

YO-HI Echoes...

...Then and



Yokohama High School Former Students Association

May 2009

Class of 1959

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



**Seattle, WA
October 15-17**

We'll be friends
until we're old
and senile.
Then, we'll be
new friends.

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Seattle—2009 FSA Annual Reunion

The Class of 1959 will be the honored guests at the 2009 FSA Annual Reunion to be held in Seattle, WA. Hosted by Jim Zinn (59), with assistance from Ozzie Olson (58), Bob MacLeod (61) and Alan Werner (62), the reunion will be held October 15-17, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel Gateway Hotel, 18118 International Blvd.

The hotel is located near the airport and has a 24 hour free shuttle to and from Sea-Tac every 20 minutes.

To get to downtown Seattle from the hotel, you can take the free hotel shuttle to the airport and then take a \$2.50 express shuttle to downtown Seattle.

Activities in and around the Seattle area include:

- Mt. Saint Helen's - This is a good trip for either Wed. or Thurs.
- Seattle Art Museum
- Space Needle
- Pike Place Market - A great



place to spend the day and have lunch.

- Pioneer Square & Seattle Underground tour - Check it out on undergroundtour.com - If you book two weeks in advance you can have a private tour for a group of 10 or more.
- Boeing Museum of Flight - for those interested in aviation.
- The Lake Union Boat Trip - All day with lunch is a great way to spend the day on calm waters.

Hotel amenities include a fitness center, free parking, indoor heated pool and whirlpool.

Make your reservations early by

calling (206) 244-6666 and mention the YO-HI room rate. Or... you can go to the following website to make your reservations: www.radisson.com/yohi_reunion.

The YO-HI room rate is \$99.00 plus tax per night for double or king rooms. Suites are \$119.00 + tax per night. **Don't forget:** All reservations and deposits are refundable until October 1st.

The reunion registration fee is \$150.00 per person which includes: use of the hospitality room; dinner and entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Breaking News: A 10% discount will be given if registration fee is paid by September 1st.

Register now to ensure that we have a great reunion honoring the Class of 1959.

Thursday - October 14 - (Optional) Lake Washington dinner cruise \$65.00 per person. To make a reservation, contact

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2009 YO-HIFSA Scholarship

The first annual Yokohama High School Former Students Association (FSA) scholarship will be presented this year.

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 scholarship will be presented to Azsa Alderman-Robinson by Ms. Verdelle Joyner, Counselor at Nile C. Kinnick HS, at an assembly on May 27, 2009.

Azsa plans to attend Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama and plans to study Animal Science with the intention to continue further studies in Veterinary Medicine. She has maintained a 3.10 overall GPA while attending Kinnick HS. She has taken many Honors and Advanced Placement courses and has two years experience with the Cooperative Experience Program/Career Practicum at the



Yokosuka Veterinary Clinic and the Yokosuka television station. Her activities have included President of the Continuing School Improvement Jr. Program; Student 2 Student Leader; Captain of the Varsity Softball Team; Manager of JV Cheerleaders; Veterinary Clinic volunteer; American Red Cross volunteer; Student

Council Member-Historian & Publicist; KHS Step Team Member; Marching, Concert & Jazz Band; and the Delta Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully Program for Teens. Awards included: DoDDS Softball All Star Team; Most Inspirational Softball Player Award; Honor Roll; Scholar for the

See Scholarship p. 5

The Devil's Playground



Prom and Dance Card

..... By Pinky Hart (56)

Finding the old dance card was unexpected and its surprise was exceeded only by the number of questions it generated.... The "Candy Cane Dance" from my senior year....Wow!...What memories it brought back of YO -HI.

Then the questionsThere were ten lines on the dance card, each filled in with the name of my date or other girls. Only ten dances???? That couldn't be right. Even if each dance number lasted five minutes that would have meant the dance would have been over in an hour, and that was never the case.

Eventually the mechanics of the dances all came back. Each line denoted a dance set consisting of three dances, a slow, a fast, and then another slow dance. The last dance was reserved for your date for the evening, and that may have been responsible for the line "you go home with the one what brung you".

In the mid fifties, we were experiencing the life changes associated with your teenage years, and Japan was changing with us. Given the economic climate of the era, can anyone dispute there was no better place to be in high school? Have we ever been able to do so much for so little money? The theme of the Junior-Senior Prom in 1956 must have been of a Hawaiian variety as the group decided against the tried and true wrist corsage for a Hawaiian lei. My date's lei consisted of 40 alternating red and white carnations and cost all of 500 Yen (or less than \$2 in military script).

Dances and YO-HI seem synonymous, especially during the school year. Most were held at the Neet Nac Club, which will never be confused with the term ambiance. However, it certainly contributed more to the memories than we'd ever imagined. The Neet NacCan you just imagine going to a dance today where you were given the choice of the following:

Transportation:

1. Your parents drove you to pick up your date (unless you were one of the few lucky ones to have a Japanese driver's license).
2. A huge brown khaki colored official U.S. Army bus.
3. A Japanese taxi. In all probability a 70 Yen Renault unless you were rolling in Yen and wanted to impress your date with a 100 Yen full size American car.

Dance site: The Neet Nac Club, which carried no negative connotations despite the sheet metal exterior walls, pool

tables in the back room, or five cent beverages from the snack bar.

Music: Any live band was guaranteed to be Japanese with vocalists who crooned such lyrics like "Rove Is A Many Sprendered Thing". You weren't embarrassed to be seen dancing to songs understood and loved by your parents. After all, who didn't love Glenn Miller?

As impossible as it is now to think of, virtually every dance included the song "Drum Boogie" with a long drum solo and a few energetic guys dancing their fool legs off to the applause of the rest of us who lack the nerve to join them. The last dance was always "Good Night, Sweetheart, Good Night", and got every person out on the cement dance floor one last time. Then it was off to the bus, taxi, or god forbid, the parents. Even after all of that, the next day was filled with nothing, but great memories even after 50 years!

But one dance stands out more in my mind than any other and with mixed emotions, the Junior-Senior Prom of 1955. I learned then that youthful cockiness can never win against age and authority. As a member of the decoration committee, I had to work deal with the NCO in charge of the Seaside Club. If anyone has ever questioned if two personalities can actually clash, that sergeant and I can guarantee it. Whatever I did unintentionally to offend him, I succeeded beyond my wildest expectations. Unfortunately, he also taught me you don't rock the boat unless you're in charge.

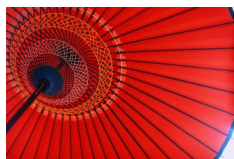
The theme for the Prom was "April in Paris" and the club was decorated as much as possible to look like parts of the city of Paris. From that point on, it could have been an evening in Havana, or Pinky does Tokyo. When the Japanese club band came out they were wearing Caribbean style costumes complete with frilly sleeves. All that was missing was a pinata hanging from the center of the dance floor. However, once the evening was over I was able to remember being there with Sue Nelson, and having no idea what Sgt. Asses name was.



Lost Scrapbook

For those of you who attended the 2000 reunion in Fort Walton Beach, FL, please put your thinking caps on. One of our exes believes she left a beige/pink colored scrapbook with Japanese silk paintings on the cover and back. Inside the scrapbook are pictures,

signed napkins, letters, notes, and a decorated tongue depressor from her years in Japan. Perhaps you found it, and were waiting for the owner to come forward and claim it. If so, contact Larry Rowe and he will put you in contact with her. Domo Arigato



Memoirs of Japan

The following memoirs were written by Barbara "Bang-Bang" Gunn (56) about her trip to Japan, and the years she spent there. Barbara passed away November 12, 2007, but her memoirs live on.

In Yokosuka we had an elementary school on base, but the high school was in Yokohama on the Army Base, which was combined with their elementary school. So, consequently the school was run by the Army. It was a school only for military dependent children; however children of Civil Service workers or those working for the government were also permitted to go there. Some years later, a friend of mine from Japan, who now lives in Germany, went to Japan trying to locate his school transcript and found the school was no longer there. I had learned a short time before that, when talking to someone who had recently been stationed there, that the high school is now in Yokosuka. In Yokohama, the school was located a good long country block from the PX, which is the Army store for groceries and other things, similar to a department store. Also, in the same complex was the NEET NAC (Teen Can), which was the Army teenage club spelled backwards and probably meant Canteen, where we occasionally went after school activities.

Note: Jim Hyatt (48) noted that the ORIGINAL NEETNAC was in fact a spelling reversal of a very familiar 'Army' term for CANTEEN -- a place for social activities. The ORIGINAL NEETNAC was established in 1947 -- and was located at the NEGISHI RACE TRACK on the Bluff -- Later after YOHI moved from the Bluff [in 1952] to AREA 1 / 2 ON THE BEACH, a new Neet Nac was established at the Beach.

On the U.S. military bases, U.S. currency was our means of exchange, but not as we are accustomed to in the U.S. It was called Military Script or MPC (Military Payment Certificates). It was specially printed bills with beautiful colors in the same denominations as regular U.S. currency. Also we did not use coins, except for vending machines, as they were also smaller pieces of paper in the amount of the coins. Many times, as I headed to the Y-Tac I would put some paper change in my shirt pocket in order to purchase something at the Snack Bar. When I came home I would sometimes forget to empty my pockets before my clothes went into the wash. You guessed it! I had the cleanest money in town.

The reason for using MPC is to try to avoid the possibility of U.S. currency getting into the hands of black marketers. From time to time, they would change the MPC by printing it in a new style and color. This did happen once while we were there. On the day the new MPC was issued, the base was closed! That meant none of the Japanese workers were allowed on the base and no one was allowed off the base. We had to take all our MPC to the bank to exchange it, and after that day none of the old MPC would be accepted. If you were to venture near the fence surrounding the base, and especially near the main gate, you would see many Japanese trying to get the attention of anyone on the base, who would be willing to buy their MPC and exchange it. Who wants to get stuck with bad MPC? Of course, they were not supposed to have it anyway. One of the questions might be, "What is Black Market?" It is a place or system for selling goods illegally. This was very prevalent in Japan. They would acquire American products and sell them for higher prices to those who really wanted them. I don't know exactly how it works, but I heard many references to it while there.

Jim Richardson (56) Elected Mayor of Solvang CA

Article from the Santa Ynes Valley, CA News - Raiza Canelon/Staff Writer

For the first time in Solvang, CA history, voters directly elected their mayor Tuesday - and they chose Jim Richardson (56). Richardson won with 65.3 percent of the vote to 34.3 percent for current appointed mayor Linda Jackson, according to unofficial returns Tuesday night. Richardson, having been retired since 2000 after a 40-year career in the computer industry, has filled his time by volunteering with the city's Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, the YMCA, Danish Days Foundation and Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed to the City Council in 2005, and then ran unopposed in 2006.

During this campaign, Richardson frequently stood on the

corner of Highway 246 and Alamo Pintado Road, and other major intersections in Solvang, holding up a sign that asked people to vote for him. "I feel standing outside gave an opportunity for the voters to see me in person, not just as some name on a ballot. It was unfortunate we didn't have a forum because people didn't know what I stood for and had no way to talk to me about it. My campaign was all about name recognition," Richardson said.



Reunion

Jim Zinn at zcomm@mail.com or call (734) 449-5924.

An alternative for dinner is Salty's restaurant. The food is reported to be good and the place can accommodate large groups.

Friday - October 15 - Registration begins on Friday at 9 AM in the Meeting Room. Since there are no luxury suites in this hotel, a room has been set aside to use as a Hospitality Room. A cash bar will begin at 6 PM. Dinner and dancing follow at 7 PM.

Saturday - October 16 - Registration continues at 9 AM in the Meeting Room.

Golf: You take a chance in playing golf in mid-October in Washington. The weather is chilly and rainy at this time of year.

So, if you are an avid golfer, you might have second thoughts about lugging your golf clubs with you.

Saturday (Weather Permitting) - A free ferry ride across Puget Sound to visit a Naval Museum in Bremerton, WA.

Includes a fee latte and muffin.

Or...

Saturday Evening - Class photos will be taken before dinner starting at 5:30 PM. A cash bar will begin at 6 PM followed by dinner and a short business meeting. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy dancing to music from an authentic jukebox.

Sunday - October 17 - Sunday morning brings farewells, until the next reunion, in the Meeting Room at 8:30 AM.

See you in Seattle!

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



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.....

Russell F. Bloodgood (60), Charles "Chuck" Colby (59), Susan Conland (56), Sonja S. Davis (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?? The following exes have not been located. Any information you might have could be important in helping us find them. Information about parent's and sibling's names, married name, where they went back to after leaving Japan, college attended, or branch of service all help.

- **David Betts (60)** - Sisters were Margret (64), and Viki (66).
- **Lucia Bracamonte (56)** - She may have had two sisters, Rita (58) and Anita (68), and one brother, Manuel.
- **Judy Charleton (56)** - Contact LaWray (Ray) Bingham (56).
- **Michael "Mike" Chittenden (61)** - Brother was Daniel (65).
- **William Davis Corey (57)** - He had a twin brother, Robeert, and it believed they were born in Hawaii.

- **Jill David (58)** - Siblings include Richard (64), and Carolyn (68).
- **Katherine Anne Elliot (58)** - She may have had a younger brother, Sam (61). Her father was CDR R. E. Elliot
- **Burgess G. Gavin (YO-HI 57-58; Zama graduate 59)** - May have married a Ronald Commer in 1963 in Atlanta, GA. Father was Lt Col. Edward Gavin.
- **Bonnie Gentry (60)** - Contact LaWray (Ray) Bingham (56).
- **Walter "Butch" Lieb (61)** - He had an older brother, Jim (59), and was from the San Francisco area.
- **William Murdaugh (56)** - The yearbook has him listed as being from South Carolina. Possible younger sister, Joyce (60).
- **Jon Brent Roberts (57)** - He may have attended Oklahoma State University. Possible siblings might include Helen Robert (65), and Charles Roberts (67).
- **Sue Slagle (62)** - Home town listed as St. Paul, MN.
- **Judy Wimbush (60)**

It doesn't take much to keep in touch!



EL CAJON MINI-REUNION PICTURES

Bill Sims (68), our website manager, has posted the pictures from the El Cajon, California mini-reunion, held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, on the following website: <http://yohidevils.net/reuniion/FSA Apr09/>

JAPANESE TRIVIA

- * One of the most popular soft drinks in Japan is called Pocari Sweat and looks like cloudy water.
- * Until the late 1800s, it was illegal for any but the noble to have family names. Then, by decree of law during the Meiji period, everyone had to choose one and register it. Then the list was frozen, so no new family names are allowed. Many Japanese family names denote natural objects in the same way Native American Indian names often do: Takamatsu - high pine, Komatsu - small pine (or sapling), Ishikawa - stone river, Yamashita - under the mountain, Okuma - great bear.
- * Electoral districts have never been changed since the American occupation forces set them up, even though Japan has urbanized substantially. Farmers have a disproportionate representation in the government. A farmer's vote in some parts of Japan counts for as much as seven votes of the Tokyo-ites. (This is a major reason why the Japanese pay as much as ten times the world market price for rice.)
- * It is a status symbol to own a car, such as a Mercedes, with the steering wheel on the left, although it would be more practical to it on the right since Japanese drive on the left side of the road.
- * Abacus classes are still very popular in Japan.
- * Dining etiquette in Japan is tricky. It is considered extremely impolite to pour one's own drink. When eating with others, you pour your companion's drink and your companion pours yours. On the other hand, it is considered normal and non offensive



Scholarship

National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine; Tri-M Music Honor Society Member; and Volunteer Service Award.

James Rowell, Azsa's Computer Science teacher, wrote the following: "Azsa is bright, energetic, intuitive, compassionate and generally well rounded. Her goal has always been to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. She has worked tirelessly in our new student to student program for helping transfer students feel more at home when they first arrive at KHS. Let me recount an incident which I believe speaks volumes about the superior nature of Azsa. My class is divided into two student groups –those who have used school software and those who haven't. We had just started website design in Interactive Multimedia one day and Azsa took it upon herself, with her leadership and courage, to immediately get the Interactive Media software students involved while I attended to other students. She is an exceptional young woman, one who puts many of her peer's needs before her own."

Martin O'Malley, Azsa's steacher in Social Studies, wrote the following: "As a member of my Honors World History class and my AP History class, Azsa has exhibited both exemplary academic skills and admirable personal qualities. Azsa is a very goal oriented individual and is determined to be both a success in school and in life. Combine this with a high level of maturity, it is easy to understand why Azsa works well independently. She has independently researched historical topics and presented her findings in well-crafted reports.

Her oral presentations to the class have been some of the best I've encountered in my 37 years of teaching. Azsa's oratorical skills and creativity are of the highest caliber. She is a quality person who is



mature, responsible and is not lead astray by those less motivated than herself. When there is a job to be done, one can always count on Azsa to be there helping out. She has played a major role in the student portion of our "Continuous School Improvement" program and is a charter member of the committee that welcomes and assists newly arrived students. She has worked at our school and Red Cross bazaars, fed the homeless in Tokyo, aided the animals in our local veterinary clinics plus being very active in our school's extra-curricular activities. She is a fine example of American youth!"

Azsa wrote the following after she was selected for the scholarship. "I would like to thank the Former Students Association for selecting me as the scholarship winner. I am very grateful to all of you The scholarship means a lot to me. Thank you so much."

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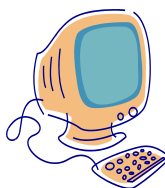
Ed. Note: Thanks to all of you who contributed to the scholarship fund. You made a difference in a life. If you wish to make a contribution, send a check to Carol Wittmaack Cope, YO-HI FSA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2182, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Indicate on your check that it is for the scholarship fund.



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

- **Jim Cunningham (58)** - Coaching - Coached for nine years. Gay and I lived in four different towns during those nine years. It was the thought of moving so often that changed my direction. It has been almost 31 years since I completed my PhD, and moved to Durant, OK. Thanks to a wife who has stood beside me when our money was cut in half for graduate school.
- **Charlotte Ryser (59)** - Psychologist - Became an accountant and office manager.
- **Jim Franklin (60)** - Naval aviator...landing on carriers and all that, but my eyes were not perfect - So at the University of Colorado, as an NROTC contract student, I became a line officer, USNR, after graduation. I was not enamored by the Navy, but I loved ships, so after my two years of active duty, I got into the U.S. Merchant Marine. After a stint in grad school, 6 months in Europe, and a great Maritime Administration job as a radar instructor, I went back to sea full-time with Master's Mates and Pilots (A licensed Deck Officer's Union). I was lucky enough to sail all positions: 3rd Mate, 2nd Mate, Chief Mate (or 1st Mate) and Master or Captain. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have found a satisfying, challenging career. I retired from the sea in 2003.....and at times, yes, I do miss the rush.
- **Paul d'Heilly (55)** - No clue - Went to college because my mom wanted me to. International economics caught my interest, and with 10 years (age 27) invested, 143 semester hours, two children with one on the way, I finally graduated. So, I accepted a sales job working for Xerox, in San Diego. By age 38 I had gone on to work for myself, and was divorced. I continued with an independent national and international sales company ... w/consulting mixed in wherever it came my way. I retired at age 59, remarried at 60, and we moved 600 miles down the Baja peninsula and lived in a small palapa on the beach in Mexico for 3 1/2 years. We finally moved back to the states and built a home outside of Prescott, Arizona where I am once again talking college courses. I am researching and interviewing a range of people now in order to make a decision about writing a book. Working title is, "A Timeline to Human Extinction?" Meanwhile Jeanne and I enjoy our home, and often drive our pickup w/ camper several times per year to a variety of this country's more interesting, to us, sights.
- **Rita Goldman (56)** - Teacher - She became one and taught for over 45 years at the high school and college levels.
- **John Killen (58)** - Didn't know - Went to the University of Arizona; dropped out, got married in 1964, and found selective work, because my wife had a good teaching job. Later I went back to college, and got a degree which allowed me to teach. Taught all levels of school for 10 years. Moved to Idaho, and started my own construction business specializing in custom made log cabins. I also had a retail store at this time. I retired in 1998, and now just bum around.
- **Julie Sadilek (59)** - Nurse - Graduated from college with a BS in Nursing; Went into public health and ended up as a Public Health Administrator for 27 years; After retiring, began a new career in technical writing and worked for 11 years from home as a contract technical writer in a variety of industries (e.g., Kodak); Retired again in 2002. I am now interested in genealogy. My husband and I travel all over the world for pleasure....must be the "military brat genes" at work!
- **Norman Leech (60)** - Electrical engineer - Became the Plant Engineer for a Nuclear Power Plant (FFTF).
- **Richard Shaw (55)** - Lawyer - And I did.
- **Craig Jennings (56)** - Attend the Naval Academy and become a pilot - Didn't pass the physical for either the Naval, or Coast Guard Academies, and ended up attending Northwestern University and George Washington Law School. While attending GW, I went to school at night, and worked for the Navy Department closing military bases during the day. I have been in private law practice for the last 40 years, specializing in personal injury law.
- **Patti Maxwell (57)** - Neurosurgeon - I planned to go to Marquette University, WI. Instead, I went to nursing school in St. Louis, MO. to earn money to go to medical school. My choice for the nursing school was entirely due to Pat Andry Klump. She was in school there and convinced me that I could do it too. Now, 36 years later, I am still a nurse in addition to being a teacher and a unpublished writer. When the opportunity came to attend medical school, I made other choices and have no regrets. I have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and am presently widowed. Over the years, I have had 42 permanent addresses in my life which probably fits with most military brats.
- **Hal Eubanks (58)** - Engineer - Entered the world of computer marketing.
- **Patricia Sallee (59)** - Airline stewardess or wife and mother - Got married, and had five children. I've worked in banking, some secretarial work, and ended up retiring from the the Corps of Engineers.
- **D. D. Massengale (60)** - Spanish teacher - Became a bookkeeper for a gas and oil exploration company for the last 28 years. I do plan to retire one of these years.
- **Gary Porier (56)** - Engineer - Took one engineering class at the University of Kentucky, and switched to Psychology. Now retired, he was the Director of the Mental Health Center in Huntsville, Alabama for the last 38 years.



COMPUTER TIPS

Need Directions??? Submitted by Robert "Tex" Lavery (57)

Try using The Route Planner to plan your drive! It's easy to use, gives you directions and displays the route side by side with the directions.

- Go to: <http://the-routeplanner.com/>
- Type: the **starting address** and the **destination address**.
- Choose: **language** you want
Note: The default is English, but the other languages include: French, German, Japanese and Spanish.
- Click: **Get Directions button**.

You can view the map in three different ways.

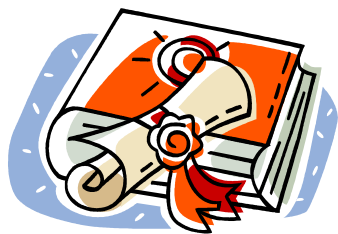
- Map: the default which displays a standard map.
- Satellite: looks like a satellite weather map.
- Hybrid: .a combination of Map and Satellite.so bring your memories to share.

Do you know the difference between <http://> and <https://> ? You better !

The main difference between <http://> and <https://> is that it's all about keeping you secure. HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transport Protocol, which is just a fancy way of saying it's a protocol (a language, in a manner of speaking) for information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients. The important thing is the letter "S" which makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS. The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure".

If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: <http://>. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site. This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http website! But if the web address begins with <https://>, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

You understand why this is so important, right? **If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with <https://>. If it doesn't, there's no way you should enter sensitive information like a credit card number.**



YO-HI Yearbooks on CDs

Bill Sims (68), our YO-HI Webmaster has started a project of scanning YO-HI yearbooks.

Once they are in digital form, they will be put on a disc. Bill will sell them for \$20 for each yearbook plus \$5 for each disc that is required. (e.g., If you want two different yearbooks put on one disc, it would cost \$45. If you want those same two yearbooks put on 2 discs, then the cost would be \$50.)

The total price includes shipping and handling. For those yearbooks now available, go to: <http://yohidevils.net/yearbook/46thru71/yohihama.html>

For more information, contact Bill at:

William Sims
60 Trails End Circle
Sherman, TX 75092
(903) 814-2983

E-Mail: ammo1@graysoncable.com

Need a Yokohama City Map ??

Hale Detweiler (53) has a copy of a Yokohama City map produced by the 8173rd Army Engineers Unit, dated June 1953. If anyone wants a copy, send Hale a business sized envelope, self addressed and stamped to Hale Detweiler, 401 Michael Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Hyatt (48) and wife, Iva Hurst (48) – August 11, 2008

They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Carolyn Yoggerst (54) and husband Chuck Mann – November 29, 2008

They celebrated with their family in Durango, CO. The trip included a day on the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge train...the same train trip they did for their folk's 50th anniversary in 1985.

Pat Powers (58) and husband Tommy Hunter – January 2, 2009

They celebrated with a dinner hosted by family and friends.

Don Wylie (55) and wife Patte – January 10, 2009

They celebrated with a cruise to Hawaii on January 15.

Jim Richardson (56) and wife Jeanette – May 2, 2009

They celebrated with an open house hosted by their children.

A 50th anniversary care will be sent from the White House by going to the following website: <https://app1.whitehouse.gov/greetings/home>



**Happy 50th
Wedding
Anniversary !**



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

- * Are initially confused when asked where you are from, but quickly respond "everywhere".
- * Avoid visiting the doctor because you don't trust civilian hospitals.
- * Can still recite your dad's service number.
- * Can recall up actual memories of a country while you're in geography class.
- * Craved to have a class six ration card.

In Memoriam

Richard "Dick" Bauchspies (1954) - His sister, Kathie Bauchspies Miller (56) reported that Dick passed away on March 16, 2009. Dick was exposed to "Agent Orange" in Vietnam, and cause of death was listed as CLL. He will be interred at Arlington on June 3rd with full military honors. Barbara and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 6th.

Raymond "Ray" Becker (1960) – It was reported by his wife, Pao Lien, that Ray passed away on November 7, 2006 from a sudden and unexpected heart attack.

Warner L. Millson (1955) - Lou Millson reported that Warner passed away on February 4, 2009 from one of the many and ongoing complications after his laryngectomy last year. Lou said that "He enjoyed his YO-HI reunions until his cancer radiation and subsequent surgery made it too difficult for him to speak. For the last three years he enjoyed time spent with Al Cope (55) who lives nearby, and we're grateful for the renewal of that friendship."

Charles "Chuck" Royer (1959) - Dennis Van Liew (57) checked the Social Security Death Index, and found that Charles Dale Royer of Lake Forest, California passed away August 26, 2008. His niece said that he succumbed to cancer.

Anne K. Sneen (Mills) (1960) - Her brother, Dave (57), reported that Anne passed away on October 22, 2006 in Aurora, CO. She died 10 days after being diagnosed with cancer.

Jasper Stallings (1959) - It was reported by his wife, Patsy Stallings, that Jasper passed away on March 14, 2007, shortly after a diagnosis of cancer. Patsy said that "He always talked about his time at YO-HI and had many fond memories of glee club and paying baseball."

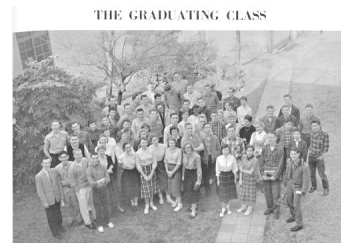
Tribulations of a '59 Brat Jim Zinn (59)

I have two high school reunions to go to this year. One in Seattle, for us, and the other one in Austin Texas, where I spent my senior year 50 years ago.

When people ask where I went to High School, I reply "Yokohama American High School." True, I was only there in '57 & '58my sophomore and junior years.

My freshman year was spent going to North Chicago High School outside of Great Lakes Naval Training Center and those memories are few.

At YO-HI, I found an atmosphere where we got to know each other no matter what year you were in. My '58 YO-HI annual is filled with signatures of friends and classmates from every class. Some of us rode the bus together, others we met in our classes or through friends. I know today we look different, grayer, in some cases heavier, and we show the years. But most of my memories were from the years in Japan. To the right is the class of '58 senior group picture and I see many familiar faces in it.



The summer of 58, I left Japan and returned "State Side." My family moved to Austin, Texas where I attended my senior year. In 1959, Austin was a small town and had only 3 high schools, two were white high schools and one was an all black high school. I never felt comfortable at Austin High. I made some friends but I would not have gone to the Prom, if it weren't for an attractive young lady who was brazen enough to ask me to escort her. Below is senior group picture of the '59 senior class of Stephen F Austin High School.



When I think about the fact that there were three other classes not shown tells you what an ordeal it was in getting to know anyone in the senior class, much less the school, in one year. The one thing I do remember about graduation is that when they called my name, I got a standing ovation, not because I was being honored for my achievements, but rather after all these seniors crossed the stage alphabetically, the audience was overjoyed to have the last student cross.

In 1959, the two tallest structures on the Austin skyline were the UT Tower and the top of the Capital Building. I loved Austin, Texas and would stay there to graduate from the University of Texas. I went back to Austin a couple of years ago and could hardly find any of my old hangouts. The University Tower and the Capital Spire are now dwarfed amongst tall buildings.

To paraphrase a Tony Bennett song "I left my heart in Yokohama." Maybe that's why I enjoy producing our reunions. YO-HI was my high school and I'm Damn proud of it! I have informed Austin High School that I will **not** be attending their reunion. I hope to see most of you again in Seattle, you old Red Devils, you.

2008 Phoenix Reunion Pictures

Bill Sims (68), our Web Site Manager, has posted the photos taken at the Phoenix Reunion in October. Thanks to everyone who took pictures and sent them in to be posted.

Review the pictures at the following: http://yohidevils.net/reunions/FSA_Oct08/.





Barbara Edwards (Fac)

For all of you who still keep in touch with Barbara she'd like you to know that a recent eye operation has left her temporarily unable to read her e-mails.

However, she can still hear pretty good, and would like to receive your telephone calls. Her number is (320) 796-0148, and you can reach her anytime between 6:00 am and midnight.

She enclosed the following: *As nightfall does not come all at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such a twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air - however slight - lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness. - Justice William O. Douglas*

Safety TipTex Lavery (57)

It's time to throw all those combination locks away, and get something more difficult to break into. Check the following video: In Google, type in "Hack A Lock". Click on Hack A Lock Video, sit back and be amazed.



☀️ READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY ?

From Linda Davis (59) - "Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II." by John W. Dower is a good book with some interesting pictures and explanations of what happened in Japan after WWII. It won a Pulitzer

Prize and the National Book Award.

"I did not realize how hungry and destitute everyone was after the war. The pictures of the shantytowns are heartbreaking.. Also, at that time, U.S. military families were actively encouraged to hire household help to help out the Japanese economy. It was very interesting to read about the reconstruction and how quickly the Japanese adjusted to very different circumstances. We first lived in Japan during 1947-1948, during the occupation. I was in 3rd and 4th grade and we lived in Yokohama. First we lived on a bluff, and then we moved and lived in Area X. I remember lining up for chest x-rays every year at school, because TB was such a problem."

El Cajon Mini ReunionLarry Rowe (58)

"If you build it, they will come". Or maybe something like, "Size doesn't matter". Sure big reunions are nice, but smaller ones can be just as enjoyable. So, I'll just "Tell it like it is".

Judy and I arrived in San Diego on April 2, and were picked up by our hosts, Pat (Powers '58) and Tommy Hunter. After a short ride, on one of California's congested freeways, we arrived at their home in Lakeside. Some short, "how are you's" and "what have you been doing" conversation, one rum and coke, more conversation and another rum and coke. Then we got into some good old down home Yokohama High School talk. Early to bed, and we were back at it again the next morning.

The first week we spent with family. Then the next week we drove up to Idyllwild for the day, and visited with Mike Smith (57), his lovely wife Susan, and their hell on four legs pug named "Mr. Moto". Finally we got down to preparing for the Saturday, April 18 mini-reunion. We telephoned, and sent e-mails to those that we didn't have confirmation on.

Saturday came, and we headed out for the El Cajon Moose Lodge around 10 AM. We set up the tables, hung the Tomodachi's sign, and prepared for the exes to arrive. Bob Wolinski (54) was first to show up in his "bitchin' black corvette. Next to arrive were Linda Davis (59), and Sara Anne Whiteley (58). Linda came in from San Jose, and Sara flew in from San Antonio, Texas. They must have sat in the parking lot for a good half hour talking, before we went out and dragged them inside. After all, they hadn't seen each other for quite awhile. Around noon, the men of the Moose Lodge started cooking hamburgers, Pat and Judy brought out the potato salad and cole slaw they made that morning, and Steve Radford (64) along with brother Da (Fac) put \$50.00 on the bar in memory of their father Ernie

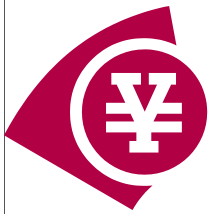
Radford(Fac) who coached at YO-HI for many years.

In all, we had 44 exes and spouses show up that day. Attendance by classes ranged from 1954-1966. Jack Daray (62) drove down from Olympia, WA, Joe d'Heilly (55) came in from Prescott, AZ to surprise his old friend Bob Wolinski after some 55 years, and the Rodee brothers Don (58) and John (59) finally got the opportunity to sit down and talk old times with Lewis Jarrell (59). Even the Mayor of Solvang, California, Jim Richardson (56), stopped by, and Jim Bohart (58) actually showed up on the right date this time. Van Phillips (59) passed away last year, but his wife, Joy, dropped by on Saturday to shoot the breeze with old friends.

Those who attended: (1954) Vic Snider, Bob Wolinski (1955) Bob Cumberledge, Joe d'Heilly (1956) Jim Richardson and wife, Jeanette, Carl Silber (1957) Nancy Ruehlow and husband, Larry Hurt, Patty Shelley, Mike Smith and wife, Susan, Dennis Van Liew and wife, Carolynn, Carol Wittmaack (1958) Judy Armstrong, Jim Bohart, Betty Creech, Ken Hill, Dan Lavery and wife Joan, Pat Powers and husband Tommy Hunter, Jack Purdum, Don Rodee, Larry Rowe, and Sara Anne Whiteley (1959) Linda Davis, Bud Gilbert and wife, Sallye, Paul Hebert, Lewis Jarrell, Joy Phillips, John Rodee, and Dave Truax (1960) Doyle Pasley and wife, Robin (1962) Jack Daray and wife, Janie, Bert Donaldson, and Lex Lehoy (1963) Ed Weise (1964) Steve Radford (1966) Craig Dauber.

We missed you in El Cajon, but look forward to seeing you at the FSA Reunion in Seattle, Washington, on October 15-17.

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

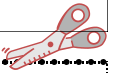


Did you know that, when you send your dues (\$10.00 per year) to the Former Students Association (FSA), they are used to publish, and mail out the roster, membership card, and bi-annual YO-HI Echoes...Then and Again newsletter? They are also used to give reunion startup funds to the hosts for the next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

	October 08 - Balance	\$11,628.23
Expenses		
Newsletter (Printing & Mailing) 11/08		\$433.96
Postage Expenses for Treasurer		\$201.60
	Total	\$10992.67
Income		
Dues & Donations to General Fund		\$3026.00
	Total	\$3026.00
	April 09 - Balance	\$14018.67

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

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