

# BERLIN BRATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Colorado Springs Gathering

On October 25, 2001 we Berliners gathered in Colorado Springs, where we joined the Overseas Brats, for their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering. In all, the Overseas Brats had 139 participants representing 105 schools, making this one of the largest annual national OVERSEAS BRATS conventions ever! The TOP TEN Schools represented in order of their numbers were:

1. AUGSBURG
2. BERLIN
3. BAUMHOLDER
4. MUNICH
5. KARLSRUHE
6. HEIDELBERG
7. FRANKFURT
8. STUTTGART
9. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND-MUNICH CAMPUS
10. ETA JIMA
10. CAMP HAKATA
10. NARIMASU
10. WAINWRIGHT

Thursday night Berlin Brats gathered for what is now our ritual, an early arrival Dutch Treat Dinner. We met in the lobby of the Sheraton and then drove to a local restaurant, "Old Chicago," located in downtown Colorado Springs. Eighteen Berliners were in attendance. Attendees were: Kathleen O'Brien '74, Renee (Shipley) Knowles '71, Kimesa (Shipley) Lindner '74 and Ed, Deborah Doty '80 and hubby Ken, Kris

Keller '76, Linda (Waters) Keeler '80, Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, Ricky Goltz '73, Patty (O'Brien) Goltz '75, Debbie (Brown) Neiman '73, Steve Brown '73, Cal Bloebaum '68, Pat (Martel) Little '72, Fred Dixon '73 and girlfriend. We shared a meal of either pizza or pasta along with wonderful conversations. We learned more of what each other had been doing over the years; where we traveled after Berlin and how we ended up in our current locations. (thanks Renee for making the arrangements). Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72 and Pat (Martel) Little '72, showed off their new letter jackets! For those of us who

don't have ours anymore, we NEED to get one!!! (see page 12)

After a great meal, Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton, showed us a little of the night life in Colorado Springs. Our party ended up at a nearby club called "Rum Bay," where we proceeded to dance the night away.

The next morning, we had a Berlin Breakfast at a quaint little place called "Le Creperie." As the name implies, we all had gourmet crepe omelets for breakfast. A couple people, including myself, decided to sleep-in. (hey,

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Robert Kiddick '65, Deb Doty 's hubby Ken, Ricky Goltz '73, Pat (Martel) Little '72, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, Kris Keller '76, Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86, Deb Doty '80, Patty (O'Brien) Goltz '75, Debbie (Brown) Neiman '73, Linda (Waters) Keeler '80, Cal Bloebaum '68, Steve Brown '73, Fred Dixon '73

## Lt. Col. Kip Paul Taylor

Lt. Col. Kip Paul Taylor ('81) was killed on September 11th. He was a Major in the Army, working in the Pentagon the day those pictures of horror were indelibly imprinted on all our minds. If you were at BAHS in the late seventies, early eighties, you must remember Kip: tall, tousled, blonde hair, braces always glittering because he was always smiling. Kip was a basketball player. (I know he'd mentioned; even when he signed a yearbook, he always drew a picture of a basketball-dunk and "Dr. K" next to his name.) He was one of those rare all-around great guys without which the world would be a much more dismal place.



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While living in Arlington, Virginia (a few months before moving to Athens, Greece where we are now posted), I was planning to run in the annual Army Ten Miler, October of 1999. Serendipitously, I'd just regained contact with Dean Taylor ('79), Kip's big brother, who was now, also in the Army, living in Colorado with his wife Donna. Dean came to DC to visit a few days before the race (we'd hoped he could stay for it)—and he mentioned that Kip was planning to run in it. Richard Clarke ('80) and Suzanne Stovall Clarke

('79)—yes, they're married and we've remained close friends since high school, visiting each other periodically all over the globe—were coming back for leave from Germany where Richard was posted with the Army. They would be in town to run the race, too. Suzanne's "little" brother, Donny '81, (now a handsome, six-plus foot, orthopedic surgeon in South Carolina) decided he'd come up and join in the run, too. My husband Tim, a Foreign Service Officer, and I had met up again with Steve Steger ('79). Steve had recently also joined the State Department and was living nearby with his wife Stacy and two children while doing his training before moving to their first post in Barbados. I told Steve that Kip was

Richard, Suzanne, Donny and I had all been on the BAHS cross-country team together. Steve and Kip used to joke around about how easy a sport running was, that there was nothing to it. We insisted, of course, that they didn't know what they were talking about. Well, at one home race, the two spontaneously decided they'd just run along, too, to show us what they were made of. They both sprinted off like jack-rabbits—as I recall, they both finished ahead of the whole boys' team—but Kip (maybe he wouldn't want this remembered) then doubled over and...lost his breakfast. And here we all were, running another race together, twenty years later.



Germany: Mourners gather in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin  
Photos: compliments of HERBERT KNOSSOWSKI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Race day began in a drenching downpour. Even before we reached the starting line outside the Pentagon, we were all soaked to the bone. It was a chilly, sopping but exhilarating run. Afterwards, showered and dry, we all gathered at my house as the sun emerged. We feared Kip might not make it—his in-laws were in town because his wife Nancy was due to have their first child—but, nevertheless, he showed up and with a huge bag of fresh bagels. It was wonderful to catch up, watch our children play together while we rehashed old times and laughed about the wet morning run.... The afternoon passed all too quickly.

going to be running and that it was looking like a mini-BAHS reunion. (Steve and Kip were best friends in high school. In fact, we used to tease them about being "joined at the hip") ...So Steve decided to run the race, too.

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## Lt. Col. Kip Paul Taylor

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Kip lived close to us and we made promises to get together again—I wanted to meet Nancy (and their baby once he arrived)—but it never happened.



Brockbridge Reunion 1999, left to right: Kip Taylor '81, Stephen Steger '79, Sarah (Chapman) Monahan '79, Richard Clarke '80, Suzanne (Stovall) Clarke '79 and Don Stovall '81

He was busy with his new job (as a Papa) and I was gearing up for another overseas posting.... That day is a treasured memory for all of us.

Richard Clarke, now living in Italy, e-mailed me four days ago telling me Kip was among the missing at the Pentagon. Until that point, I'd been weeping only for others' losses. This, as Richard wrote, hits close to home—way too close.

Sarah Chapman-Monahan,  
Class of '79

### Taken from the Washington Post on 10-6-2001:

Lt. Col. Kip Paul Taylor's 16-year ascent through the Army ranks began when he received his commission from the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Northern Michigan University, a unit run by his father, Don.

A few months after graduation, Taylor was shipped to a base in Nuremberg, Germany, where he served for 3.5-years. The Michigan native returned stateside at the end of 1989 for a

15-month stint as an instructor at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He was again sent on a foreign tour in 1991, this time as an adjutant for a task force in Honduras. After that five-month assignment, he rose to commander of a troop brigade back in Indiana, where he remained until the summer of 1994.

Taylor moved from base to base for four years before arriving at the Pentagon as executive officer in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in July 1998. The 38-year-old career serviceman, who

enjoyed running, basketball and golf in his free time, was serving as a military assistant in that office when he was killed September 11th.

"His office was on the outside ring and took a direct hit" Taylor's sister, Ann Zaenglein, was quoted as saying in USA Today. "There was nothing left of his office."

A major at the time of his death, Taylor was posthumously promoted to lieutenant colonel. He is survived by his pregnant wife and son.



Photo published in an Argentina newspaper. Drawing by comic strip writer Maitena

If you have an article, subject or pictures that you would like to see in the Berlin Brats Alumni Newsletter. Please submit to: Linda Keeler via email at [linda.keeler@home.com](mailto:linda.keeler@home.com) or Linda Keeler, 201 Amherst Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

## THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED....

The ballots have gone out. Now it's up to YOU! Cast your vote for either Asheville, North Carolina OR Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ for our 2003 Reunion.

Only our current (dues paying) members have received ballots.

Our vote count is completely private. Ballots have been assigned a random number... and are being returned to a Class Contact who does not live in neither North Carolina nor Arizona.

Deadline to return  
your Ballot  
December 15, 2001

Please return your ballot ~ as instructed on the form ~ by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

The winning location will appear on our website in February...and in our next newsletter.

The Berlin Brats have organized two groups of alumni to do site evaluations (i.e. help select a hotel, etc) of either location.

Should Asheville, N.C. win...Pat (Martel) Little '72, Deb (Brians)

Clarke '74, Debbie (Hoosack) Jones '72 and Jim Branson '64 have agreed to serve.

If Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ wins.... then Robin (Murphy) '84, Kelly (Murphy) Benton '82, Kris Keller '76, and Pat (Martel) Little '72 will visit that location.

Asheville, North Carolina  
OR  
Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ

Stay Tuned...

## 'Military Brats' face terror but still persevere

Article taken from the Pensacola News Journal by: Anton Caputo@PensacolaNewsJournal.com

Former local residents Jennifer and Daniel Colon can tell you about the horrors of terrorism, chapter and verse.

Unfortunately, they have been in the midst of it more than once during their lives.

Most recently, Jennifer experienced the gut-wrenching fear that her husband might have perished Sept. 11th when a hijacked airliner slammed into the Pentagon, where he works.

Daniel was not among the victims. But it was yet another incident in which the couple have been touched by the specter of terrorist-inflicted violence.

Unlike most young Americans, Jennifer, a former Santa Rosa County teacher, and Daniel grew up with the reality of war and terrorism all too close. It's the other side of being military brats.

He and I actually met and went to high school in Berlin, Germany, during some real tough times, said Jennifer, 29. I remember Humvees with live ammunition rounds accompanying my bus to school - one in front and one behind.

Those tough times included the 1986 terrorist bombing of a club frequented by American servicemen near the base where Jennifer and her family resided. Two were killed.

Nobody is really ready for something like that, she said. But when you're there, you are trained to deal with it.

It was simple things, like if you see book bags left on the corner or packages sitting under a car, don't touch them and notify someone immediately. If you get mail, make sure you know the return address. These are the things I was hearing growing up.

Daniel, 30, originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., is now a staff sergeant in the Air Force. He spent eight years at Hurlburt Field but has traveled half the world

and been stationed at military bases in Saudi Arabia, Italy and Cuba.

He was going to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in 1996 when terrorists blew up Khobar Towers, killing 19 airmen - 12 of them from Eglin Air Force Base.

Military intelligence experts believe Osama bin Laden helped mastermind that bombing, just as he has been linked to the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Daniel's family heard of the Khobar attack and feared he was among those who died.

He was actually at an airport in Germany. He was sitting in a United Service Organization office with fellow service members watching television when he saw news of the attack.

We all looked at each other like, 'That's where we're going,' he said.

He was similarly lucky during the attack on the Pentagon. Like many

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## Phoenix Regional

One hot, sunny Phoenix afternoon and some old Berlin friends, make for a great Labor Day weekend. On September 4, 2001 a group of Berliners gathered at a hill top restaurant overlooking the city of Phoenix called Rustler's Roost. With an old western ambiance (to include hay on the floor), and BAHS memorabilia we all felt at home.

Most of us enjoyed steak and potato meals, while others of us ventured to eat SNAKE, huh Lissa? I heard it tastes like chicken, but curiosity did not get this cat! Additionally, adult beverages and great conversations about our Berlin

memories were shared.

Although many of us had not crossed paths in Berlin, we were excited about doing so in Phoenix. After all, we are all family! We all share a special bond that is difficult to explain outside of our Wall.

Those Berliners in attendance included Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, Diane (Green) Kempton '72; Jim Wright '72; Tom Ott '79; Dave Britt '80; Mike Friedrich (German, but hung out with BAHSers); Alicia Muller '81; Lissa (Ahrens) Gilbert '82; Kelly (Murphy)

Benton '82; Rachel (Muller) Lingle '83; and our baby, Robin (Murphy) Ufkes '84.

It was great to meet not only Berliners, but also their spouses and children. New additions to our extended family. It was great meeting all of them!

Let's do it again! Thanks for the new memories...

Kelly (Murphy) Benton  
~Class of '82



Left: Berlin Guys: L to R: Dave's son, Dave Britt, Jim Wright, Tom Ott, Mike Friedrich, Eric Gilbert (Lissa Ahrens' husband).



Right: Berlin Gals: Rachel (Muller) Lingle, Kelly (Murphy) Benton, Alicia Muller, Jeri (Polansky) Glass, Robin Murphy) Ufkes, Jackie Britt (Dave's wife), Lissa (Ahrens) Gilbert, Mike's girlfriend, Diane (Green) Kempton. 3 children down in front.



Left: Lissa (Ahrens) Gilbert '82 and Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72



Right: Mike Friedrich (Friend to many) Kelly (Murphy) Benton '82, and Dave Britt '80



Left: Diane (Green) Kempton '72, Robin (Murphy) Ufkes '84 and Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72



Right: Jim Wright '72, Kelly (Murphy) Benton '82 and Tom Ott '79

## Oktoberfest 2001 California

All Points warning:

October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001

Bands of despondent Berlin Brats wandering aimlessly in California.



Krissy Ahrens '82 and Peggy Vine '82

Exhausted from the search for excitement and fun. Those were the few who did not show up to the "First Annual Oktoberfest Weekend" in southern California.

Beer! Knackwurst! Currywurst and Enten Tanz were enjoyed by all.

Prozit ein Prozit echoed through the halls as Berlin Brats and other southern Californians, danced, drank and sang their way into the evening.



Cate Speer '85, Kelly Murphy '82, Krissy Ahrens '82, Lee Angel '64 and Peggy Vine '82

Contrary to the pictures, the cute Berlin Bratettes did not constantly hang all over Lee Angel '64 during the evening.

Lee was heard saying, quote "If I hear one more time, "You graduated from BAHS before I was even born!" he said he would shoot himself".

Lee, who is known for his shyness and introverted-ness, attempted to come out of his shell to party, but the girls from BAHS '83-85 quickly put him in his place!

They were not going to be outpartied by an "old fogey" Berlin Brat.

Saturday night the group celebrated at Alpine Village in Torrance, CA.

Sunday the festivities moved to Old World Village in Huntington Beach, 15 miles further south.

A smaller group of revelers attended Sunday afternoon. One former teacher was there, due

to how loud the band was, she and her husband went outside before we could get her name.

We hope to make this an annual event...That is, if the German band, who were totally molested by the



Peggy Vine '82, Cate Speer '85, Krissy Ahrens '82, Kelly Murphy '82 and Lee Angel '64

"Berlin Bratettes" agrees to come back to the U.S. next year.

We had a great time and look forward to our next grouping, which we believe will be a Fasching (Mardi Gras) activities at Old World in the spring.

Gruss Gott and Viel Spass

Lee Angel '64 and Cate Speer '85



Chicken Dance: Cate Speer '85 and Kelly Murphy '82



Lee Angel '64, Peggy Vine '82, Cate Speer '85, Krissy Ahrens '82, and Krissy's husband Mike Lewis

# BRAT BIOS

## CLASS OF '65

### *Benjamin H. Wheaton (Ben)*

After leaving Berlin I attended College for one year, 65/66, in North Carolina. In the Army from 66-69. While in the Army I was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC (66), Fort Bliss, TX (67), Vietnam (67/68), and Fort Monroe, VA (68/69). Detective in Newport News, VA from 69-82, Special Agent with Defense Investigative Service (82-present), Hampton, VA (82-95) and Fort Bragg, NC (95-present.) I spend my day as a Special Agent in Charge of the Fort Bragg Field Office. Hobbies: Golf  
Accomplishments I am most proud of: Running the Marine Corp Marathon in 82/83/99 and 2000. I am married with 2 children (24 and 26)

## CLASS OF '66

### *Mike Sabofsky*

After leaving Berlin the family moved to New Orleans, LA. My father retired here after a tour in Vietnam 66-68. I spend my day as a part owner of Pizazz's Seafood World, large seafood wholesale imports & exports. My hobbies include fishing, golf, reading and relaxing.  
Accomplishments I am most proud of: MBA - Business Finance, C.P.A., Starting & maturing oil & gas, and seafood business.  
I am married to Janette L. Bonfiglio and have a stepson, Stephen.  
I would you like information on: John Whitney Snodgrass, III.

## CLASS OF '67

### *Teri Freeman*

After school, left Berlin, went to California, modeled for awhile, became a secretary for awhile, became a toy designer, ran a cattle ranch with fiancé, dumped fiancé, back to being a legal secretary, became jewelry designer/artist, moved to Paris, France (ran off with a French race car driver), dumped him, moved back to California, became full time artist, met a cowboy, ran a dude ranch in Colorado, moved to rural

Montana and have a small cowboy art Gallery called "The Rusty Cowboy" <http://www.rustycowboy.com/>  
Terry Rice and I are looking for all our old friends from that era!  
Yeah Berlin High!

### *Pat Berry Seesing*

Married: David  
Employed by Ram Aircraft Corporation Director of Special projects. No Children. I am retired, but do some consulting (marketing) and lots of volunteer work. Went to Berlin American HS from August '61 till August '63

## CLASS OF '69

### *Marion (Poole) Condon*

After leaving Berlin I moved to Glens Falls, NY, where (on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>) I married Dave Condon. After living in Burlington, VT for a year, we moved back to the Glens Falls area. On February 14, 1974, I gave birth to a healthy baby boy (Mark.) We lived there until Jan. 1, 1975, when we moved to North Attleboro, MA. On June 10, 1978, I gave birth to a beautiful little girl (Natalie.) To date, we still live in North Attleboro. I spend my day working on a part-time basis. Decided to do a friend a favor and help her out for the holidays by helping her at this little German store. There is a fairly large German community in the Walpole, MA area. I must admit I enjoy chatting with the customers, who come from all parts of Europe. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Sustaining a successful marriage for years and raising two terrific children. Who would you like information on: Angela Alsop (Class of '67), Tina Wertenberger (Class of '68), Angelo Allen, Burkhardt Archer, Sandi Davenport, Richard Finney, Marvin Polanchyck, Isabella Laucka, Lynn Morehead, Ray Sanchez, Becky Yarbrough and Ute Zidaricks (all Class of '69). Cheryl Biernesser, Sue Edwards, and Al Darden (Class of '70). Jean Bonit (Class of '71). Marie Bauer (Class of '72).

## CLASS OF '71

### *Darlene (Carpenter) Porter*

After leaving Berlin I returned to Cali-

fornia and have lived here ever since I left. I've been married 25 years and we have one son, Ryan. He is 20, in Missouri, going to College and playing football (QB) at Southwest Missouri State University. I have been a manicurist for 27 yrs. I now work 3 days a week. My hobbies include crafts, reading, football games, breeding dachshunds. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Having my son and staying married to my husband, Kenny, for 25 yrs and running my own nail shop. Other Information you would like to share: I think it is great that we who all lived in Berlin are still able to stay in contact with one another. Each time we get together its great fun talking about all the great times we had in Berlin and remembering our friends.

## CLASS OF '72

### *Harry Smith*

I once was lost, but now am found... (Hm...those might sound good in some great old song!) Oh well... I've journeyed from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, where I schooled on a track scholarship earning a BA in Journalism that enabled me to get my first job as an advertising representative on the local newspaper, to seminary and the fulltime vocational ministry which I now practice as a hospice chaplain. I have been married 12 years to Sonya, the Director of Special Education for the Norman Public Schools, mother to two married girls, and grandmother to three (a girl and two boys). That makes me a step-grandfather (they call me "HarryPa.") We live on two peaceful, treed acres in Goldsby, just two miles south of Norman.

## CLASS OF '73

### *Jackson Hancock*

After leaving Berlin I joined the U.S. Army - served 15 years. I spend my day as an Audio/Visual Technician, Project Manager. My hobbies include: historian, automotive antique collector, sports. I am married: Carla. Children: 3 boys - Cody, Casey & Cade

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we're not as young as we once were!)

Later that day, as part of our OSB activities, we were all loaded into two tour buses (courtesy of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau) and driven to the Garden of the Gods. There we saw a short film and presentation on the history of the Rockies, the creation of the Garden of the Gods and allowed to shop a little. Then we took a short driving and walking tour around the Garden of the Gods to take in the awesome scenery. *Some great photography took place there!* Off again, we were whisked away to the Flying W Ranch where we enjoyed a scrumptious



Steve Brown '73, Cal Blochman '68 and Pat (Martel) Little '72

BBQ meal and show. (Word has it, some Berliners, sitting down front, were asked to join the band on stage). On Saturday night, WE DID IT AGAIN! We Berliners stood out from the crowd! Joe Condrill, President of the Overseas Brats, had requested that everyone dress up for the evening. In usual "Berlin Style" we decided to take that request one step further. At the enthusiastic suggestion of Kris Keller '76, we decided to have all Berliners dress in

Halloween Costumes. After all we were close to Halloween! (see photo on our cover). At an appointed hour all the Berliners gathered in the lobby of the hotel and walked into the Banquet Room together, where we made our GRAND entrance. We were met with such comments as "Leave it to Berlin!" and "We should have known that Berlin would do something like this!" So once again we stood out from the rest. (...we had to live up to our reputation from Homecoming 2001 in Wichita last July!)

Two Berliners, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, and Pat (Martel) Little '72, were members of the 15th anniversary of OVERSEAS BRATS program, where Joe, president of OSB, was roasted! Just prior to the dance, Jeri and Pat rolled out a large sheet cake decorated with the names of the 15 cities where the Overseas Brats Gatherings have been held over the years and presented it to Joe. (thanks Karrie, for obtaining the cake).

Berlin took second place in the number of attendees at this Overseas Brats Gathering (but not in originality) Next time, why don't you join us and help us make it to number one!! (after sweeping every category in Wichita we aren't use to 2nd place!)

Sunday morning, the Overseas Brats had a Breakfast in the Atrium of the Sheraton Hotel. There

we Berliners met to enjoy a breakfast



Fred Dixon '73 & Girlfriend.

among friends, talk about the next time that we would gather together and say our good-byes.

We certainly enjoyed ourselves during this four day gathering, and hope that you will join us the next time. Hopefully, we will see you in Melbourne, Florida for the Berlin Brats Florida Regional, scheduled for May 24 - 27, 2002 and if not there, then maybe we will see you at the Berlin Brats Reunion scheduled for 2003.

See you soon!

—Linda (Waters) Keeler  
Class Contact ~ Class of '80



Deb Doty '80 & hubby Ken, Kris Keller '76, Ricky Goltz '73 and Kerrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86

## Did You Know...

The Berlin Wall first consisted of only barbed wire. Three days later concrete blocks were started.

Fifty Germans died that 1st year trying to escape.

The famous photo of the East German Border guard jumping over the barbed wire on August 13, 1961 was of Conrad Shumann. He crossed at 4 p.m.



# Colorado Springs Overseas Brats Gathering

## Thursday Night Out on the Town



Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72 and Renee (Shipley) Knowles '71



Debbie (Brown) Neiman '73, and Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86



Kimesa (Shipley) Lindner '74 and her significant other...Ed



Pat (Martel) Little '72 Pole Dancing



Steve Brown '73 and Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86



Karrie (Kotcher) Sutton '86, Fred Dixon '73, Pat (Martel) Little '72, Kris Keller '76 and Linda (Waters) Keeler '80

## Saturday Night Banquet



Pat (Martel) Little '72



Kathleen O'Brien '74



Joe Condrill, Pat (Martel) Little '72, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, Nora (Barrera) Keithley '69 (Johnson High School, Japan)



Kathleen O'Brien '74, Deb Doty '80 and husband Ken, background Joe Condrill



Patty (O'Brien) Goltz '75 and Ricky Goltz '73

## Military Brats Face Terror...

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Americans, he was watching the New York attacks unfold on TV when the Pentagon was hit. Daniel's office is near the south entrance, putting it on the same side of the building where the plane hit but several sections removed.

Everyone was glued to the television, and we heard this loud boom, he said. I didn't actually feel anything but the windows did wave slightly. When it happened, we were in shock and disbelief. It was too coincidental. Seconds later, someone was at our door telling us to evacuate."

The evacuation went smoothly, leaving Daniel outside to stare in stunned amazement at the black smoke billowing from the nation's military headquarters. But once again, with phone lines jammed, it took several hours for him to get word to his wife. His normal 20-minute commute home took more than four hours.

As in the case of Khobar Towers, Jennifer first talked to her father in Pensacola, Ralph Allen.

In 1996, the retired Army intelligence officer managed to track her down in a hotel in Mexico to tell her about the terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia. This time, Jennifer called her father from work at Johns Hopkins University, after hearing students talk about the attack on the Pentagon.

"My cell phone wouldn't dial and all circuits were busy. But I finally got through to my father in Florida, she said. I didn't have access to CNN and he said, 'Well, I don't want to alarm you, (but) your husband parks on the south side and it was on that side of the building.'

Allen, 50, also remembers the conversations.

I freaked. It scared me so bad, he said. I knew it was close to his office. We were on the phone when the picture of the Pentagon came up. I told her, 'I don't believe it hit his office,' but I was thinking it did.

Jennifer finally heard her husband's voice about two hours later when his voice came through on her cell phone

voice mail: "Hey sweetie, I'm OK. I'll talk to you soon."

Jennifer, a University of West Florida graduate and former teacher at Gulf Breeze and Navarre high schools, is now working on her doctorate through Florida State University and giving Spanish lectures at Johns Hopkins.

Her brushes with terrorism, while not diminishing the shock or horror of last week's attack, make her thoughtful. I've often wondered, if there was a great need for people to volunteer in military service or make a great sacrifice, would we be up to it? With the bombing, we're finding out.

Her husband shares her thoughts. He has heard the politicians and analysts couch the situation as the great test for a yet untested generation. He generally agrees with the analysis.

Are you ever really ready for something like this? he asked. The generation that fought World War II and those that fought World War I before them, were they up for it?

Of course.

Jennifer (Allen) Colon '90  
and Daniel Colon '88

### \*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS!\*\*\*\*\*

April 18—21, 2002 ..... Site inspection team goes to Asheville, NC

May 24 - 27, 2002 ..... Florida Regional...Memorial Weekend in Melbourne, FL  
Picnic, Dance and mini-cruise planned.  
Contact: Pat (Martel) Little at: [bratsign@aol.com](mailto:bratsign@aol.com)  
Or call (321)255-5155.

2003 ..... The next BERLIN BRATS REUNION !

*"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer."*

*God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God Bless America, My home sweet home.*

*By Irving Berlin*

## Kenneth L. Payne April 1, 1936 - December 1, 2001

## BAHS FACULTY '76 TO '82

To our extended family, the Berlin Brats, thank you so much for your kind words and thoughtfulness. I only wish Dad could see just how much he was loved and appreciated by all of you. Our family is deeply saddened by our loss, but it is comforting to know that you will be with us in prayer. I will be flying to Brussels tomorrow to be with Mom and help her with all of the arrangements. I'm posting the article that appeared in the Stars and Stripes today in hopes that this will answer most of your questions. Mom's email address is [kandbpayne@compuserve.com](mailto:kandbpayne@compuserve.com)  
Love,  
Kendra



bara, a son Kevin, and two daughters, Kendra and Keli, survive Ken. Ken's DoDDS career began in Japan in 1969, and his latest assignment was as the Assistant Principal at Brussels American School. Mr. Ken Payne served American military communities with distinction in Japan, Korea, Germany, and Belgium. He was the Assistant Principal at Wuerzburg High School for 13 years, and had recently moved with Barbara from Wuerzburg, Germany, to Brussels, Belgium. Ken was an outstanding father, husband, educator and caring individual. He will be missed. Notes and letters may be sent to:

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Attn: Barbara A. Payne  
PSC 79 BAS  
APO AE 09714

Or Fax or E-mail:

Fax +322. 782-0230

(From the States I think it is:)  
0132 2 782 - 0230  
0113227820230

E-mail: [bas@eu.odedodea.edu](mailto:bas@eu.odedodea.edu) or [Principal\\_Brussels\\_EHS@eu.odedodea.edu](mailto:Principal_Brussels_EHS@eu.odedodea.edu) (I'm not sure which is correct. I saw 2 on different documents.)

A Memorial Service for Mr. Ken Payne will be held at Brussels American School on Saturday, 8 December, at 3:00 in the afternoon. A Memorial Service for Mr. Payne will be held in the Leighton Barracks Chapel (in Wuerzburg) on Monday, 10 December, at 3:30.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara Payne has requested that contributions be made to a scholarship fund for a future teacher from Wuerzburg American High School. The account is #3680761038 with the Community Bank. Deposits may be made by completing a deposit form at any Community Bank.

Ben M. Briggs Principal. Brussels American School

Kenneth L. Payne  
April 1, 1936 - December 1, 2001

It is with the deepest regret that I announce the death of Kenneth L. Payne, a long-time DoDDS educator. Ken died Saturday morning, December 1, 2001, at his home in Brussels, Belgium. His wife Bar-

## Letter Jackets Worth Their Weight in Gold.....

As Pat (Martel) Little and Jeri (Polansky) Glass took possession of their new letter jackets in Colorado Springs at the Overseas Brats Gathering, little did they know what the weekend would hold in store for them.

Both wore their letter jackets to the Berlin Brats early arrival dutch treat dinner on Thursday night to Old Chicago. As Jeri was modeling hers for the late arrivals a gentlemen at the next table tapped her on the sleeve. "Is this for real?" he said. "Yes, of course.....we all went to high school in Berlin, Germany," Jeri said. "No kidding. I was the military project officer in charge of closing down military quarters at the end."

How exciting! Another who shared our experience.....

The more Jeri talked to this gentleman we learned that he had a lot of

memorabilia from Berlin, which he was only too happy to donate to us.

On Saturday of that weekend, Pat, Ricky Goltz '73 and Jeri drove over to Michael Haze's house. Once there he presented us with an Allied Checkpoint Charlie sign (7 feet long), a You Are Now Leaving the American Sector sign, two very large framed photos of Brandenburg Gate and the German police putting on a demonstration at the Olympic Stadium, and finally a plaque with a piece of the Wall on it which was one of the many passed out by Berlin Brigade to visiting dignitaries.

Mr. Haze is retired now and has had many articles on his assignment in Berlin published. He has graciously agreed to share some of those articles with us. Look for his stories in future newsletters.

Pat's encounter was a little different. She was standing in the lobby of the Sheraton, and yes, wearing her new letter jacket when a lady came running up to her. The lady was from Berlin and was thrilled to see our jacket. She was staying at the Sheraton because her son, Victor, an Ice Dancer for Canada, was competing that weekend at the World Arena there in Colorado Springs.

The following day both Pat and Jeri were viewing the various hotel exhibits in the exhibit hall....when they ran into an Ice Dancing Judge from the former East Berlin.

Pat has returned to sunny Florida and Jeri to sunny Arizona....but both have said they will continue wearing their new jackets (daily) to see who else they might encounter!!!!

## BRAT BIOS

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### CLASS OF '74

*Angela L. (Thomas) Lewis*

After leaving Berlin I went to Fayetteville, NC. Graduated from high school '74, attended North Carolina Central University '78 - Public Administration Major, Personnel Management Specialist with various Federal agencies. I spend my day: Employee Relations Specialist with the Social Security Administration, region 7, Kansas City, Missouri. My hobbies include: Reading, walking. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Being a Mother. I have 3 beautiful children ages 13, 12, 9. Charellita is 13, Annisha is 12 and Terry II is 9.

Other Information you would like to share: I'm looking forward to the next Reunion. I would like information on others from BAHS '71-'74, their addresses (e-mail or home).

### CLASS OF '75

*Daniel Wayne Sisneros*

After leaving Berlin I lived in Colorado Springs, CO. for 2 1/2 years then moved to Rawlins, WY where I still reside. I spend my day (job/position): I am a locomotive engineer for the Union Pacific R.R. w/22 yrs seniority. My hobbies include: Just about everything - hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, golfing, biking, pool, darts, etc. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Making it to 40. I am married, 18 yrs - 5 1/2 time - going on 13 now. Children: 2 Boys 19/17 1<sup>st</sup> marriage Other Information you would like to share: My two Babies now are Buzz and Patches my two Border Collies.

### CLASSES OF '77

*Gerald Sichlinger*

I left Berlin in 1977 and moved to Miami. I graduated with a master's degree from the University of Miami and joined the Navy to become a pilot. I was a flight instructor and did two

tours with my F-14 Squadron based out of Oceania, VA. I completed service in 1990. I now fly a private aircraft for an Arab family based in London, England. I have been here for 11 years. I recently got married and so life begins they say... So my wife says anyhow. It was good to hear from you and I hope to meet more of our class of '77 on the web.

### CLASS OF '78

*James "Jammer" McLean*

I graduated in "78" from BAHS, hung out there with the crew until March 79 while working at the hospital, jamming, playing the Volksfest, performing downtown with different groups, and having a good time doing several stupid stunts. Came back to the states (Kansas) to hang with my father for a while, and do some studio work. Joined the Air Force in July 79, went into Law enforcement-K/9 Explosives Handler. First Base was at Altus, OK. Received a call in Jan 80 to search the O-Club at

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## WANT A LETTER JACKET ?????

We have a company for you.

Staats Custom Awards  
608 N. Iris Street  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

1-800-553-1853

attn: Lori White

Lori recently made jackets for Pat (Martel) Little '72, Cal Bloebaum '68 and Jeri (Polansky) Glass ('72)....and they turned out fabulously!

Lori is very easy to work with and will do whatever you want. She has our design down perfectly....including the standing bear on our sleeve. If you want "white leather" sleeves order leather number 56 but if you prefer the off white or natural color then order "vanilla" sleeves. Cost is approximately \$280. (it all depends on how much lettering you want....and if you can furnish your own letter to be sewn on the front of the jacket).

If you have further questions contact Pat at [Brassign@aol.com](mailto:Brassign@aol.com), Cal at [Cbloebaum@webtv.net](mailto:Cbloebaum@webtv.net) or Jeri at [BerlinBrats@juno.com](mailto:BerlinBrats@juno.com)

## BRAT BIOS

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nearby Army post, lost the K-9 due to an explosion, woke up 3 days later in traction at the hospital....Went TDY to Hawaii for R&R till end of July 80. Toured as a Drummer/Percussionist with "Tops In Blue" A.F. showcase till Nov 80. Went TDY to Andrews AFB for AF Presidential Security Team, lived on a C-5 aircraft till April 81, while traveling all over the world. Returned to OK and Law Enforcement duties, had to use my weapon and fire on a civilian in June 81,

was cleared and justified in July 81. Told my therapist I had enough, was Honorably discharge with full benefits in Dec 81. Went on tour with Jimmy Buffett performing Drums/percussion Jan 82 to July 82. Accepted the directorship of the SAC showcase in Aug 82, moved to Minot AFB, ND. Got married in May 82 to AF Sgt. Accepted a Production Director position with MCA/Universal and moved to Florida in July 84. Started my own production business on the side. Divorced in October 84. Back on tour with JB off & on till April 95. Married my Wife, Betsy on April 23, 94 (Thanks to Jason coming down and be-

ing my Best Man), and inherited two great children, Boy/Girl. Went fulltime at MCA/Universal doing production for different venues and special events, while doing short tours with JB, and studio work for my nephew AJ (Backstreet Boys), and good friend Joey (NSYNC). Switched over to Universal Citywalk to work for JB as the Entertainment Manager for Margaritaville Orlando in Jan 99, back performing short tours for JB in Oct 99. Was awarded full VA military benefits in Jan 2000. Retired and enjoying life while working on projects for some of the people I have met in the business. Have a BA in Entertainment Production,

## YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!!!!!!!!!!

The following is what we have in inventory and are available "For Sale" to our members.

1979 - 11 books	
1981 - 2 books	
1983 - 2 books	
1986 - 45 books	'86 - supplements
1987 - 21 books	
1988 - 2 books	
1989 - 24 books	
1990 - 24 books	'90 - supplements
1992 - 27 books	
1994 - 21 books	

The yearbooks are selling for \$28 which includes postage and shipping.

Additionally we have 28 - 1989 yearbooks that are engraved with alumni names. We assume these alumni have paid for their yearbooks but then transferred out of Berlin prior to the yearbooks arriving.

We are very anxious to mail them to their respective owners.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** in locating a large number of these people. Please review the list of names found below and if you see your name or can provide information on any of the following please contact the Berlin Brats at: [BerlinBrats@juno.com](mailto:BerlinBrats@juno.com) or call (623)551-1105.

Clarence Alston  
Robyn Armstrong  
Nazri-J-Bahari  
Stacey Batson  
Kelly Brady  
Scott Brady  
Nicole Clayton  
Carissa Combe  
John Cutting  
Carolyn Donelson

Christopher Eger  
Doreen Evans  
Jennifer Fullerton  
Rob Godwin  
Kimberly Gonzales  
Daniel Hall  
Greg Hall  
Dexter Hawthorne  
Timothy Howard  
Meredith Knapp

Kim Nix  
Wendy Nix  
Jenny Pecqueur  
Monica Radziminshi  
Kristen Sennett  
Chris Smith  
Gregory Turk  
Casey Wyatt

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Pyrotechnics License (Federal, Florida, California), Broadcast/Video Over certified, Certifications in Sound & Lighting... And still own my business, although I don't know why!!! And that's the rest of the story... This is the short Story...

### CLASS OF '79

Sarah (Chapman) Monahan  
After leaving Berlin I attended

College of William & Mary (Grad 1983). Moved to Istanbul, Turkey for 3 yrs; Returned to attend publishing course at Radcliff; moved to NYC and worked at American Turkish Society; moved to Wash. D.C., worked at Smithsonian Magazine. Married 1989 to Tim Monahan who joined the Foreign Service in 1991. Together we have lived in Jamaica, Turkey and now Greece. I am a full-time Mother, part time personal trainer and

gymnastics teacher (at local school). My hobbies include: Touring around (i.e. travel), reading, dance, running, biking, swimming, writing etc. Accomplishments I am most proud of: My three wonderful children! (I'm currently training for the Athens Marathon - though I pulled a muscle and may not do it - after having done the Marine Corps Marathon in DC 1998... Let's see if I make this, the "original" marathon!

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Children: Nicholas (almost 10), Nancy (7) and Harrison (almost 5)

## CLASS OF '80

### **Michelle K. (Fuse) Copeland**

After leaving Berlin I moved to Maryland, been here ever since. I spend my day (job/position): Facility Manager at NIH - National Institute of Drug Abuse. My hobbies include: art, travel, fun, music, spending time with my husband James. I am most proud of: My 3 kids, Samantha - 20, Alexandra-12, Justin-10 I would like information on anyone from the Class of 1980.

## CLASS OF '82

### **Lissa (Ahrens) Gilbert**

After leaving Berlin I went to Cal State Northridge and graduated there. I spend my day as a counselor for the deaf - providing independent living skills and job placement etc. Accomplishments I am most proud of: helping underprivileged deaf people. I am married to Eric Gilbert - also deaf. Children: Not Yet.

## CLASS OF '83

### **Kenneth Davis**

After leaving Berlin I returned to GA. Settled down by Ft. Stewart Military Base and live in the country. I spend my day as a Maintenance Technician at Ft. Stewart, Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairman. My hobbies include: Hunting, fishing, racing. I am most proud of: Desert Storm

Vet, all the awards received from my career. Most of all, My Wife and Children. 3 children - 2 Boys & 1 Girl. I would like information on: Steve Norman, Kevin Zimmerman, Renae Berge

### **Timothy Ray Hardison**

After leaving Berlin I went to Appalachian State University - M.A. in Special Ed Counseling. Joined U.S. Army Reserve - Major. I spend my (job/position): Helping families with children with emotional disturbances My hobbies include: Racquetball, weight lifting, reading comics. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Becoming a Master Fitness Instructor, Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the U.S. Open Racquetball Championships (1997). I am married. Children: 1 Daughter (Sona). I would like information on: Mark A. Burns, Carolyn Wogh, Marnie Brooks, Cedric Anderson

## CLASS OF '84

### **Steven McDonald**

When and where were you a Brat? Thomas A. Roberts Elementary (Berlin) 1971-72, 1976-78 and Berlin American High School 1979-84. Your occupations: Economist. Married to Laura. Children: Britain Catherine (5), Aidan Patrick (2)

## CLASS OF '86

### **Lesli (Holden) Cook**

After leaving Berlin I moved back to home state of GA to attend college, married in 1988 to Bob Cook, moved to Charlotte in

1992. I am a Purchasing Mgr for Eastern Metal Supply, Inc. My hobbies include: cross-stitching, traveling when possible, spending time with my boys. Accomplishments I am most proud of: Finally graduated from college in 1999! (Montreal College) Children: Justin and Brandon. I would like information on: Bonnie Eschrich

### **Andy Jordan**

After leaving Berlin I went to college at the University of South Florida. Started and still own a marketing/management organization in the catalog/printing business. I spend my day: Managing sales people and negotiating new contracts. My hobbies include: boating, golf, spending time with my kids. I am most proud of: being a good daddy. Married to Amy. Children: Nicole 2, Zachary 5 months. Others I have kept in contact with: John Prokopowicz, Monica Ramsey

## CLASS OF '89

### **Alexander S. Burke**

After leaving Berlin I moved to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts and now live in Lovell, Massachusetts. I spend my day (job/position): Manufacturing Engineer for Genrad in Westford, Mass. My hobbies include: Soccer, skiing, snowmobiling, fishing I am single. Children: None.

**Achtung!**  
**Verboten!**



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#### IN SYMPATHY.....

Our thoughts and prayers are with Roma (Freeman) Pet-ton'71 who lost her 22-year-old daughter on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Dallas traffic accident.

Should you wish to write Roma her address is:  
13305 NE 171<sup>st</sup> Street, Apt M-384,  
Woodinville, WA 98072.

#### JUST IN.....

### Asheville wins!

Our team of 5 will be heading to Asheville on April 18th to do a site inspection and select a hotel  
Then we'll discuss dates....

*We're on the web:*

[www.geocities.com/berlinbrats](http://www.geocities.com/berlinbrats)

[www.berlinbrats.org](http://www.berlinbrats.org)

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## Note from the Publisher

### Hello Fellow Berliners.

The past year was different than most to say the least. We seem to have re-discovered what is most important in our lives. More than ever before, our focus is on our families and friends, as well as our Country. It is my sincere hope that you and your families are both healthy and happy.

Staying in touch has become much easier because of E-mail and other such technologies; which has made the many miles seem much shorter. Let's make this a year that we stay in contact more and reach out to more of our fellow classmates and try to get them as involved as

we are.

Hope to see each and every one of you at least once this coming year. We have a number of regional gatherings coming up, and if I can't make it to each and everyone of them, just know that I wish I were with you, enjoying the camaraderie.



I welcome each and every one of you to submit any article or subject matter that you think will be of interest to your fellow Berlin Brat Alumni.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy each and every newsletter

that we send your way.

We hope to see each and every one of you at our 2003 Reunion, as well as, at some of the regional gatherings that are planned here and there. We will do our best to keep you posted on those gatherings as we are notified.

In the meantime, keep those emails, cards and letters coming. Keep your membership and contact information current, so we don't lose track of you.

-Linda (Waters) Keeler  
Class Contact ~ Class of '80