

# YO-HI Echoes...

## ...Then and



Yokohama High School Former Students Association

May 2008

### Class of 1958

Where are you?  
It's your  
50th high school  
class reunion!



Phoenix, Arizona  
October 24-26

Remember....  
It doesn't take much  
to keep in touch...

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## Phoenix - 2008 FSA Annual Reunion



The Class of 1958 will be the honored guests at the 2008 FSA Annual Reunion to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Hosted by Earl White (58), the reunion will be held October 24-26, 2008 at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa Hotel, so bring your memories to share.

Make your reservations early by calling (480) 833-5555. Room rates are \$109.00 per night for one king or two queen beds. Connecting rooms can be requested for larger parties. Junior Suites are available at the rate of \$139.00 per night, and come in three varieties – Alcove, Balcony, and Two-Room. In addition to the standard luxuries available to all guests, the executive suite

accommodations include: two televisions, living area with full wet bar, private bedroom, bathrobes, upgraded bathroom amenities, sofa bed, and access to the Executive Club Lounge. All of the suites that were set aside for the reunion have been reserved. If more suites are needed, please contact Earl at EWhite2@frontiernet.net - (928) 535-9065 - (602) 377-0256. Don't forget: All reservations and deposits are

refundable until October 15th. Earl has planned a fun packed reunion.

Thursday - October 23 - Early arrivals will enjoy a great evening at the Organ Stop Pizza from 5 - 8 PM. This includes a YO-HI sing-along.

Friday - October 24 - Registration begins on Friday at 9 AM in the Hospitality Suite. Local transportation will take all of us to Rawhide, AZ at 3 PM for fun-filled evening meal and entertainment. We'll return to the hotel at 9:00 PM.

Saturday - October 25 - Registration continues at 9 AM in the Hospitality Suite.

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## 2008 Dottie E. 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 for three years. 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 third and final annual Dottie E. Abernathy Scholarship will be presented to Deborah Holland by Ms. Verdelle Joyner, Counselor at Nile C. Kinnick HS, at an assembly on May 23, 2007.

Deborah plans to attend Oklahoma State University to study Elementary Education. She has maintained a 3.61 overall GPA while attending Kinnick HS. Her activities have included Track Team, AVID Tutor, Jr Varsity and Varsity Basketball (team captain 2007-08), Far East Language French Competitor, French Club President, Vacation Bible School Volunteer, Church

School First Grade Teacher, and Marine Corps Relief Society Volunteer.

Mary VanDeventer, Deborah's English and Journalism teacher, wrote the following: "It is with



pleasure that I write a letter recommending Deborah Holland for your scholarship. Deborah is one of the most conscientious students I have. I can always count on her to be well-prepared for class. Her work shows time and effort spent mastering the assigned material.

Even when various school events have required Deborah to be absent, she is meticulous about making up the work she missed. Deborah is friendly, patient, mature and articulate. She is willing to help her classmates when they have difficulty understanding the material, and she works

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## The Devil's Playground



### Memories by Bob Karrer (55)

Let me tell you about my first weeks in Japan. Some of you might get a kick out of it too, and for others it may renew memories of events long since forgotten. We arrived at the piers in Yokohama in late July, 1952 aboard Simon Bolivar Buckner, and spent the first night in a house, where we all slept on the floor on a futon. Not really fun, but certainly a memorable thing for a budding sophomore. That night we went to a "Geisha House" and were subjected to all the ceremonies and such. I think I had my first cup of hot tea there, and I sampled things I don't even want to know the names of.

Then, it was several days at the old and very rambling Fujiya Hotel. Driving on the left side was also an experience I won't forget. I kept thinking my dad was going to run into every vehicle on the narrow roads. There were no real highways back then, or even four lane roads. I felt much safer in the back seat, but I was sure mom was going to have a heart attack before it was over. Talk about "culture shock!"

Since we did not have housing assigned in Yokohama yet we were subjected to "interim housing", which for us meant a train trip to Gifu down near Kyoto-Nagoya. Remember Nagoya HS!!!...one of YO-HI's many "enemies." Gifu was an old Japanese Air Base and the bullet-riddled hangars were still there although the detritus of war had long since been removed. For me it was a time for serious thought as I wandered around now-empty and quite "ghostly" and abandoned buildings. The first night in Gifu our sponsors took us down to the banks of the Nagara-gawa (river) for dinner, and a chance to view the famous cormorant fishing that took place there every night by lantern lights. It was unforgettable.

I have spent much time collecting picture postcards of the places we've lived in thru the years; I have one with cormorants in it, the Fujiya Hotel near Fujiyama, and even a honey-bucket wagon loaded to the gills with slop buckets on its way to market. (If I ever get to a reunion, I may bring along a display board of the Japanese views I've amassed. Still looking for one of Yokohama post office where I went on those 13 yen trolleys to get the new stamps every so often).

Getting back to Gifu...my mom employed a young Japanese girl fresh off the farm named Nobuko...we lived in a cottage not far from the edge of the US military

base called Camp Gifu and I can still hear the gongs of deep-throated bells resounding from a nearby temple. I also remember going down into town with my mom and brother, Don. We walked all over the place, being closely pursued and observed by groups of curious Japanese folks who I guess had yet to see many blonde, round-eyed kids with blue eyes. For a teenager this was most disconcerting, but I survived, and we certainly got a nice close-up of many gentle Japanese people...so unlike the demons we thought they all were during "The War".

This taught me something I have not forgotten; those folks had no more to do with "The War" than I did, and that's something we might all ponder on today. Another thing I'll always remember was our pitiful efforts to learn a few words in Japanese, and the "conversations" my mom had with Nobuko. Before August was over, there was no sign of housing becoming available in Yokohama where my dad was assigned to the Japan Logistical Command, so one day we rode a shuttle bus up to Nagoya HS where we were actually enrolled. Then Murphy's Law went into effect. Before the next week had passed, we heard that housing in Area #2, which was within walking distance of YO-HI, had come open. So off we went



back to Yokohama after bidding a fond farewell to Miss Nobuko, who gave us a pretty lacquered box I still treasure. We arrived in Yokohama just in time to register at YO-HI before school started. Not a bad first month!

I'd love to hear from other exes about the memories of their first days in this new land. Does anyone have photos of the wonderful signs in "fractured English" that the Japanese put up to advertise their stores, hotels & restaurants? Some were priceless beyond words! I wonder if any of those who resided at Zama-Sagamihara in 1953-54 have any memories of our bus drivers, Mr. Katayama,, and the GI drivers Corporals "Roy" and "Bubbles", who tried so hard to coax additional MPH out of those speed-governor busses.

In response to Bob Karrer's story, Mary Richter (64) wrote: *Try the following web site: [Engrish.com](http://Engrish.com) and see where Japanese English takes a fun look at the various products, signs, bags, clothing, etc. coming out of Japan that contain funny or far-out English.*

## Taking a Trip Down Memory Lane



Several people wanted to take a trip down memory lane. Here are just a few things you might remember about those days gone by.

- Remember....Green Stamps, metal ice cube trays with the lever, washtub wringers, Beanie and Cecil, tinker toys, 15 cent McDonald hamburgers, Burma Shave signs, the Brownie Camera, flash bulbs, TV test patterns, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, 45 records, and 25 cent a gallon gasoline, the white oleo margarine in plastic bags with an orange capsule that you broke open and mixed to get the yellow color.
- How about.... those candy cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, and penny candy?
- What about.... the Fuller Brush Man, Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, or Brylcreem?
- Remember when the cars were "chopped, chan-

neled, and raked"? Also, the guys wore

pegged pants, white t-shirt with their pack of smokes turned up in the sleeve, and suede shoes, called "Desert Boots".

- Have you thought about "fender skirts" in years? When I was a kid, I considered it such a funny term. Made me think of a car in a dress. What about..."curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you. Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental. When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake." I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed." Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could

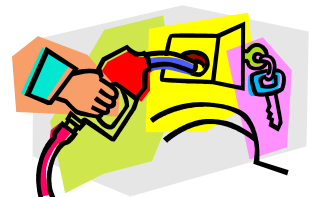
## HOW TO GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH AT THE GAS PUMP

*Submitted by Reldon Gifford (54)*

With the rising cost of fuel these days, here are a few tips that might just save you a little money:

- Fill up your car or truck in the morning when the temperature is still cool. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground; and the colder the ground, the denser the gasoline. When it gets warmer gasoline expands, so if you're filling up in the afternoon or in the evening, what should be a gallon is not exactly a gallon.
- If a tanker truck is filling the station's tank at the time you want to buy gas, do not fill up; most likely dirt and sludge in the tank is being stirred up when gas is being delivered, and you might be transferring that dirt from the bottom of their tank into your car's tank.
- Fill up when your gas tank is half-full (or half-empty), because the more gas you have in your tank the less air there is and gasoline evaporates rapidly, especially when it's warm. (Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating 'roof' membrane to act as a barrier between the gas and the atmosphere, thereby minimizing evaporation.)
- If you look at the trigger you'll see that it has three delivery settings: slow, medium and high. When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to the high setting. You should be pumping at the slow setting, thereby minimizing vapors created while you are pumping. Hoses at the pump are corrugated; the corrugations act as a return path for vapor recovery from gas that already has been metered. If you are pumping at the high setting, the agitated gasoline contains more vapor's, which is being sucked back into the underground tank, so you're getting less gas for your money.

**Hope this helps ease your "pain at the pump"!!**





## ATTITUDE

Submitted by Patty Shelley ('57)

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today!"  
So she did, and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today?"  
So she did, and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail."  
So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"



### Reunion

**The YO-HI Reunion Golf Tourment** will be held at the Superstition Springs Golf Club with a 9AM consecutive tee start for a minimum of 16 players - Ladies are invited to challenge the men on this course and, of course, the ladies will take first place! (Couldn't resist the editorial comment!) The total fee for a 9:00 AM start is \$70 per player and includes green fees; cart fees; use of the practice facility (includes practice balls); lunch at The Turn. Tournament services include: curb side bag drop attendants, pre-staged golf carts, course set up, personalized score cards, cart signs, rule sheets and hole contests. The total fee for a 1:00 PM start is \$49 which includes all of the above golf

services and lunch. Clubs can be rented for \$28 if there are 16 players and \$40 if there is less than 16 players. Left and right hand clubs are available for both men and women.

This is a phenomenal price for a terrific golf outing.

For more information, go to [www.golftournamentshop.com](http://www.golftournamentshop.com).

**Deadline:** A non-refundable deposit of 10% of the estimated event total or a credit card number, held on file, is required to reserve the date. **The guaranteed player count and meal count are due ten days prior to the day of the event.** Anyone interested in playing should sent a check or money order to Sam Barker, 16402 So. 35th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85048 - (480) 759-9286 - (480) 276-

7958 (cell).

**Saturday Evening** - Class photos will be taken before dinner starting at 4PM. A sit-down dinner will begin at 5:30 PM followed by special entertainment and a short business meeting. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy.

**Sunday - October 26** - Sunday morning brings farewells, until the next reunion, in the Hospitality Room at 8:30 AM.

The reunion registration fee is \$150.00 per person which includes: use of the hospitality room; transportation to and from Rawhide; dinner and entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Register now to ensure that we have a great reunion honoring the Class of 1958.

## 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), Marilyn Crockett (59), David Holdren (56), Albert Mays (55), Jerry (Miller) Hall (58),

Sandy (Podbleiski) Verdugo (57), 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!*



## 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), our dear friend and classmate who passed away in March, 2007, and her husband, Bob, designed a "passport" book, and a seal for each reunion

with the date and graphic.

Bob has regularly attended the reunions and, as a "Friend of YO-HI", Bob has graciously agreed to continue to be the "keeper of the passports".

You can buy your passport books at any reunion or by contacting Bob Carlson. The books are \$3.50 each (plus 2 stamps for mailing) and the reunion seals are free. If you are missing any seals, let Bob know which reunions you have attended and he will send you the correct seals.

Contact Bob Carlson at:

501 Emery Street, Longmont, CO 80501

(303) 774-1977

E-mail: [loubobC62@worldnet.att.net](mailto:loubobC62@worldnet.att.net)

## JAPANESE TRIVIA

- \* The Japanese are the biggest consumers of sea food, consuming fully one third of all seafood consumed in the world, importing 25% of the total world catch.
- \* Japan is composed of over 3000 islands, 600 of which are inhabited.
- \* There are over 5 million vending machines (*jidoohanbaiki*) in Japan. That's one for every 25 people.
- \* The word, "Japan", in Japanese has two versions: Nihon or Nippon. Both are in common use and there is no rule, legal or otherwise, for deciding which to use. However Nippon is used at international sports events and on stamps. It means "place from where the sun rises".
- \* It's been said that the oldest novel in the world was written in Japan over a thousand years ago. *The Tale of Genji* was written in the 11th Century by Murasaki Shikibu, a member of the Imperial Court. Her lengthy (over 500,000 words) novel concerns the romantic and sexual exploits and intrigues of the Imperial Court centered on the main character of Genji. If written today, it would probably be classified as a soap opera.



### Scholarship

well in a collaborative setting. The other teachers at Kinnick HS speak highly of her. She is a fine representative of the YO-HI spirit."

John Taylor, Deborah's Supervisor in the AVID/English class, wrote that : "Deborah has been one of the most valuable tutors I have had in my four years teaching the class and I offer you my most energetic recommendation possible for your scholarship. AVID is a rigorous and demanding course. As a teacher, AVID is the most demanding class I have ever taught. Students are required to take at least two classes of rigor...classes where they would otherwise struggle but, with the AVID support (in particular the tutorial sessions), they can not only survive, they can succeed. With Deborah's help, our AVID tutorial sessions have been nothing less than remarkable successes. Deborah has a genuine sense of compassion and understanding when it comes to other students. Deborah is an expert in many subject areas and she has an amazing ability to help the students understand the problem without simply giving them the answers. Deborah has a passion and a genuine

talent for the teaching profession. She will make a wonderful teacher in a world that that so desperately needs wonderful teachers . What impresses me so greatly about Deborah is her ability to shuffle the demands of school and extra curricular activities. In AVID, we constantly work on time management and prioritizing, and Deborah is a master in this area. From working with Student Council to Varsity Basketball, Deborah has already figured out what takes most people a lifetime to master: balancing your workload. This innate ability to budget her time will serve her well in college and the rest of her life."



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.



## What Did You Want To Be When You Grew Up?

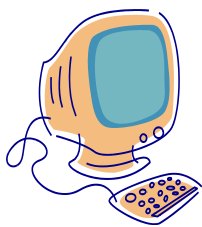
*Did you ever wonder what ever happened to that student in school that was the Valedictorian, or was so good in athletics, or maybe played in the band? Most of us noted in the yearbook what we aspired to be after graduating, but did we actually achieve those goals?*

- **Marion Choate (57)** - Didn't know then and still don't - Spent 29 years at Boeing as a Manufacturing Industrial Engineer.
- **Joan Preston (59)** - Didn't want to spend my life moving - Guess what? Wrong!! At SMU, I met my husband who was from South Africa and we spent years living in England, New York, Texas, California, and Georgia. My Political Science degree ignited my political activism and, after I got a masters degree in Liberal Arts, spent many years chairing various fund raising events.
- **Lars Barker (60)** - Attend college - He did.
- **Liz Wood (61)** - Psychologist - Left college to marry in my freshman year. While raising a family, I continued college for a total of 2 years and worked for Eastman Kodak for 31 years in the health, safety, and environmental field. Retired now and really enjoying it.
- **Anna Durham (62)** - Actress - Unfortunately, life gets in the way and I ended up raising a family. My husband was in the Navy and we traveled to England, Bermuda and Hawaii. I went to college with my youngest son in Hawaii and worked in medical education for 2 years.
- **Craig Dauber (66)** - Graduated on Guam in '66 and wanted to be on welfare and food stamps and surf every day - But I got drafted and was 4F due to a previous knee injury. Became an insurance agent in 1980 and now own an agency in Crescent City, CA. Plans are to retire in 2010.
- **Bob McKean (58)** - Electrical Engineer & Air Force ROTC commission from Texas A&M; then serve in the Air Force doing engineering work - Got that EE degree and commission from A&M and did a 20-year USAF career (all missile, rocket launch systems, and spacecraft system engineering), retiring as a Lt. Col. Worked in industry doing space launch systems and satellite systems engineering (23 years' worth). I'm still doing this stuff part time as a consultant for Boeing.
- **George Sidline (53)** - Pilot & Aeronautical Engineer by going to Princeton - Took all the "college prep" courses that St. Joseph's offered. After graduating from St. Joseph's I went to YO-HI as a post-graduate where I took typing and shorthand, just in case I needed a plan B. Never got to Princeton. When my family moved to Canada, I attended college on the Canadian URTP (equivalent to ROTC) so that I could join the RCAF and become a fighter jock. Well, that was not to be either. Upon graduation, I moved to Ottawa and finally decided to take flying lessons resulting in my getting a pilot's license. Now I was a pilot! But what did I finally become? I moved to California, married a childhood sweetheart, and got an advanced degree in Electrical Engineering. I worked in California's Silicon Valley until my retirement in 2002 at which point we moved to Portland, Oregon. I go to air shows, and am a member of the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon, where the Spruce Goose is on display. Membership gave me the opportunity to fly in the museum's 1928 vintage Ford Tri-motor. Flying is still in my blood and will probably always be.
- **Carol "Corky" Hudiburg (54)** - Go to college - Got a BS degree in Communications from Kansas State University and actually worked at KCMO in Kansas City for a while. Got married, raised 4 children and went back to college graduating with teaching certifications in elementary education and special education. Spent the next 34 years teaching in Texas, Florida and for the Department of Defense Dependents schools in Schweinfurt, Germany. Retired from classroom teaching in 2002, and am now getting ready to do "on-line teaching" for eSylvan (part of the Sylvan Learning Center.)
- **Jim Hunt (55)** - Engineer - Became a webmaster for GSA instead.
- **Patricia Cordes (56)** - Nurse - Hated the thought of moving to Atlanta, Georgia for my Senior year but I ended up loving Atlanta and going to college (Emory University School of Nursing) there. After graduation I joined my family in Germany, and worked at the Army Hospital in Frankfurt. I met my husband in Fulda, Germany. He was an Army Helicopter pilot at the time. After returning to the States, I worked as an RN in Des Moines, IA, Los Angeles & San Jose, CA, Lincoln, NE and now have been working in Urgent care in SLC, UT since 1982.
- **Lorin Cary (57)** - Photographer - Went to Antioch College figuring I'd help pay my way with my 4x5 Speed Graphic camera. No way; Antioch had no fraternities or sororities and the paper paid only cost, period. I still took lots of photos, but ended up majoring in another love, history. I also explored careers in journalism and social work. American History won out, and I went to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and then on to a long stint teaching at the University of Toledo---US Labor and Social History. I never gave up the photography and starting in the 1980s entered various shows. Since retiring, I've expanded my photography and turned as well to writing fiction.
- **Lillian Conte (59)** - Find a job - Became a business construction manager.

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Grew Up

- **Jeanne Johnson (60)** - Translator for the United Nations - Attended Mary Washington University for about two



## COMPUTER TIPS

To check your PC and Browser for infections, go to [www.InfectionChecker.com](http://www.InfectionChecker.com)

According to Snopes.com, when you type a telephone number into the Google search engine, the home address and a map with directions to that address will display. Try it!

Have you ever had a CD get stuck in the drive, and thought your only way of getting it unstuck was to use a paper clip? Here is an easy way to eject that

disc if your CD tray will not open.

- Hold down the window key on your keyboard (2 keys left of the space bar with windows icon on it)
- While holding it down, tap the 'E' key on your keyboard - Only TAP it. (This will open up the "My Computer" window.)
- In the window, locate the "drive that is stuck" and right click on the "icon".
- In the menu that opens up, left click on "Eject". (Your CD drive should open.)

## LAS VEGAS REUNION PICTURES

Many of you have been unable to view the pictures from the Las Vegas Reunion, because they fade in and out to fast. Try the following:

1. Go to Google, and type in **yohidevils.net**
2. When next page comes up, click on **YOHI Home Page**
3. Click on **Table of Contents**
4. When next page comes up, scroll down and click on **Reunions Past/Present/Future**
5. Click on **Past Reunion Photos**, year **2007**, and **Las Vegas, NV**
6. Click on **View All Images**
7. Wait a few minutes for page to load in the long bar with the pink edges. Click on **view pic** under each picture.



months, and decided to get married. Between marriages, I worked for a publishing company, and got my Journeyman Typesetters License. Moved to Oregon, and went to work for the Bureau of Land Management. I retired with 23 years of service in 1995. Never did visit the UN Building.

- **Chris Keeney (61)** - Shop teacher - Had a 28 year career as a fireman in Jacksonville, Florida.
- **Lex Lehey (62)** - Veterinarian - Attended San Diego State University in pursuit of that dream; Mom thought it would be better if I became a stewardess. I went to work for Eastern Airlines, and quit after 4 years, because there was too much work involved. Moved back in with Mom, and started singing in a local band called Pete Stovers & The Revellers for the next 8 years. Got married and worked for General Telephone for the next 27 years. During those years, I also did some acting, recently on the TV show, "Silk Stockings".
- **Mike Dowd (64)** - Architect - actually the next Frank Lloyd Wright - Became a RN. After 30 years in medicine, I'm finally doing what I want...training and breeding horses and doing competitive driving with horses.
- **Blake Hawkins (54)** - Electrical Engineer and work in television - After college and service in the Army, I worked for IBM for three years and then managed AM radio stations for the next 12. I went into Television Engineering and worked in that field for the next 20 years. My last two years was as a broadcast engineering manager for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Now retired and living near Tampa, Florida.
- **Gloria Starling (55)** - TWA Stewardess - Got married instead and worked at several insurance company jobs. Also worked for the Duval County, FL school system for 30 years before retiring. Moved to Illinois, married twice, divorced twice (11 children), and presently I'm a foster parent while doing social work for the State.

## GOD BLESS THE PARENTS WHO DRUGGED US!

Submitted by Betty Creech (58)



The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, 'Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?'

I replied: I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth

my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothes line, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, the whole world would be a better place.

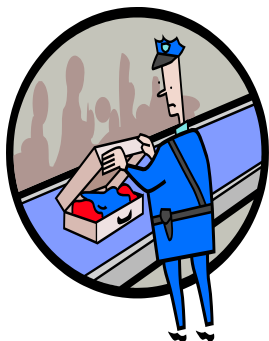
## ANOTHER SAFETY TIP

Submitted by John Fergus (60)

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: Put your car keys beside your bed. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get into your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

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

- \* Everyone asks where you're from because they can't quite peg your accent.
- \* You wish that you could discuss politics in greater detail with your father (mother), but he/she refuses to tell you what he/she "really" thinks about his/her boss - the Commander in Chief.
- \* You hate living in the same place for more than two years, hate packing and cleaning, and hate having your personal effects reduced each year instead of added to because of the moves.
- \* When you go on vacation, you don't have to pay for lodging because you have friends you can stay with everywhere in the world.
- \* You go to the movies and ask the usher if the soundtrack will be in English.
- \* It's perfectly acceptable not to write to your friends and still be considered a good friend.



## What Will They Think of Next???

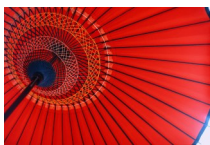
Submitted by Gay Havens (56)

Ever wonder how someone managed to get your camera out of your locked luggage? The next time you travel, and feel the need to lock your luggage, check out this video. I don't think you'll waste your time after you see that it does absolutely no good to do so.

- Go to Google, and type: **Youtube**
- When the site comes up, select: **YouTube – Broadcast Yourself**
- In the YouTube-Broadcast Yourself page, type: **opening baggage in the search field**
- When the next page comes up, click: **YouTube – Opening Baggage without a key**



## Remembering..... Submitted by Heather MacLeod (62)



When we were living on the ridge above Seaside, Dad and Mom hired a housemaid named Mimi. Often, when my brothers were playing in sporting events, my parents would take Mimi along. It was during the football season that Mimi met a nice Japanese gentleman who worked at YO-HI. Mom soon noticed a change in Mimi....she started day dreaming while doing her chores. She burned Dad's shirts while ironing them, put the groceries in the wrong spot - canned goods in the refrigerator, butter in the pantry, etc. Finally, my parents had a talk with Mimi, and found out that she was in love. She and the man were married shortly after that football season. Mimi quit as a housemaid, but continued to come to all of the YO-HI sporting events with her new husband. Most of the time they sat in the stands with Mom and Dad. Oh yea, the nice Japanese gentleman she married was named Shigenobu Matsubara, better known as "Pete-san".

### *In Memoriam*

- \* **Jose De Lara ("Skip" - 1960)** - His wife, Susan, reported that Skip passed away on March 7, 2008. He went to the hospital in December complaining of a pain in his lower back. In February, after a CT scan, he was diagnosed with inoperable cancer.
- \* **Edward M. Featherstone (1954)** - Chuck Kenyon (54) reported that Ed, a retired Foreign Service Officer, and husband of Kathy Briggs (55), passed away from Alzheimer's on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at Capital Hospice. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Friends Club, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Ed was buried at Arlington Cemetery on February 21, 2008.
- \* **Alfred Koster (1953)** - His wife, Aggie reported that Al passed away on January 4, 2007 from heart related complications after a year of suffering.
- \* **Shigenobu Matsubara ("Pete-san" - 1946-1982)** - Doug Spaulding (Fac) reported that Pete-san passed away on July 21, 2007 after a one-year struggle with colon cancer. Pete-san's wife, Mimeko, said "It was very cruel for me to have such sad event. Now we really miss him." Several of the duties that Pete-san had at YO-HI: translation when dealing with Japanese officials; coordinating daily transportation to/from school for students; logistical support for extra-curricular activities; arranging maintenance and daily operational coordination for all non-teaching functions at YO-HI; and being responsible for all student records. Mr. Spaulding said "Teachers went to him for assistance, students asked him for help, and when I became principal, I relied on his judgment every day. Pete-san was always kind to us, willing to aid us, and was perceptive of our needs." Pete-san retired in 1982. The Class of 1971 dedicated that year's annual to Pete-San, "our faithful servant....and friend". Mr. Spaulding asked that all who knew him to send memories and remembrances of Pete-san to his wife at: Mimeko Matsubara, 4 -19-34-302, Yokodai Isogoku, Yokohama, Japan.
- \* **Robert C. McGinley (1956)** - Priscilla Welbon (55) reported that she had received a phone call today from John Howard, a man who identified himself as a best friend of Robert McGinley. He had an old newsletter and found my name and number. He told me that Robert McGinley had passed away on January 13, 2008 of a brain aneurysm while on vacation in the Philippines. He had recently remarried.
- \* **Jeanne Cude Nasuta (1959)** - Her husband, Jack, reported that she passed away in October 2007.
- \* **Van Phillips ("Dutch" - 1959)** - His wife, Joy, reported that Dutch pass away quietly on March 24, 2008. "He had been living for the past six years with many complications, and fought for his life to the end. His spirit and will to survive was indomitable. In the end, he died peacefully in his sleep at Scripps Green. He had very fond memories of his YO-HI family."
- \* **Charles O. T. Swanson (Faculty 1954 -1957)** - Merle A. Glasgow (Fac 54-56) reported that Ted, a former teacher/coach, passed away on September 16, 2007 after a long illness. His wife, Ruby, wrote that he entered a hospital in mid July, came home for 9 or 10 days, and then entered a care facility for about three weeks before his passing. She said that Ted had many pleasant memories of his days in Japan and kept many items of interest. Ted was 85 and is survived by his wife and one son.

## Class News!

### Weise Family

Submitted by Bert Donaldson (60)

There are few families who have graced the history of YO-HI over as long a period as the Weise family. From 1956 through 1965, one or more of the four Weise kids were at YO-HI, while their Dad and Mom worked in civil service for the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS), first in Yokosuka and then at North Pier in Yokohama.

They had already been out of the States for two years on Guam,



Mike, Elaine, Ed and Marilyn (left to right) at their mother's memorial service in February 2007"

when they arrived at Haneda Airport in August 1956. After a stay at the Hakkeien Hotel while looking for private rental housing, the Weises lived in private rental houses in Hayama and Akiya and became bus riders to Admiralty Heights, to the Sullivans' school in Yokosuka, and on the infamous Zushi bus to Yokohama. When base housing eligibility opened for civilians in Yokohama in 1961, they moved to a house in the Bayview Area, near the water tower. The Weise kids remained part of both the Yokosuka crowd and the Yokohama crowd throughout their stay.

**Elaine (Weise) O'Neill ('60).** Elaine loved her years in Japan. For all four years she rode the Zushi bus to YO-HI. When you spend an hour and forty-five minutes each way every day with the same kids on the bus, those people and experiences become a significant part of your YO-HI experience. Her favorite memories are slumber parties, climbing Mount Fuji, the Yokosuka Teenage Club (Y-TAC), and skating at the Rinky Dink Roller Rink. She was editor of the YO-HI Echoes her senior year and had been editor before putting together the Yokosuka Teen Club year book in 1958. She remembers the disappointment over the high school's name change from Yokohama High School to Nile C. Kinnick HS in her senior year. After graduating, Elaine went to Univ. of Oregon and San Francisco State, where she ended up with a Masters degree in Special Education. Besides teaching for 37 years in northern California, K - 12th grades, Elaine was married twice and has two children, Jennifer and Patrick. Now retired and living in Crescent City, she still does substitute teaching. Elaine said, "After years of keeping in touch

with Marilyn Elliott ('59), Lorna Donaldson ('59) and Carolyn Miller, ('58) I really enjoyed the reunion in Washington, DC, October 1-4, 2004 and the subsequent trip that Marilyn, Cari and I took through New England to see fall leaves was a true reunion of friends from YO-HI days."

**Ed Weise ('63).** Ed's lifelong enjoyment of motorcycles began in Hayama by Yokosuka where he cruised on his Honda Super Cub. What independence that little 50cc motorcycle gives in a world where we couldn't drive a car until we were 18 and the speed limit was only 37 mph! In high school, Ed was busy as class president, student council president, and a last-string basketball letterman. After graduation, Ed went to Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington to be a mechanical engineer. He dropped out of college and then garnered an appointment to the Air Force Academy. He flew C-141s and was a staff officer in the Pentagon until his last assignment, which was a squadron commander at Norton AFB, CA. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1990. Along the way, Ed was married and raised two daughters, Karen and Wendy. Since retiring from the Air Force, Ed has worked in manufacturing management in southern California. He also has organized YO-HI reunions in California and Washington DC, and he says, "Even if the four of us Weises get together, it's a YO-HI reunion." Ed and his wife Dee live in Corona, CA, and are raising two of their grandchildren.

**Mike Weise ('64).** After 5 years in the Yokosuka area, Mike moved with the family to Yokohama in 1961. Besides class work, Mike was busy in football, baseball, the ski club, class vice-president, editor of the yearbook, and more. In his spare time (!) he loved motorcycling, movies, bowling, surfing, the teen club (always a member at both Y-TAC and Neetnac), and hanging out at the snack bar -- any one of them. Graduating in 1964, Mike followed both Ed to Gonzaga University, and then attended Long Beach State, CA until 1969. Soon, he was in Army Officer Candidate School, becoming a Signal Corps officer with the 82nd Airborne Division and completing about 30 parachute jumps. After the Army, Mike's love of skiing led him into the ski industry, first in California and then Colorado. He and his wife Anita now live in Broomfield, Colorado, and they both work in the ski industry. Mike's son, Blake, lives in Denver.

**Marilyn (Weise) Whyte ('66).** Marilyn's YO-HI memories are all from the time she lived in Yokohama; the family moved there in her 7th grade. She had attended at Admiralty Heights (Mrs. Merryweather was her favorite teacher) and St. Maur's before that. She fondly remembers her YO-HI friends, teen club dances, the ski club trips and especially the slumber parties at the Weise house. At the end of her junior year, her folks left Japan and moved to southern California where she graduated from Costa Mesa High School. After getting an accounting degree from Orange Coast College, Marilyn married, worked for a CPA and had a daughter, Natalie. She and husband, Brad, worked in Texas for 17 years, but now are back in southern California. They live on a cabin cruiser in Long Beach harbor right across from the Queen Mary! Marilyn has 2 grandchildren in Seattle who she visits often.



**Treasurer's Report ... Carol Wittmaack Cope (57)**



Very few of the exes listed on the roster have paid dues this year. Did you know that, when you send your dues (\$10.00 per year) to the Former Students Association (FSA), they are used to publish, and mail out the roster, membership card, and bi-annual YO-HI Echoes...Then and Again newsletter? They are also used to give reunion startup funds to the hosts for the next reunion. After next year, your dues will pay for the annual scholarship.

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| <b>November 07 - Balance</b>             | <b>\$14,074.90</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                          |                    |
| Newsletter (Printing & Mailing) 11/07    | \$1334.19          |
| Gifts - Host & Committees - 2007 Reunion | \$422.21           |
| Membership Cards                         | \$36.90            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$1793.30</b>   |
| <b>Income</b>                            |                    |
| Dues & Donations to General Fund         | \$4288.42          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$4288.42</b>   |
| <b>April 08 - Balance</b>                | <b>\$16,570.02</b> |

Please don't miss out on the opportunity to read the stories, see the pictures, and learn about what's happening in the YO-HI World. **To pay your dues, use the 2008 Dues form below.**



**Yokohama High School Former Students Association - 2008 Dues Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Years at YO-HI \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to: **YO-HI FSA**

Mail your check and this form to:

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Check if personal information has changed.

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