - Political scientist - had a 29 yr Army career, then obtained a criminal justice degree, and now is a poly-graph examiner.
- * Bert Donaldson (62) - Engineer - became one!
- * Bob Fachtmann (53) - Aeronautical Engineer - joined the Air Force for 6 years, worked for GM 11 years, and now he's in real estate.
- * Tom Gard (60) - Pilot - got close by working in airport operations.
- * Barbara "Bobbie" Griffin (54) - Airline stewardess - became a nurse and now teaches nursing at NM State University.
- * Diana Hanson (62) - Stewardess, teacher (something involved with travel) - became a legal asst, now owns an 18 wheeler.
- * Bill "Pinky" Hart (56) - Wrestling coach at an all-girls school - worked in mortgaging, savings and loan.

(Boat)

50s but of course after seeing the newer ships, it was a boat. I had almost forgotten about it until the Gulf War. My husband and I were on an airporter headed for Bremerton when the driver called out, "how many for the Gaffey"? I told my husband that was the name of my old ship....I consider them my ships. No, it couldn't be, must be a mistake. Nope...we entered

the base through the gate and there she sat....dinky little thing between monster ships. She looked so forlorn and old. Anyway, some young sailors hopped off the airporter and then I realized that the Gaffey wasn't going to sea but was being used as barracks for the men waiting to be shipped out. It was sure funny but it did bring back some great memories."

More to come in the next newsletter.....

In Memoriam

Robert Chard (FAC - 1953-54)

Ron Cherry (1958) - Passed away on December 23, 2005 after contracting an infection during Hurricane Katrina.

Dale D. DeFord (1955) - Was killed in South Vietnam on April 25, 1966.

Doña (Pullen) Denson (1955) - Cleve Ross Tarvin (54) reported that she passed away in 2005

Barbara (Fargo) Moody (1956) - Passed away on April 10, 1990.

Donna Faulkner (1961) - Passed away on May 13, 2004 after a long battle with cancer.

Earl S. Hill (1960) - Passed away unexpectedly at his home in Nebraska on February 8, 2006.

Robert E. Hurd (1957) - His wife, Virginia, reported that he passed away on February 20, 1994 from prostate cancer.

Paul Huseman (1971) - Passed away on November 12, 2005 after suffering a heart attack.

Jesse L. Kidd (1960) - Passed away on July 1, 2003 after suffering a heart attack.

Jane (Lee) Kwon (1957) - Passed away suddenly of a heart attached on February 2, 2006 at her home in Michigan.

Ronald Lee (1962)

Bernice McKee - Her son, David McKee, reported that Bernice passed away in August 1980. Most of you will remember her as the friendly and caring woman that ran the Neetnac Club from 1956-58.

William Moses (1955)

Ryle Pitman (1968) - His sister, Edna "Eddi" Pitman, reported that he died on May 5, 2004 from advanced liver disease.

Edward "Pete" Pennington (1959) - Passed away on January 18, 2006 after complications from a stroke.

Philip "Phil" Stitt (1959) - Passed away January 21, 2005 from a stroke at his home in Brierfield, Alabama.

Gunzo Tanaka (1962) - Passed away on November 20, 2005 from stomach cancer. He was the brother of Shigemi Tanaka (61)

Barbara W. "Bobbie" Tavel (1957) - Passed away peacefully on May 8, 2003 at the age of 64.

Edward Van Tassell (1955)

Donald J. Wilton (1960) - His brother, Robert, reported that he unexpectedly passed away on his birthday August 22, 1982.

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