

YO-HI Echoes...

...Then and Again



Yokohama High School Former Students Association

November 2008

Class of 1959

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

Seattle, WA
October 15-18, 2009



2010 Reunion
Class of 1960

Remember....

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

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Phoenix - 2008 FSA Annual Reunion

GIDDYAP....YAHOO....and WHOA!!! This year's reunion at the Mesa Hilton East-(Phoenix), hosted by Earl White (58), was the meeting place for ninety-six YO-HI classmates and their guests. There was a lot to do in Phoenixmuseums, gardens, pueblos, a zoo, sightseeing ...and loads of great restaurants and shopping for all tastes.

Those who arrived early on Wednesday followed Earl White through the suburbs of Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, to find the "Heart Attack Grille" where we thought it would be fun eating three and four decker hamburgers with all the fixin's, fries, jalapenos, lettuce, tomato, and who knows what else? We were looking forward to seeing the cute "nurses" who would attend to us after committing gastro-intestinal suicide....but the place was closed I guess they "killed off" all their clientele because the place was now a pizza joint!!!!

The Hospitality Room opened on Thursday and registration began along with memories of Japan and a display of yearbooks to peruse as well as the usual snacks and drinks. .

On Thursday night, we again followed our leader, Earl, in our vehicles to the Organ Stop Pizza Parlor (it was really there this time) to see the biggest organ in the world!!! Eat your heart out boys! It really was a huge organ with all kinds of noise-making gadgets and fun music. We all shared pizza, wine, music and fun. Everyone had a great time judging by the chatter and the noise level

On Friday night, we boarded buses for a ride to the old west town of "Rawhide" to see cowboys, horses, outlaws, Marshals, guns and gunfire. To add to the ambiance, we were transported by hay

wagons to the barbeque site. We ate steaks and chicken and did some line dancing. We listened to great music by Steve Baker and his Band, who ended the show with the eerie tune of "Ghost Riders in the Sky" under a fitting warm and beautiful Western desert sky.

On Saturday, starting at 4 PM, all the various classes began to assemble in the late afternoon to take class pictures. Saturday evening is always a time of both celebration and remembrance. It is a poignant, shared moment with old and new friends, as well as a time to enjoy good food, music, and some reflections. Larry Rowe, in his inimitable way, led a sing-along of "Mushi-Mushi-Ah Nonei." A long distance telephone call, sending well wishes to all was received from Miss Edwards who could not attend this year. This gesture of connection and caring was greatly appreciated.

The Class of 1958 was recognized and presented with 50th anniversary picture frames and scrapbooks, handcrafted by Raylene White, as a special remembrance of this celebratory occasion. There were thirty members from the Class of 1958 ...a record for the number of attendees from any YO-HI class ever!

Classmates who had passed away during the past year were honored in a special way by putting each of their names on a card, assigning each a number, and then giving that card to someone in the gathering. When the number of the deceased was

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HELP NEEDED - 2009 FSA Annual Reunion - Seattle, WA



Jim Zinn (59) is coordinating the 2009 reunion which will be held in Seattle on October 15 - 18. He is looking for a few individuals in the Washington State area willing to help plan some of the off-site activities during the event. If you are willing to help, please contact him at (734) 449-5924 or e-mail him at zcomm@mail.com.

The host hotel will be the Radisson Hotel Gateway Seattle which is located near the airport. This hotel is new and the room rates that Jim negotiated are great. The hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport, free parking, workout room, pool and more. To see the hotel, go to: http://www.radisson.com/seattlewa_seatac. The YO-HI rooms are \$99.99 per night for double or single occupancy and, for an extra \$20, you can move into a mini suite that sleeps four.

The Devil's Playground



It's a Small World.... by Larry Rowe

Bob Richardson and I left the "Land of the Rising Sun" in November of 1958, and headed for the "Land of the Big PX" where we joined the United States Air Force.

After graduation from Basic Training, he was sent to North Dakota, and I received orders for Omaha, Nebraska. As friends do that are separated, we wrote to each other on a regular basis, but, as the years went by, it became less and less. We lost track of each other around 1962, and I more or less thought that would be it for the friendship.

From 1975-78, I was stationed in Aviano, Italy, and in 1977 was selected to officiate a tackle football game between two military teams on International television in above all places, Naples.

After the game, we were invited to dinner at one of the Navy referee's homes. During the evening someone brought up the subject of "Military Brats", and I mentioned that I'd graduated

from YO-HI. All of a sudden a voice from the kitchen yelled out that she also had graduated from YO-HI. I asked Lynne, when she had graduated and she said 1970. When I told her I had graduated in 1958, she asked if I knew her brother, Bob Richardson, who had also graduated in 1958. Wow! You could have knocked me off my chair. Lynne filled me in on what Bob had been doing all those lost years, and gave me his address. Bob and I keep in touch with each other a lot more these days, and look forward to getting together again at the reunions. It just goes to show you once again that it's a small world.



WHERE ARE THEY?



Lost Again! Larry Rowe needs help in locating the following exes that were found and are lost again! Please 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), 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)

Have you seen them?? If you find these exes....

Jerry Brown (60) - Contact Ken Hill (58). In 1969-1970, he was living in Sweet Home, Oregon. His father moved there and bought the adjoining property. Jerry was working for the highway department.

Sharon Delaney (54) & Marianne Delaney (56) - Contact Mark Craig (55). They went to Michigan from Japan. Their father was a judge at the Nuremberg trials. Sharon spoke fluent Japanese as well as wrote it.

John Essig (55) - Contact Beverly Casalengo (55)

Mary E. Flahery(60) - Contact Mike Shea (62). Last seen in Boston during summer of 1960. She had graduated from high school, was working and still living with her parents. Her

father's name was John (I know he's dead), and her mother's name is Ida. Last home was in Florida. Her brothers were John, Bobby and Kevin Flaherty.

Richard "Dick" Hanks (58) - Contact Terry Slezak (56) Dick was last seen in Germany in 1959 going to University of Maryland.

Gerald "Jerry" MacDonald (61) - Contact Sylvia Muir (61). Jerry left Japan in 1959 and returned to Oxnard CA. His two younger brothers are Ronald (63) & Tom (66).

Sheila Marron (57) - Contact Harry "Mark" Craig (55). She was an only child and her father was a Colonel in the psychiatry field. She probably moved to Washington DC and may have finished high school there. She was originally from Washington state.

Pete McKnight - Contact Bruce Eastley (56).

Robert G. Scruggs (54) - Contact Bob Karrer (55) Robert returned to Columbus, GA from Japan for his senior year. His father's name was Ernest Scruggs.

Catherine Simcox (58) & Ellen Simcox (59) - Contact Larry Rowe (58). Catherine may have taken an airline administrators position in either Alexandria or Arlington, VA.

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Reunion

called, the person holding that particular card stood up and read the name. They remained standing until all the names were read, and then all other attendees stood to offer respect. We remember the lives of those who have passed: Alfred "Al" Koster (53), Ed Featherstone (54), Stan Tutlis (54), Robert McGinley (56), Jim Armlin (59), Jeanne Cude (59), Van "Dutch" Phillips (59), Jose "Skip" De Lara (60), Marion Branick (Faculty), Charles O.T. Swanson (Faculty), and Shigenobu "Pete-San" Matsubara (Administration).

Hal Eubanks read the following poem, authored by Lorna Donaldson (59), which had been read at her funeral.

Long upon this lonely road,
Heavy the walk and heavy the load.
And then out of somewhere,
Out of love, I am sure,
Your hand came to claim me,
With love to endure.
All that's ahead,
And all that's unknown,
Never again, to travel alone.
Such love will sustain us,
Our journey in view
That once in this lifetime,
I know that it's true.
I have found what I hoped for:
Love's meaning is you.
My partner, companion,
My lover and friend...
I love you forever,
And past Journey's end.

A short business meeting convened following dinner.

- Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57), Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report.
- The name of the annual scholarship is changed from Dottie Ennis Abernathy to FSA Scholarship.
- The 2009 YO-HI reunion in Seattle, WA will be chaired by Jim Zinn (59).
- The following FSA officers were elected for 2009: General Chairperson: Larry Rowe (58); Vice Chairperson: Earl White (58); Secretary: Rosanne (Santorelli) Barone (60); Treasurer: Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57); Newsletter: Julie (Sadilek) Moore.

Many thanks for a job well done go to those "retiring" from office: Ron Peugh (59) (Secretary) and Charlotte "Pickles" (Ryser) Carey (59) (Vice Chairperson).

After breakfast on Sunday, it was time for farewells and promises to meet again in Seattle for the 2009 reunion. God willing, many of us left on this side of the grass will be there!!! Remember...we have less years ahead than those we've left behind...so try hard to join us all at the Seattle YO-HI Reunion next October!!!

Special thanks goes out to Earl and Raylene White, Lars and Lenda Barker and Sam Barker for their tireless efforts to make our stay in Phoenix one we'll remember for a long time. Arigato.



Standing L-R: Bob Richardson, Linda Love, Ozzie Olson, Phil McLaren, Gary Esch, Hal Eubanks, Shirley Carey, John Killen, Carol Briggs, Sam Barker, Jim "Tex" Carver, Jim Cunningham, Tammy Treder, Bill Miller, and Tom Garren.

Seated L-R: Carolyn Miller, Jean Ellen Wilder, Dave Nock, Jeannette McClure, Dianne Willey, Dan Trial, Janice Ostmeier, Nick Fleischmann, Barbara Joyce, Pat Powers, and Judy Armstrong.

Front Row L-R: Larry Rowe, Dick Payne, Raylene White, Earl White, and John Anderberg.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Hogg (56) and husband John Perrine - May 4, 2007

Their children held a reception for them, and the oldest daughter provided them with a DVD of photos taken of them from day one through their first great granddaughter. They have four children and eight grandchildren, and make quite a crowd when they get together.

Donna Gruenewaldt (56) and husband Paul Manna - May 17, 2008

They had a party on June 7, 2008 with family and friends, and then culminated the celebration with a trip to England, Scotland and Ireland in August. She says "It was a wonderful celebration from beginning to end".

Chuck and Elaine (Hulse) Evans - YO-HI Faculty (56-58) - May 21, 2008

The classes of '57 and '58 had danced their hearts away May 2nd at the Junior-Senior Prom, Vicki Vesser was the Prom Queen. Now they sharpened their pencils in preparation for final exam week at the Yokohama American High School.

On the 21st of May, 1958, two teachers at that high school, Elaine Hulse and Charles Evans raised their hands at the American Consulate General in the city of Yokohama, Japan and swore the mandatory marriage vows required by Article 739 of the Japanese Civil Code. The document with its impressive red seal was signed by Consul Frances Dailor. The total fees were \$7.00 .

Also on May 21st, Registrar Nakao Ito in his small cubicle at the offices of the Naka Ward perched on his wooden stool, dipped his pen into his black inkwell and conscientiously filed and accepted for the Japanese government the official foregoing data that had been registered by the American Consulate general.

On Wednesday at 5:30 P.M., May 28th, friends and students attended the formal double ring wedding ceremony of these two teachers at the Yokohama Chapel Center, Chaplain Major Irwin Bailey officiating. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Yokohama Civic Athletic club and a honeymoon in Atami.

With teaching transfers in hand, the newlyweds departed from Japan, visited friends and family in "The States" and proceeded to their new assignments in Germany where they lived for six years. The couple became a family when son and daughter were born at the Armed Forces Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. They have lived happily for forty-four years in Clayton, California.

Jan Shurtleff (58) and husband Jim Honsicker - July 12, 2008

They celebrated by going on an Alaskan Cruise/Tour.

Ruth Ancira (58) and husband Ray Madonna - July 26, 2008

Their celebration plans include a trip to Italy later this year.



Priscilla Welbon (55) and husband Gordon Ewy - August 23, 2008

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary !

PS - A note from Pinky Hart (56)

In response to the Golden Weddings, before people respond, are you limiting the 50 years to one person (lucky you) or are you allowing them to add up the total years of each marriage?



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Carol Briggs (58)has written a book entitled, "Taken in Hong Kong, December 8, 1941"and it's a story about her father. The publisher writes, "This story of the invasion of Hong Kong by the Japanese in World War II, attacked the same day as Pearl Harbor, relates the first-hand experience of a thirty-six-year-old Standard Oil employee...the escape across Hong Kong harbor while bombs are falling, hiding in Victoria hills, and the subsequent internment in a prison camp. The hopeful and hopeless situations in the fight for survival are relayed in detail, followed with the jubilation of repatriation. This memoir is indeed a compelling story of the perils of war and widely divergent human reactions to heart-wrenching experiences."

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:

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(303) 774-1977

E-mail: loubobC62@worldnet.att.net

JAPANESE TRIVIA

- The longest civil case in court, led by the same individual, took place in Japan. It lasted 32 years. Professor Saburo Ienaga challenged the Japanese Ministry of Education over their censorship of his history text book. Begun in 1965, a verdict was finally handed down in 1997.
- Though their mathematics is fairly advanced, Japanese school children only do their times tables up to 9 times 9.
- Japanese political parties regularly call on popular figures (i.e., actors, singers and comedians) to support their parties by running in elections. In fact, they often win. The Japanese Diet always has members who are comedians ..as well as politicians.
- Japanese people have a tendency to touch their earlobe when they burn their fingers.
- Former Prime Minister Kakui Tanaka won a seat in the Diet in an election (July 1986) despite the fact that he had been convicted of bribery in the Lockheed case. Also, since he had had a stroke, he was unable to make any campaign speeches, campaign appearances, or even to speak to his constituents. His allotted speech time on the national TV network showed an empty chair and broadcast ten minutes of silence.



Remember Phrases from Our Youth You Never Hear Anymore....

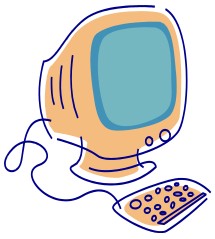
- Store-bought—Just about everything is store bought these days. Once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.
- Coast to Coast—A phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "worldwide" for granted.
- Wall-to-Wall—This was once a magical term in our homes. In the 50's, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.
- In a Family Way—It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic or a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."
- Brassiere—This word is no longer in use. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.
- Divorce—It's hard to recall that this word was once said in a whisper. And no one is called a "divorcee" anymore. Certainly not a "gay divorcee." Come to think of it, "confirmed bachelors" and "career girls" are long gone, too.



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?

- **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.
- **Barbara "Bang-Bang" Gunn (56)** - No idea; considered the FBI - Got married, had a family and celebrated our 50th anniversary this Dec. My husband's family owned a dairy which produced wholesale milk and later going into processing and distribution. I worked for 12 years as Sec/Treas for the San Diego County Milk Producers Council, thus learning the Dairy Business from cows to Legislature. In 1978 we left the dairy and I became the Administrator and Bookkeeper for our church for 10 years. I also began training for the Ministry. Since 1988, we have been teaching Church Administration throughout the United States as well as being semi-retired.
- **Frank Wandell (57)** - No idea; maybe a few years in the military - Got an Assoc Degree and went into the Navy's pilot training program. After all the background checks had been completed and cleared and on the final physical before being sworn in, they were concerned about a slight stigmatism in my left eye, and at age 19 that ended that. So, I transferred to San Jose State College, and changed my major to, Conservation (Fisheries & Wildlife Mgmt.). After one year, I enlisted in the USAF. Went back to college after I was discharged, got my B.A. in Conservation in 1966. Never worked in conservation; instead I started working as an administrative intern for the IRS. Got tired of sitting behind a desk and wearing a suit and tie every day, and in the 1972, I transferred over to the Bureau of ATF as an Agent. I loved the work which was exciting, challenging, and creative. I retired after 25 years in 1997. After retiring, I worked for six years with a civilian company that provided Court Security in the Federal Courthouse Bldg. in Sacramento. Completely retired now and loving it.
- **Phil High (58)** - Architect - Became a Civil Engineer.
- **Dolores Lehey (59)** - Backup singer - Became a grocery checker for 20 years, then a beautician and finally worked in retail sales.
- **Darlene Hilburn (60)** - Business college or Airline stewardess - Went to business college and was so advanced in the typing that they had me teaching the typing class (Thank you, Mr. Aho) Had an assortment of jobs; Married in 1962 and had a family and am retired now.
- **Walt Ogle (61)** - Attend the Naval Academy - I did and had a rewarding career in law enforcement.
- **Stan Tutlis (54)** - No idea - But a teacher arranged for a scholarship and I earned a degree in teaching. Upon graduation, I was commissioned and served in the Army. I had a tough decision to make as my obligation came to an end - the service paid much better than teaching, but I decided to give teaching a try. I spent the next 38 years in education.
- **Bill Buntyn (55)** - No idea - Attended college and spent 26 years in the Army. Next career was spent as a Production Manager for an independent oil company.
- **Sharon Dravland (56)** - Didn't know - Attended San Jose State for one year, met my husband, Bob Nichols, and moved to Oroville and then Chico, CA. I had two daughters, and when they were in their teens, I joined the Naval Reserve and spent 22 years serving and enjoying my work as a Yeoman, eventually making chief. I retired in 1998. I earned a degree in English after spending 28 years taking a class here and there - it really can be done. In the meantime, I worked for the City of Chico in the Public Works/Building Division and then the City Manager's office as an Admin Tech. We recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.
- **Jan Shurtleff (58)** - Get married and have a family - I did get married in 1958, and had two children. Then in 1975 with the kids in high school, I started my first job as a bookkeeper in a bank, then worked in advertising graphics, next customer service, and finally ended up as a pharmacy technician. I retired in 2000.



COMPUTER TIPS

What Will They Think of Next?

In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with

Haiku poetry messages. Here are some actual error messages from Japan. Aren't these better than "your computer has performed an illegal operation?"

*You step in the stream,
But the water has moved on.
This page is not here.*

*Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.*

*Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.*

Wordstart.com Newsletter

How many times have you received an e-mail, supposedly with pictures attached, only to find a big red X where the pictures were? This website may help: www.worldstart.com/tips/tips.php/3200. One of the solutions at this website may help you to fix this predicament once and for all.

How do I recover data from a crashed hard drive?

Check the following web site. <http://www.md4pc.com/questions/12.htm>

Free PhotoPlus 6

This amazing image editing software enables you to fix and enhance photographs, bitmap graphics and even create web animations. You can adjust brightness and contrast, balance color, remove red-eye and make numerous other image adjustments and enhancements...achieving fantastic results time after time. The tools and features you need are laid out in a convenient toolbar. Effects and filters are accessed via user-friendly drop-down menus. Help is on hand with tips that appear on-screen while you work, so that you get the very most from PhotoPlus 6. If you're new to image editing or a digital imaging enthusiast, PhotoPlus 6 has a wide range of easy-to-use tools and features that will help transform your digital photo collection and create professional looking images for print, multimedia and the web. Go to: www.freerisefsoftware.com/software/PhotoPlus/download.asp

Reply From WorldStart.com

This has probably been mentioned in several other tips before, but not in detail. Since some of you may not completely understand it, we'll go over it again!

Reply All (also known as Reply to All) is an e-mail function that means you want to send an e-mail to more than one person.

(Example: You have received an e-mail from one of your friends and, although your address was the only one listed on the "To:" line, your friend copied (Cc) a few other people on it and, if you want the reply to go to all of them as well, you would select [Reply All].)

All of their addresses (and your friend's address) will be added to the "To:" line. That way, everyone can see your reply and you don't have to worry about sending out individual e-mails. It's such a timesaver!

All e-mail programs have the Reply All feature, but it may show up differently, depending on the service you use.

(Examples:

n Outlook Express - A button, **Reply All**, is located next to the Reply button.

In Yahoo! - A down arrow on the **Reply** button displays the options - Click to choose **Reply to Everyone**.

In Gmail - A down arrow on the **Reply** button displays the options - Click to choose **Reply to All**

In Hotmail - A button, **Reply All**, is located in between the Reply and Forward buttons.

No matter which way you use it, this is one e-mail feature definitely worth checking out.

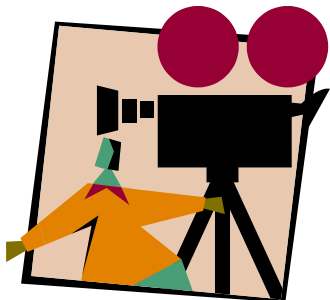
E-Books

So, what is an e-book? An e-book, also known as an electronic book, is just basically the digital equivalent of a regular printed book. Often times, e-books are also read with an e-book reader, which is just a device that reads books in a digital format. There are other formats of e-books as well, including online magazines and audio books. Some of the e-books that are created are published along with a printed version, but they may not be put on sale until a later date. They are perfect for children when taking long trips in the car as well!

One of the most popular e-book retailers is the digital bookstore of eBooks.com. You can download excerpts of certain e-books or just buy them outright. They have e-books listed from all different sorts of categories (e.g., business, computers, history, religion). They also have an array of fiction and non-fiction e-books to choose from. E-books are up and coming, so maybe it's time for you to check them out.

“Best Wishes for Tomorrow”

submitted by Jay Featherstone (57)



This article submitted by Jay Featherstone (57): Dear all, a pretty famous Japanese director, Takashi Koizumi, (a protege of Kurosawa) has just released a film about my father's most famous and difficult trial as a defense lawyer in the Japanese war crimes tribunals. It's called "Best Wishes for Tomorrow." It's based on a Japanese book, and the trial transcript of the proceedings for General Okada. Okada was charged with executing American fliers captured in Nagoya as war criminals because (he argued) their indiscriminate bombings of civilians were criminal in character; he, in turn, was tried as a war criminal for killing prisoners of war. His defense, which my father presented, was that the US bombings in Nagoya (like the famous fire bomb raids of Tokyo) were in fact aimed at civilians, and criminal by well-known standards of international law, not a defense likely to succeed in 1948 or even now. Okada knew this and was in effect both taking personal and public responsibility for executing the US fliers and indicting the Americans and their methods of war at the same time.

Below are some websites that have more than bare facts about the movie. It opened at the Santa Barbara film festival, so it may not be released for a while in any theatres, and in any case it might not be greatly popular. If you can figure out how to get a copy you should certainly all see it. It is a fabulous story, which I have often thought of telling myself, and may still give a try. My brother and I used to go from school every day to watch the last hour of court in Yokohama (I was 8, my brother 12) to get a ride home with my father. He talked about this case for the rest of his life. On a lesser note, the guy who plays my dad looks nothing like my father, which may be an advantage.

General Okada was a truly memorable figure, saintly in his Buddhist way, a convert to peace, honest about the fact that he had done something horrible, and the film (which I have not yet seen) seems to try to have captured something of that complexity, as well as the honor the Americans garnered (in those days) for conducting a truly fair and just trial for a recently conquered enemy. The prosecutors and judge in the trial were so impressed by Okada's dignity and honesty that they signed an appeal for clemency that General MacArthur denied. Okada was hanged in 1949.

<http://www.independent.com/news/2008/apr/03/bobby-lessers-film-role-puts-america-trial>

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/ff20080306r1.html>

<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=140&article=60818&archive=true>

YOU MIGHT BE A MILITARY BRAT if

- * You miss not having an ID card.
- * When a movie starts, you get ready to stand up waiting for the national anthem to play, as well as that little musical ditty that leads into the upcoming features.
- * You had a pup tent in your yard...until your parents found out what was going on in there!
- * Vegetables don't taste right unless they're washed in Clorox.



EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Submitted by Auburn Spencer (58)

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks!



Memoirs of Japan

On the Way to Japan

by Barbara “Bang-Bang” Gunn (56)

The following memoir was written by Barbara “Bang-Bang” Gunn (56) about her trip to Japan, and the years she spent there. Barbara passed away November 12, 2007, and her husband gave the memoir to Betty Creech (58).

Here it was mid July, 1953 and my mother and I took the train to Seattle. While there, we visited and stayed with the Duchene Family (Aunt Cecelia is sister to my Grandma Taus), while waiting to board our ship, the USS Mann, for Japan. For the third time, I have had the opportunity to pass under the Golden Gate Bridge, and not just over it like most people. Of course, this time we were not up on the Bridge of the ship, as when we came home from Guam.

Before we get very far across the Pacific Ocean I would like to share a few facts about Japan to help you understand the country and people a little better. As of about 1970, Japan consisted of approximately 142,726 sq. mi. with a population of 102, 833,000. In 1955, the population was 89,275,529. Just look at the increase and growth. The capital is Tokyo with the four main islands of Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku, Hokkaido and many smaller islands. We were to live on Honshu, which is the largest of the islands.

On the ship I met some other young people as well as a German Army wife. To keep the trip from being boring, we played Canasta, went to the movies on the fantail (rear of the ship), and enjoyed a talent show. We had a good trip across the ocean even though we hit some rough weather causing the ship to roll to a 45 degree angle. In later years, my husband had a hard time believing a ship could actually roll that much without going over until we were on a tour of a ship's engine room. It was verified as being possible, because there were no stabilizers going out into the water on both sides of the ship, as with the big cruise ships.

Another funny incident during this rough sea was on Sunday morning during Mass. The priest was kneeling on a portable kneeler when he, the kneeler and altar went sliding across the floor to the other side of the room. You could hear things all through the ship falling. On the deck, they attached a big rope down the middle for people to hold onto if necessary to walk out there, as the deck was extremely slippery with all the salt water spray, besides the rolling of the ship. What an experience! It was like being in a “tin can” out in the middle of the ocean, which is how these MSTs (Military Service Transport Ships) ships were referred to in the Navy. However, we had it good compared to the troops who were confined to their quarters on the lower decks of the ship, where many were sick. These ships were military ships that carried both troops and dependents, but kept them totally separate. The only time we saw these troops was when we went on the sun deck near the fantail, and we could look down on the lower deck where they were. This group of men was being transported to Korea after first arriving in Japan.

So here we were heading for Japan, but Korea was almost next door, and with the War not quite over, it would have an impact on our time in Japan. Before being transferred to Yokosuka, Japan, my father had been on a Refrigerator ship in Korea. Actually what they did was transport food from Japan to the ships fighting in Korea. My father often commented that they would do their unloading just out of gun fire range from the shore guns. But, if they had to engage in battle, the only thing they had to use as ammunition was rotten potatoes. In other words, the Refrigerator Ships (Refers), as they were called, did not have big guns on board. In Yokosuka, my father was again a Harbor Pilot until such time that he was in charge of crews working on the LSD's (small landing craft).

Our First Day in Japan

by Anna (Bates) Brown (57)

On August 11, 1954, my Dad picked up my brother, me and our stepmom in the Yokohama ship yard when we arrived from the States. My Dad had already picked up our new car that came in before we did.

Unlike my brother and me, our stepmom had never been overseas. My brother and I had been in Germany from 1946-52 so we had seen cultural differences that she hadn't. On the ride from the shipyard to our home Sagami-hara, we saw a mama-san washing her laundry with her chest exposed. Then there was a papa-san relieving himself on the side of the road. During this drive you should have heard our stepmom. She said, in a very loud voice, “Oh look, Warren, my word, I have never seen anything like that in my life.

Then what should happen next but we got behind a honey-wagon. A honey-wagon is anything but honey! It is a wagon that carries human waste out of the city for use in gardens out in the country. What an awful smell and sight....something I hope to never experience again.

After all that, we finally arrived at our wonderful 4-plex home in Sagami-hara and what a welcome we had....butter cake, a refreshing bath and a warm bed waiting for us.

Our home was close to the pool and the movie theater...what a convenience for a teenage girl. We were there one year to the day. During that year, I met my wonderful husband of 51 years. We were married in 1957 in California when he finished his tour of duty in Japan as a medic. What a year!

Class News!

Dave Radford (Faculty 57-58)

In May, Dave took tennis team back to the NCCAA Championships {National Christian College Athletic Association} at Hope International University. His school won, and he was named National Coach of the Year. He said that "he was always surprised what having the best players can do for your coaching record!" Congratulations!

Linda Enderle (60) - *I had an eerie meeting with Dottie (Ennis) Abernathy's nephew? I was involved in a law suit against the builder of my house, and we had to go to arbitration. One of the attorney's was talking about a TV series on Showtime that I happen to like a lot so we started to talk. He asked if I'd always lived in Oklahoma, and I told him my story. When I said I'd gone to school in Yokohama, he asked if it was YO HI. I said "How would you know about that!!!" Then he said his aunt used to coordinate all the reunions, and write the Newsletter for the Former Students Association (FSA). Isn't that amazing to run into someone who would know that?*

Richard "Rick" Johnson (62) - *Now you have made me feel so guilty for not keeping in touch and for not attending any reunions, although I would still like to attend the October one. Yes, today I am 64 and I have to say that your birthday card that you sent had me laughing out loud, especially the line about SUMO sizing it. That was just terrific. Thank you so much from one Red Devil to another, you have made my day. I will be retiring from United Airlines within a*

couple months at best and looking forward to it. I have been with Northwest Airlines for over 18 yrs and now have been with United for over 22 yrs with a total of 41 yrs at O'hare Airport. Thanks so much for MAKING MY DAY.

Norberto "Bert" Melliza (63) - Bert is active with the Lions Clubs International and is currently the Youth Exchange General Chairman for California. He escorted 34 California students who were going to stay in Japan for 5 weeks. He visited Yokohama for 3 days and traveled throughout Japan as a guest of the Japanese Lions Organization. He didn't recognize Yokohama as it has had a major "make over". Bert said that "Area 1 & 2 housing is now covered with commercial buildings and part of the bay was land filled. I wasn't able to pinpoint where the YO-HI stood, but I got a chance to go up the Bluff and found our old house. Sankein Garden was well maintained, but you have to pay to get in. Chinatown is booming and Yokohama Bay is very beautiful. St Joseph HS is no longer there, but St. Muir (all girl school) is still operating. I went up the Land Mark, the tallest building in Japan and took pictures. Japan overall is very clean and modern. I am glad that I went back after over 45 years. It sure brought back warm memories of the past and I was able to see the impressive new Yokohama."



NEW FRIENDS AND OLD FRIENDS

by Joseph Parry

Make new friends, but keep the old;
Those are silver, these are gold.
New-made friendships, like new wine,
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the test.
Time and change are surely best;
Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray;
Friendship never knows decay.

For 'mid old friends, tried and true,
Once more we our youth renew.
But old friends, alas! may die;
New friends must their place supply.
Cherish friendship in your breast--
New is good, but old is best;
Make new friends, but keep the old;
Those are silver, these are gold.

In Memoriam

James Armlin (1959) - It was reported that Jim was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the end of May. He passed away on August 16th. Jim really enjoyed hearing from all the YO-HI friends. Any friends can contact the family through the following email address. Charlotte and the boys (Ben and Pat): jamesarmlin@aol.com

Marion Branick (FAC 1957-59) - Barbara Edwards (FAC 54-64) reported that Marian Branick had passed away July 19, 2008 from cancer in Sarasota, FL. She has formerly lived in Panama. Her survivors include sisters, Martha Waurin of Durham, N.C., and Dolores Miller of Pompton Plains, N.J.; and a brother, Joseph, of Simpson, Pa. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Overseas Schools Historical Society Memorial Program, P.O. Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

Bradley D. Hammond (1955) - Bruce Eastley (56) reported that Brad passed away on May 6, 1998 in Delmar DE from cancer.

Stanley "Stan" Tutlis (1954) - John Tutlis, Stan's brother, wrote that Stan passed away on August 16, 2008 in Everett, Washington after a long battle with Parkinson disease.

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.

May 08 - Balance	\$15,570.02
Expenses	
Newsletter (Printing & Mailing) 5/08	\$ 1277.51
2009 Seattle Reunion Fund	\$ 2000.00
Membership Cards & Mailing	\$ 123.00
Dottie Ennis Abernathy Scholarship—Deborah Holland	\$ 1000.00
Create-a-Favor—50th Reunion—Class of 2008 Gifts	\$ 341.28
Total	\$ 4741.79
Income	
Dues & Donations to General Fund	\$ 740.00
Total	\$ 740.00
September 08 - Balance	\$ 11,568.23

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 2009 Dues form below.**



Yokohama High School Former Students Association - 2009 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**

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