



YO-HI Echoes...

... Then and Again



Class of 1960

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

Albuquerque, NM
October 15-17, 2010



Class of 1961
October 2011
New Orleans, LA

Remember...

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

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Sleepless...and Loving It...in Seattle

by Roseanne (Santorelli) Barone (60)

As we entered the Radisson Hotel after long jet rides and car trips, we were eager to check-in and connect with other YO-HI alums. In the lobby, Jim Zinn, our reunion coordinator, was eagerly awaiting arrivals. After receiving a few directives, we unpacked and settled in. The fun was about to begin. It wasn't long before people gathered in the lounge area and shared good food and libations. The reunion took off with laughter and chatter.



All of a sudden uproarious screams were heard. Turning around, we saw two gals jumping up and down in the foyer of the lobby. They embraced, as one said to the other, looking intently into her long lost friend's face... "You have no wrinkles!" The entire room of seniors howled in appreciation at the honesty as the two old friends met after their farewell to Japan fifty-two years ago. This was, and is, part of the splendor of these annual reunions.

Each of us can speak about our treks on the bus, the light rail, the Argosy cruise, and the monorail. We can share our experiences of our lunch or dinner at Sky City at the Space Needle; our walks through the Pike Place Market with the flying fish demos, gorgeous flowers, and scrumptious produce; and visiting the original Starbuck's Café on the occasion of its anniversary...even singing along with the guys outside who were jamming and inviting the

tourists inside to buy souvenirs. Some of us visited museums or took a bus tour of the Emerald City and explored the sights and sounds of autumn in Seattle. One highlight of our stay was the October-fest luncheon cruise around the Puget Sound. The weather was ideal...sunny and windless. We were able to walk on deck in complete leisure and comfort, after being entertained during lunch by one of our own who has a great voice. That was a special treat for the band and a proud moment for all of us. In true cruise fashion, a photographer snapped pictures as we boarded the ship, developed, and posted them as we came off the ramp on our return... another memento of the day.

Days were full with tours in spite of the occasional torrential rains. Nothing dampened the spirit of this group. Hours were spent in the hospitality room looking at yearbooks and old snap shots, and having long talks about our life's journey.

Dinner and dancing to the music of the 50's on Friday and Saturday evenings were special, as we sang along and did some swinging or slow dancing. You can't resist being transported back in time, feeling and looking young again, even if only in our individual minds. Sad is the person who missed seeing the beauty of the passing of time, the warmth it evokes in hearts, and the tenderness it calls forth when sharing the traumas and triumphs of living. Such was the case on Saturday evening, when



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SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA.....Christmas Cards to Troops

From Larry Rowe

The Good Intention: I got several emails suggesting that, when doing my Christmas card list this year, take one card and send it to the address below. Just think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get. Send cards to: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

However...After checking with Snopes.com, I found out that the U.S Postal Service will not accept mail addressed to "Any Soldier," "Any Wounded Soldier," or similar addresses because, if it did, it would be providing a conduit for those who might do harm to armed services members. In these times of heightened security, mail from strangers to unnamed soldiers must, for everyone's safety, be discarded unopened.

Those wishing to send holiday cards to recovering soldiers can still do so through the "Holiday Mail For Heroes" program sponsored by the American Red Cross.



The Devil's Playground

By Elaine (Hulse) Evans (FAC).



Elaine was the Director of Music for Yokohama High School from 1956-58. The story is in the form of a letter written home to her Mother on September 14, 1956.

Hello Mother,

This morning I met Hiroshi Kadokura, an English teacher, at the Yokohama Train Station to go with him to attend a rehearsal of his Japanese chorus. The rehearsal was held in a Japanese high school so we had to remove our shoes before entering the building. Thoughtfully, Hiroshi had brought a pair for me. There must have been about forty members in the group, all about my age, and a few high school students. They were doing beautiful work but were anxious to have me sing for them. At first I just sang with them and "lah"ed along since they sang the songs in Japanese even though many of them were American. Stephen Foster's songs with their lovely melodies were some of the favorites. I finally asked them to choose a song for me to

sing from their tattered song sheets. Guess what they requested - "Somewhere Over The Rainbow"! Their next choice was "Nita, Juanita". They were so excited and clapped and clapped.

After the rehearsal, many of us trooped down the nearby hills to four small lakes, singing along the way. Believe it not, one of their favorite songs was "A Bicycle Built For Two". With Hiroshi's help I tried to teach them the English words and explain the meaning of the song. They were so eager to learn, so friendly, and laughed so easily as we shared this most unusual musical moment.

What an introduction to the blending of Japanese/American cultures! It is an experience I shall never forget.



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)
David Holdren (56)
Jerry (Miller) Hall (58)
Sandy (Podbleiski) Verdugo (57)
Daniel Standaart (59)
Dollie (Stidham) O'Sullivan (57)
Landon Waggoner (56)

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

Brooks D. Anderson (59) - Younger siblings; Ray (60), and Cheryl (63)

Elaine Dorothy Booth (57)

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.

Robert "Bob" Corey (57) & William "Bill" Corey (57) - Contact Larry Rowe (58). Both were in the 1956 yearbook but only Bill was in listed in the 1957 Commencement Exercise program.

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.

Robert "Bobby" Dye (56) - The yearbook listed him as being from Hawaii. Looks like he had younger siblings; Sue (60), Evelyn (68) and Lea (69).

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.

Kathleen "Kathy" Groves (60) - May have graduated from Washington Lee HS in Virginia.

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).

Pete McKnight - Contact Bruce Eastley (56).

Joseph "Joe" Moran (61)

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.

Judith "Judy" Sloan (58) - Listed in the yearbook as being from California. Judy was the "Homecoming Queen" and was voted "Most Friendliest". Father's name may have been E.M. Sloan.

It doesn't take much to keep in touch!

Reunion

Larry Rowe read the names of the alumni who passed away during the last year.

Through the tears evoked during this homage, we remembered in silent reverence-- a tribute to those who shared a time that was unique to all of us who went to high school in Japan.

The spouses who still join us each year for hospitality and celebration are a testimony to their loved ones who have passed. Larry Rowe has made these reunions his mission, and for this, we are forever grateful. He and Judy continue to be the leading forces in the process to find others who have attended Yokohama HS. It has taken years to build a roster of over 900 alumni. You can imagine how speechless and surprised Larry and Judy were on Saturday evening when they were presented with a monetary gift of gratitude from all the "exes" for their dedication and commitment to the FSA.

When we gather for the annual YO-HI reunion, there is synergy, a joy, and a well of new stories to be shared, besides an uncanny optimism that permeates the very places in which we

gather. And so it was for the October 2009 Yokohama HS reunion in Seattle.

We truly inherited a place in history by being teenagers who shared the same experiences in a foreign country.

It is our sincere hope that others will join us in 2010 at the next reunion which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 15-17.

Come, enjoy and renew old friendships.



Class of 1959



Standing L-R: Ron Peugh, Jim Zinn, Georg Jungkunz, Rex Gallaher, Rick Berry, Robin Ruzek, Stuart Sibitsky, Ken Miyamoto

Seated L-R: Charlotte (Ryser) Carey, Julie (Sadilek) Moore, Yvonne (Fittz) Malstead, Marilyn (Elliott) Collins, Lillian (Conte) DeCristofaro, Barbara (Boyle) Torrey, Evonne (Brown) Hammond, Elaine (Miyamoto) Yamashita, Bernice (McDonald) Novak



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Reldon Gifford (54) and wife Dixie - October 31, 2008. *We were married on Halloween 1958 in the Presidio Chapel. No big ceremony - only 7 people there. Having been married in October made the gathering of the clan difficult 50 years later (school schedules, weather, etc.), so we decided to have everyone at our house on the 4th of July with a good old fashioned country Bar-B-Q. We had major fireworks over the back field and a wonderful week was had by all. We can't wait for the 100th.*

Cleve Tarvin (54) and wife Maxine - June 5, 2009 - They will be celebrating the big day in September when their children and grown grandchildren will meet them at Hilton Head Island, S.C. to spend the weekend celebrating 50 glorious years!

Betty Creech (58) and husband Rod McMillen - May 24, 2009. Betty said "Rod still has our 1959 Chevy Impala, the only new car we have ever owned. We drove it for 20 years; it was never in the shop (they don't make them like that anymore). The kids learned to drive in it, but of course they were too embarrassed to be seen in what they called "The boat". Rod has fully restored it and wins trophies at car shows. The kids would be proud to be seen in it nowadays."

Valerie "Joyce" Murdoch (58) and husband Carl Rushing - July 4, 2009. The couple's five children hosted a barbeque for family and friends.

Dan Flower (53) and wife Sharon - August 22, 2009. They actually celebrated with their three children and their families (eight grandchildren) over the Christmas vacation in northern Mexico for a week of swimming, tennis, golf and other family fun.

Auburn Spencer (58) an husband, Bruce Romoser - September 3, 2009. They met in Yokohama in 1957. They were surprised with an unforgettable celebration in Dallas. Their five children and twelve grandchildren, living in five different states, all arrived with their entire families. The only exceptions were their son, Matthew (in Afghanistan), and one grandson. In addition to many family and friends, Auburn's 95 year old mother was also there. Their children pulled off the surprise by having the celebration in May.

Chuck Kenyon (54) and his wife Carol - October 3, 2009. They celebrated with a barbecue with family and friends, and a cruise.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary !

A Way to Share Memoriesby Bill "Pinky" Hart (56)

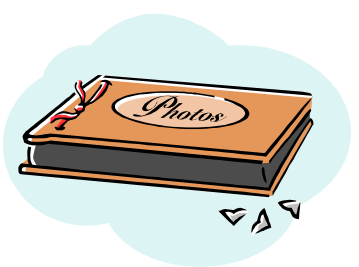
Sharing memories. I'm sure we all have memories of good times at YO-HI, of great friends and pictures of both those friends and of dances, sporting events or parties. It'd be a shame to lose any of those, but there's a good chance all of us will do just that. When we pass on, our loved ones may throw pictures away of people they don't know. Our families will certainly have no idea what our memories were of. Some time ago, I stumbled upon a way to preserve those memories and urge all of you to do the same.

When Sue Nelson (55) died, I wrote her husband to express my sympathy and we established a correspondence. I mentioned I had some pictures of Sue from her YO-HI days and asked if he had any interest in them. He replied that just prior to Sue's death, she had been working with their daughters on a family photo album and they had very few of Sue from that time of her life. I've since been sending to friends any pictures from our days at YO-HI that I have as

those pictures belong to them and their family, not me.

More recently, after learning of Warner Millson's death, I wrote his wife and shared several stories from the days Warner and I played basketball. Warner's wife, Lou, thanked me, told how they'd laughed while reading them and had copied the stories for their kids. They now have memories of Warner they may have forgotten or had never known about in the first place.

None of us are getting any younger and there are no guarantees so why not share your memories with your friends while all of you can still reminisce about them together and not wait until it's too late?



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

JAPANESE TRIVIA

- In the Japanese National Anthem (Kimigayo, written by a German) one verse states that the Emperor will live until small rocks grow into big ones. In reality, this is impossible. Big rocks however, do wear down to smaller ones.
- In 1993, Akebono, an American, was promoted as the 64th Yokozuna, and became the first foreigner to reach the top sumo rank.
- Koi are believed to be capable of climbing upstream against rapid currents and overcoming all manner of obstacles...hence they are thought of as a symbol of the strength, courage and patience needed to accomplish major goals. From this belief comes the custom of boys praying that they will take after koi and live their lives strongly. To symbolize this, boys hand out carp streamers, shaped like koi, on May 5, Children's Day.
- Since Japan extends a long distance from South to North, it varies from subtropical to subarctic. Average temperature in Tokyo is 5.2 C in January while 27.1 C in August.
- On September 1, 1923, one of the worst recorded earthquakes hit the Kanto plain and destroyed Tokyo, Yokohama and the surrounding areas. About 140,000 people were killed during this earthquake and the subsequent fires. *Note: Ken Kaiser (58) reported that there was a monument to this earthquake in Yamashita Park in Yokohama. He said he remembers it well (the monument, not the quake). He's old but not that old!*
- The Japanese word for chef, Itamae, literally means "in front of the cutting board."



Do You Know the Answer???



To Steve Radford's questions.....*As one would walk through Bayview (From the YCAC) there was a white mansion on the right that was trimmed in green. It stood out starkly from the remainder of the mass-built "project type" military*

houses in Yokohama. I have heard it called the "MacArthur house", but General MacArthur lived in Tokyo during the occupation, not in Yokohama. Can anyone provide some information about this house and (or) the occupants?



YOU GOTTA WATCH THIS !

Sent in by Rosanne (Santorelli) Barone (60)

Check out this very funny high school reunion video— A lip synch of Patsy Cline singing "She's Got You".

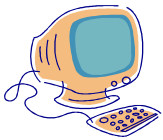
You can find it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDvLSC3xVlw>



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?

- **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.
- **Foye Hall (55)** - Professional singer - Went to work for the government and became an Acting GS-15 Manager of the Automation Program for the U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Retired from Federal service in 1995 and now works part-time for her son (US Technologies) as his Business Manager; Writes stories for the family and grandchildren about the early years of my mother's life; the escapades of my little Chihuahua mix dog, Peanut (4 books); and a true story about ducklings hatched at the Pentagon and the upheaval that caused. One book, "The Story of Ste Foy", was published and is sold in the bookstore at the Ste Foy Abbey, Conques, France and also on line at amazon.com (Pardon the commercial, I couldn't resist).
- **Leo Winston (53)** - Undecided - Became a professor of Slavic & Soviet/Russian Studies and traveled extensively. After teaching for 15 years, changed careers and worked for the International Development Corp in China where he developed potential business projects based on the 'joint venture' concept combining Western firms and the Chinese governmental enterprises; Retired and now travels for pleasure.
- **Donna Orthner (54)** - Architect designing homes - Became a wife and mother. When her husband retired from White Sands, she moved from El Paso, Texas to this little community in the wilds of New Mexico. She finally designed the home they call their retirement cottage which sits on about an acre of land and has views of mountain ranges in every direction and the 30 mile long lake to the east.
- **Bob Richardson (58)** - Commercial Pilot - Never got off the ground...drove a Greyhound bus for 27 years.
- **Georg Jungkunz (59)** - Make money - Became a steel mill supervisor.
- **Carolyn Sallee (60)** - Naval Officer - My dad said, "No way" so I married a sailor, moved to Texas, and started working in the real estate title industry. I've been there for 28 years, with no intention of retiring anytime soon.
- **Thomas Nock (54)** - Historian or Bum - Got degrees in Computer Science and Applied Math and Statistics and that led to work in operations research and simulation for the Navy (defense of a carrier battle group), the Air Force (World War III in Europe) and (going over to the dark side) the IRS (conning Congress into thinking that the IRS could handle modernization).
- **George Ratcliff (56)** - Short stop for the NY Yankees or Coach -, After getting a BS degree from San Diego State, got involved in mainframe computer programming and automated systems for computers; Spent 40 plus years in systems development and computer programming.
- **Jack Purdum (58)** - Work overseas - Did that and is now in insurance.
- **Jim Zinn (59)** - Naval Officer like my dad - Became a university professor, followed by becoming a TV director, and in 1995, was the Top Achiever in Sales for Sony, nation wide.
- **George Hall (62)** - Insurance actuary - Went to Harvard for MBA & joined management consulting at Arthur Young. After a couple of years, went into the insurance industry for 20 years with several CFO positions including one at Transamerica Occidental Life in LA. After retirement, went to the U of Florida Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1996; Now full time on faculty at Jacksonville University teaching insurance, law, and real estate.
- **Bertie Forcum (53)** - Airline Stewardess - Got married, had three kids, and found time to get an Associates Degree; then worked as an Accounting Assistant, doing the complicated payroll for three Holiday Inns around the Canton, MA area. Retired since 2000, now active in volunteer work and traveling.
- **Dick Bauchspies (54)** - Attend West Point - Become an Army officer for 26 years and retired with the rank of Colonel. He is presently working in investment management with the Burney Company and, along with his wife and two children, manage over 100 million in equity investments.
- **Sada Cox (55)** - Nurse - Attended the Medical College of Virginia and received a degree in nursing. After graduation, she became a mother of 3 and went back to school for her Master's degree. Taught nursing at Coastal Carolina from 1970 until retirement.
- **Mike Fujimoto (58)** - Electricl engineer - worked for 38 years with the Boeing Company. I'm now retired and enjoy keeping healthy through playing golf, walking, and daily exercise.



COMPUTER TIPS

Delete All Your "Sent" Messages in Outlook Express at Once! Do you have Windows XP, and do you save all your "Sent Items" in Outlook Express? Do you want to delete all you "Sent" items without having to do it one at a time?

In order to delete all the files in your "Sent Items" folder, you have to select (or highlight) them all at once.

1. Open your "Sent Items" folder and click on one of the messages to highlight it.
2. On your keyboard, hold down the Ctrl key and press the letter A at the same time.
All the messages should become highlighted.
3. Press the delete key or click the delete button on the toolbar.
All the highlighted messages should be deleted.

Don't Call a Plumber ! This is one of those tips you wish you had known about before you took the sink apart or called the plumber!!!! Retrieve something you dropped down the sink without spending money ... how much better can it get? www.familyhack.com/2007/08/29/drain-tip

Think Your House is Safe from Break-ins? Check out the following.... Go to Google and type in [lockbumping9.wmv](#). When the page comes up click on Arial's - lockbumping9.wmv. Scroll down to the box showing "lockbumping" and click the start arrow.

Stop Capitalizing the First Word on the Next Line in MS Word

Question: When you're typing a letter in Microsoft Word and you want to continue the sentence on the next line, why does Word capitalize the first word on the next line?

Answer: Word capitalizes the first word in a new line because it is programmed to think that you are starting a new paragraph when you press "Enter" on your keyboard. All modern word processing programs will automatically wrap the text to the next line when you are typing, so you no longer need to press the "enter" key at the end of each line.

If you prefer to wrap the text yourself by pressing "Enter", then you will need to turn off this feature in Words "Auto Correct" options. Do the following:

1. In Word, click on "Tools" in the menu bar, then click on "AutoCorrect Options".
2. In the "AutoCorrect" window, click on the "AutoCorrect" tab.
3. On the AutoCorrect tab, click to remove the check mark in front of the setting that says, "Capitalize first letter of sentences".
4. Click the "OK" button to save your changes, and you will be all set.

Short Cuts to Bold, Underline & Italics

Instead of going to the tool bar and clicking "B" (bold), "I" (italics) and "U" (underline), you can turn the formatting for bold, underline and italics on and off by holding the "Ctrl" key and pressing the following keys at the same time - "B" (bold), "I" (Italics) and "U" (underline).

How to Clean Your LCD Screens

Don't buy one of those \$12 cleaning kits.

1. Buy a microfiber cloth which can be found at your local mega-mart or drug store.
2. Hold it under some luke warm water until it is completely wet.
3. Wring it out until it is barely moist. **Important:** *Dripping water will damage the monitor.*
4. Make sure the monitor is turned off.
5. Wipe it with a gentle stroke.

In no time you'll have a nice, spotless screen and peace of mind in knowing that you saved some money, too!

Delete, delete, delete.....

Do you act like a telegraph operator on their backspace key. You know what I'm talking about. You've just finished a line of text, it doesn't look right, so you want to delete the whole line. "Ratta-tatta-ratta-ratta", and your finger falls off...

There's a better way! Simply put your cursor at the beginning of the line you want to delete and press [Shift] + [End].

The whole line will be selected and then all you have to do is press [Delete] or [Backspace]. The best part is that, because your cursor is already at the beginning of the line, all you have to do is type!

Looking for YO-HI Yearbooks

If you have a copy of these yearbooks that you want to sell or give away, please contact these two exes.

- 1959 - John Fergus - johnfergus@hotmail.com
- 1961 - Walt Ogle - waltogle@aol.com. Walt's yearbook was lost in a fire in 1990.



Hey!! You Military Brats...Can you Relate? I Think So...

Submitted by Dennis (Corky) Kramer



This submission should generate some replies - I'm probably one of the prime examples of "You might be a military brat"! I started my schooling in Germany in 1947 (I had just turned 5 and my brother John was almost 8).

There was no school in Kempten, so my Dad hired a German woman as a teacher and I think we used the barroom in the Officer's Club for a schoolroom! There were about 5 kids there (I think I was the youngest). That was my 1st & 2nd grades. Third grade was at an American school in Augsburg.

We moved back to the states in 1950. I went to 9 different schools (8 different cities in 3 states & D.C. & 2 foreign countries) from the 3rd to the 12th grade and went to Leland Jr HS in Bethesda, MD for 3 years (7th thru 9th grades). I changed schools midway thru the 6th grade!

We moved to Japan in 1956 and I went to Kyoto AHS - 10th grade (It closed after that). I went to YO-HI (57-58 - 11th grade) and then we moved to Hawaii. I graduated in 1959 from Leilehua HS in Wahiawa, Hawaii and went to the U of

Hawaii for one year. There were hundreds of kids in Hawaii who had never been off the island of Oahu (and had never seen snow)! I then moved to the mainland (Hawaii had become our 50th state) and went to Purdue Calumet in Hammond, IN! I thought this was normal!!

I have never met anyone who even came close to this experience...except my brother John! One funny thing...I was very small and one year younger than everyone in my class. When we moved to the states in 1950, I went to a St. Joseph's Catholic school in Conshohocken, PA... I think I was directed to a classroom and sat in the class for about 2 or 3 days before I figured out that I was in the 3rd grade again!! I was then put in the correct 4th grade classroom!! I guess I was so small they assumed I was in the 3rd grade!!

I would like to hear from any classmates (Military Brats) who went to more schools or moved as many times as that! Needless to say, when I go to a reunion I have a hard time remembering classmates, but I did learn to make friends easier than most people!!

Counts so far.....

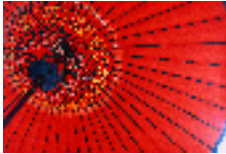
- Dave Hall (59) - 11 schools, 12 if you count kindergarten
- Bill Hunt (65) - 10 schools
- Frank Wandell (57) - 15 schools & 3 colleges
- Carole Vann (61) - 15 schools
- Barbara Georgia (56) - 11 schools
- Pat Thomas (59) writes - 19 schools
- Mark Keeney (61) - 14 schools
- Rich Jewett (59) - 10 school districts & 15 buildings

Another phenomenon.....students who went all four years of high school at YO-HI. Steve Radford reports that he was among the following civil service brats who graduated in 1964: Marie Pace, Kathy Saito, Claudia Swan, Ben Caputo, Pat Collins, Lew DePriest, Bill Miller, Allan Ostsby, Randy Uyeoka and Mike Weise. What about the other classes?? Since the standard military tour was three years, it would be interesting to know if any military brats attended YO-HI for their entire four year high school career!

YOU MIGHT BE A MILITARY BRAT if

- * You thought that a firing range made a great playground.
- * Your former very best friends are as long gone as your last move.
- * You are amazed at people who have never seen foreign currency.
- * You are asked "Where did you learn to speak English so well?"
- * You can talk to anyone and everyone from anywhere and everywhere.





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.

You would not want to swim in most of the water around the base. Besides the oil and other residue from the ships there were things like, Man of War Jelly Fish. From the dock at the Yacht Club you could them floating in the water. They were beautiful, but you certainly do not want to be in the water with them as they sting you very badly.

Besides all the usual activities of school, Y-TAC, and birthday, slumber, and sayonara parties, one of the first things I got involved in was selling Christmas cards as a fund raising project for the Y-TAC. Pam Kenney and I decided to team up rather than go alone. We decided to go to the Hospital and there discovered that LCDR Charles F. Mann was the Administrative Officer we met with. He had come to Japan on the ship with us, at which time I met him, and he told me of his son, Chuck Mann, who arrived shortly thereafter and joined us at the Y-TAC. He signed a very official card which gave us access to the hospital at any time to sell cards to the patients. He did suggest a couple particular wards where Korean War veterans were recuperating from various injuries, including the amputee ward. That was an experience I will never forget. We were summoned to the bedside of one soldier who had lost his right arm and leg (double amputee). He so needed someone to talk to. You might say he was still in a state of shock and showed us pictures of his family and wept as he was having a hard time opening his wallet with only one hand. As it turned out we were not there just to sell cards, but to visit, help, and comfort the injured. It brought reality to the war, which was now supposedly over. We did very well with our sales of \$253.75 and received a \$10.00 prize for first place as a team. Don Stinson received a \$15.00 prize for first place as a single.

Before I had come to Japan I had learned to make artificial flowers out of wood fiber. They looked almost real. While taking classes to learn to do this at Flowers by Marguerite in El Cajon, I had done so well that I was helping teach the class. Marguerite saw this and hired me part time to work with real flowers. With the money I earned I bought a supply of wood fiber materials to take with me to Japan. As we did not have a maid, the maid's room was a perfect place for me to leave everything setup and I began making corsages. My father was my best salesman. As men's wives were arriving in Japan my father would suggest buying them a corsage that would not wilt and they could use it again and again. With that my little business flourished.

As I have already indicated there were many activities for us to be involved in, both on base and off. We were able to take in the latest movies at the base theatre, but they were always behind time in comparison to the U.S. The Newest releases, such as "The Glenn Miller Story," were only shown at the Theatre, and we only got the older ones at the Y-TAC. I went to see the above movie several times. First of all you have to remember the cost was very minimal, however, I do not remember what it was.

The swimming pool was one of my favorite places during the warm weather. It was an Olympic size pool and we even had professional type swim meets. The contestants are servicemen, who may have been involved in these activities as a civilian, and their free time activities do not necessarily change just because they are in the military. Of course for the military men there were other sport activities such as baseball, basketball, and football.

There was also a Yacht Club where boats could be rented to go sailing, fishing or whatever. One time I joined several other kids and we went sailing on the Buccaneer. It was a beautiful fun day, but after a while the water started getting rougher and rougher. We soon found that we could not turn around and head back in because the wind was picking up and was against us. So we tried tacking, but we did not seem to be making much headway. What we had not realized was the Red Flag, an indication of bad weather, had been put up earlier in the day, and we had not seen it. When we did not come back into the yacht club within a reasonable time they sent a large motorboat out to tow us in. It was a bit embarrassing but we were thankful. It was quite an experience, but not one I would like to repeat.



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY ?

The son of Vikki (Gard) Weinberg (61) has written a book. The name of the book is "How to Break a Terrorist" by Michael Alexander (a pseudonym). His web site can be found at: www.howtobreakaterrorist.com.

The book is out now in hard back but the paperback will be out in the spring of 2010. You can purchase the book by going to the web site.

*I have read the book and it is outstanding! ...D.D.
(Massengale) Kinsey (60)*

At the recent Seattle Reunion, several people were interested in getting a copy of Carol Briggs Waite's book "Taken in Hong Kong, December 8, 1941". It is available at Amazon.com. Carol has some copies at home if you want a personalized autographed copy. Send a \$25.00 check to Carol Waite, 14 Lord Fairfax Drive, Fredericksburg, VA, 22405, and she will mail you a copy. For more information, contact Carol by phone at: (540) 899-6885 or E-Mail: cbwaite@cox.net

You can also check out her art work at the following: www.carolbwaite.com.

In Memoriam

Pearl (Fujimoto) Adams (1962) - Her daughter, Julie, reported that Pearl passed away on May 19, 2009. She had gone in for another hip replacement surgery because cancer had destroyed the first one. As the doctor was removing the tumor, it began to bleed severely. She lost over three times the volume in her body and it was just too much for her. They kept her on life support long enough for family and friends to say good-bye. Julie says that *"through this experience, I have met some amazing people who loved my Mom very much. I appreciate you all for being her friends and supporting her through good times and bad. She loved you all. Just so you know, Mom was doing very well emotionally the few days before surgery. She was hopeful and confident in her doctor."*

Janet Elaine (Barrows) Connaughton (1956) - Janet passed away of natural causes on January 30, 2009 at her home. Janet was a CEO for United Foundation for Medical Care. She was a member of the McCloud Golf Club, McCloud Horseman's Association, McCloud Watershed Council, Cal Berkeley Alumni Association and the Red Hat Society.

Gail Fleming (1958) - Her step-brother reported that she passed away at the age of 41 in 1981. No further details are available.

Harold Greene (1956) - His wife, Retha, reported that Harold passed away March 10, 2008. He had lung cancer, and along the way developed heart valve problems. His system was too weak and wouldn't allow for an aortic valve replacement. Retha said that *"he slipped into a coma, and died peacefully having said his goodbyes to the family"*.

Kenneth W. Hill (1958) - His friend, Lew Jarrell (59) reported that Ken passed away on July 24, 2009 in Escondido, CA. A memorial service was held in Vista CA on August 15, 2009.

Nancy (Holoviak) Grove (1957) - Her husband, Michael, reported that his wife of 48 years passed away on June 14, 2009. He said she spoke many times of Yo-Hi and remembered the good times and people. He finished by saying, "She gave me three beautiful children, and was by far the greatest person I ever met".

Frances A. Kleeman (Fac 1958-59) - Her niece reported that Frances passed away on July 22, 2009 (her 91st birthday).

John Vorlander (1956) - His niece, Katie, reported that John passed away on his birthday, June 14, 2009, of congestive heart failure. He is survived by his only sibling, Louise Vorlander Emanuel (58).

Vonee (Whalen-Dann) Bell (1959) - Her son, Colin, reported that Vonee passed away on June 4, 2009 from complications due to emphysema.

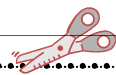
Treasurer's Report ... Carol (Wittmaack) Cope (57)



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 09 - Balance	\$ 14,018.67
Expenses		
Newsletter (Printing & Mailing) 5/09		\$ 1753.87
2010 Albuquerque NM Reunion Fund		\$2000.00
YO-HI Scholarship - Azsa Alderman		\$1000.00
Cashier's Check - Rowe Recognition		\$1800.00
	Total	\$6553.87
Income		
Dues & Donations to General Fund		\$1555.00
Donations to Rowe Recognition Fund		\$1800.00
	Total	\$ 3355.00
	October 09 - Balance	\$10,819.80

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 2010 Dues form below.**



Yokohama High School Former Students Association - 2010 Dues Form

Name _____ Maiden Name _____
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