



# Berlin Brats Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Our Colorado Springs Reunion: June 2nd-5th, 2022





## June 1 – Wednesday: Prep day



**Stuffing Party with  
Welcome Package goodies!**



**Liz and Mike Cleveland '61 hard at work  
“stuffing”!**

**Finished Welcome Packages**





## June 2 - Thursday: Day 1 of Reunion

Silent Auction Items ->



60's, 70's, 80's and some 90's Brats posing...





# June 2 - Thursday: Day 1 of Reunion (Continued)

## Photo Booth Fun



Gordon Rankin '60



Zany 70's



72's



80's



Rick Martin '77  
in trouble



Michelle Estes '90  
hamming it up



Lopez Family in fine form!



Lopez Family in fine form!



## June 2 - Thursday: Day 1 of Reunion (Continued)

### Evening Reception

### Reception Tent and food line



<- Teachers Glenna Harrison and Adam Hildenbrand with Rick Martin '77



JoAnne and Lee Angel '64



Joseph Koffley '75 and daughter Katrina



Henry Salazar with Andre Harley '81



## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion

### Golf Outing - Eisenhower USAFA course (a.k.a. Rick's page)

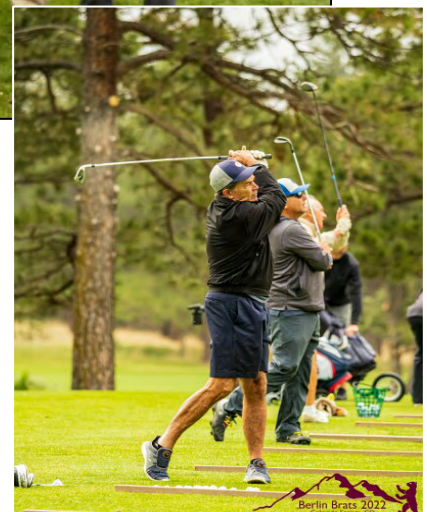


**Golf Committee Rick Martin '77 and Larry Speer '83**



**<- Donna (Berry) Bullock '65 and Rick**

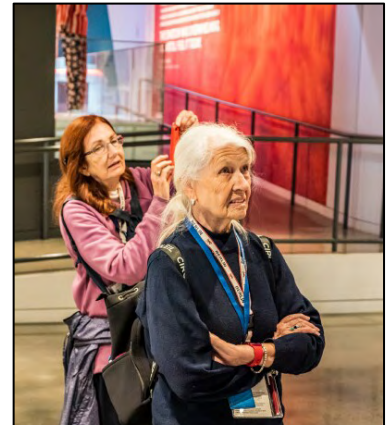
**Warming up ->**



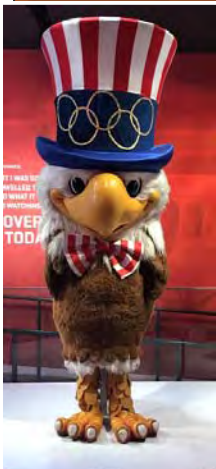


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### Olympic Museum



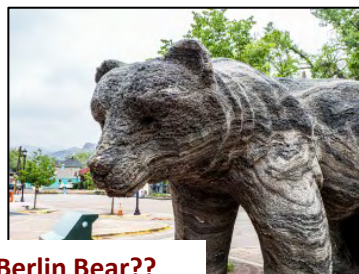
**Marianna (Lieurance) Mounsey '50 and friend Barbara Edwards '60 (K-town Brat)**



**Uncle Sam**



### Manitou Springs



**Berlin Bear??**



**Eatery and Nut Haus**





## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion (Continued)

### Garden of the Gods



James Palmer '64 and Steve Denton '67 at Balanced Rock



Theresa Ledbetter '80



Gaye and Mike Doane our local Frankfurt Bus Guides



Left to Right:

Connie (Phillips) Salazar '80  
Danica (Charlton) Lehner '82  
Henry Salazar (spouse)  
Steve Denton '67

Below: GOG Trading Post



Robert Riddick '65 and Glen Dunwoody '65

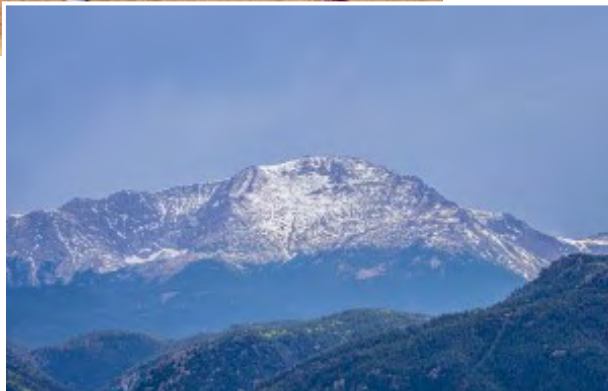


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### Garden of the Gods (Continued)



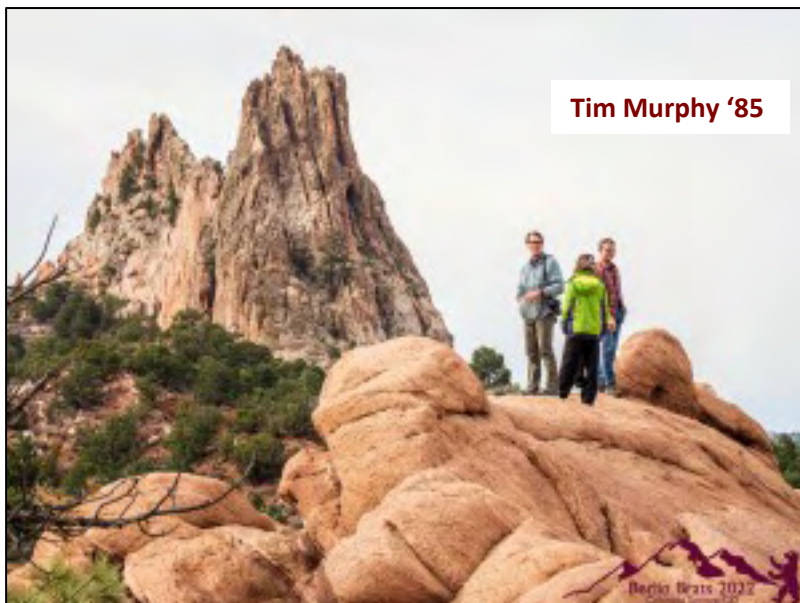
**Greg Mattson '77**  
Our esteemed  
Photographer



**Pike's Peak as seen from Garden of the Gods**



**Lisa (Begue) Carey '85 and husband Brian "selfy-ing"**



**Tim Murphy '85**



**Julie Langley '77**



## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion (Continued)

### School Spirit Day and Edelweiss Dinner (Ratskeller lower level)



Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72 and guests Frank Enos '71 and Judy (Bygott) Kosan '72 at lower entrance to Ratskeller



Frank and Robert Ryan '74



Pat (Martel) Little '72 with Frank





## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion (Continued)

### School Spirit Day and Edelweiss Dinner (Ratskeller lower level)



'85ers shooting "Apfelkorn" at the bar





## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion (Continued)

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## June 3 – Friday: Day 2 of Reunion (Continued)

### School Spirit Day and Miscellaneous



2006 Quilt



Berlin City Flag



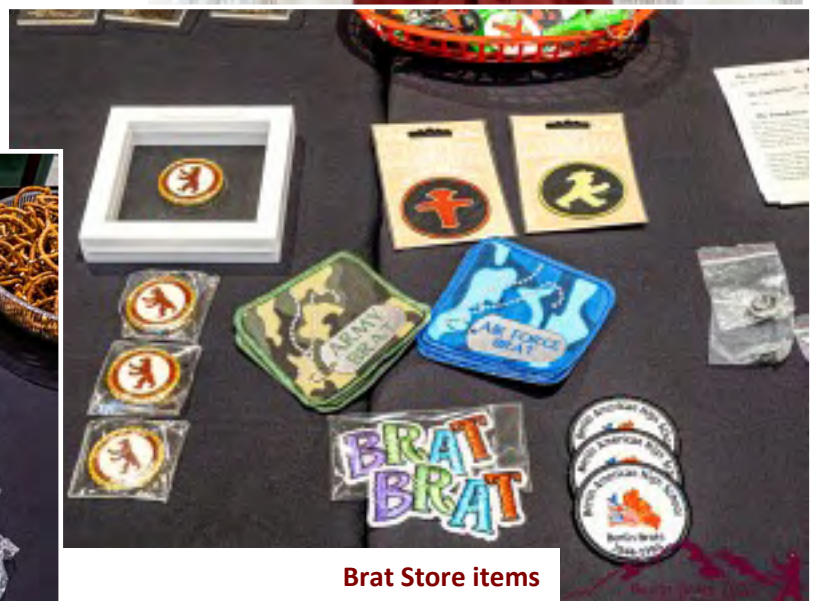
Choir Robe



Greg Turk '89 and Matt Austin '87



Huuuge Pretzel



Brat Store items



## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion

### Cog Railroad to Pikes Peak



<- Cog bus arriving at Train Depot... winter attire in hand!

Front to back:  
Theresa Ledbetter '80,  
Julie Langley '77,  
Kendra (Payne)  
Morgan '80 & Danica  
(Charlton) Lehner '82



Debbie Doty '80 @ Pikes Peak  
Donut shop



Diane (McConchia) Porras '79

Theresa Ledbetter '80



## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion (Continued)

### Quilt as displayed at Saturday Night Banquet



**Our Quilter: Leigh  
(Love) Roper '85**

**<- Our new Logo'd quilt**

**Quilt showcases logos from  
2009-2022 along w/other  
major BBAA events within  
these years.**

**Backside of quilt with new  
secret panel for two  
canceled Reunions: 2020 &  
'21 due to Covid**





## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion (Continued)

### Scholarship Awards at Saturday Night Banquet



**2022 Scholarship Winners - More details on recipients @ [BerlinBrats.org](http://BerlinBrats.org)**



**Scholarship presentation to Kendra (Payne) Morgan '80 on behalf of daughter Lauren**

### Scholarship Donor Board

**Berlin Brats Reunion Scholarship Award**



Scholarships for Berlin Brats and their Families

**Scholarship Donors**  
as of May 25, 2022

**The 1960's**

Col Bloebaum Donna (Betsy) Bullock Mike Cleveland George Gilmore Blair Good Mike Juhl	Gail (Rybaltowski) Korppinen John Latham James Palmer James Polley IV Gordon Rankin Robert Riddick
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**The 1970's**

Bernie Beaulieu Mel DeVilbiss Patty (O'Brien) Goltz Ricky Goltz Julie Langley	Sarah Lopez Greg Mattison Mark Owens Gary Robinson Robert Ryan
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Daniel Sineras

**The 1980's**

Lisa (Beque) Carey Tammie Korman Malissa (Murray) Ladd Trisha Lindsey Yashika (Lafin) Lowe Steve McDonald James Miller	Kendra (Payne) Morgan Tim Murphy Leigh (Love) Roper Jenni (Hewitt) Shaw Tim Shaw Lory Speer Cheryl (Dearing) Starich
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Greg Turk

**The 1990's and Faculty and Other Brats**

Michelle Estes Barbara (Schmick) Edwards (K-Town) Robert Koski (Karlsruhe)	Charlie Bluem Ken and Tammy Hite (Karlsruhe) Deb (Henson) Winchester (Yamato)
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**Kitty Adams Memorial Scholarship**

Jack and Linda McAuley Jill McAuley	Jeffrey and Gabriele Meiselwitz Mareya Singleton
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Jenise White

A special thanks to Silent Auction donors and raffle participants, who also benefit the Scholarship Fund.



## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion (Continued)

### Saturday Night Banquet

#### Berlin Brats Banquet Blessing

Delivered

by

Mr Adam Hildenbrand

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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*Please join me in a moment of thanksgiving  
as we bless this occasion and this meal.*

*Thank you, Lord ...*

*Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to come together to renew old  
friendships and make new ones here at our Berlin American High School reunion.*

*Thank you for opportunity to see and appreciate your beautiful creation as we did  
yesterday in the Garden of the Gods and this morning to Pikes Peak. May these  
“mountain-top” experiences continue this evening and in each of our precious  
days on this earth.*

*Thank you, Lord, for the tremendous service represented by the people in this  
room. Indeed, Berlin represented an outpost of freedom amid authoritarian rule.  
We were all part of the message of hope to the world.*

*Just as I survived the concentration camps of Yugoslavia in my youth with hope,  
may we always seek to provide hope to others.*

*As the Psalmist said, “Be still and know that I am God.” Take time to be still.  
Take time to count our blessings. Take time to celebrate each other.*

*Finally, may the Lord bless this meal as we also express our gratitude to  
Jeri Glass and her team who made this reunion possible.*

*The Lord bless you, be gracious unto to you, and may He give you peace.*

*Amen.*



## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion (Continued)

### Saturday Night Banquet

#### First Things First: Happy Birthday Marianna (Lieurance) Mounsey '50



### Now the Banquet...



Ricky Goltz '73 receiving a Golf prize



Silent Auction Items

Table Signage – each decade had one

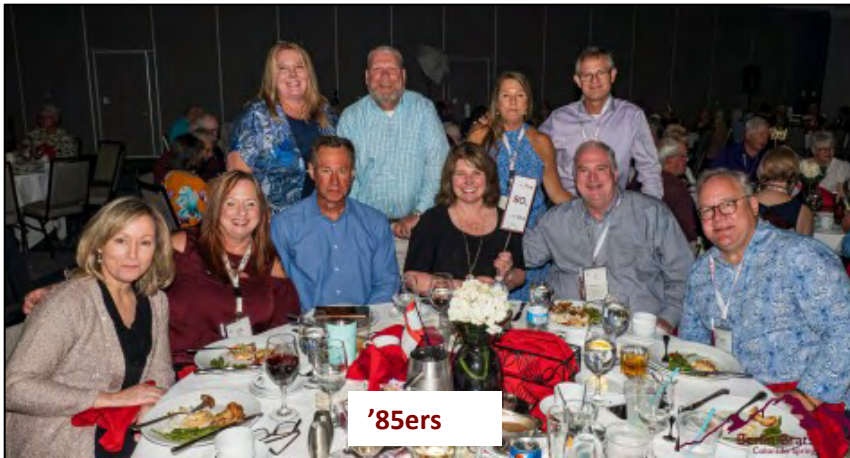


Dance floor at the end



## June 4 – Saturday: Day 3 of Reunion (Continued)

### Saturday Night Banquet (Continued)



'85ers



Dan Sisneros '75 & Barbara



Cal Bloebaum '68 & Tracy



Mark Owen '76 and JoAnne



James Miller '83 and Audrey (Matheny) Skolnicki '85



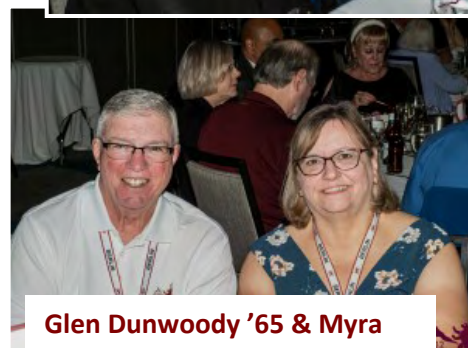
Ivan & Yoshika (Loftin) Lowe '83



Gail (Rybaltowski) Karppinen '63 & Mike Jiru '63



Darla (Tabor) Hung '88 and Michelle Brown-Floyd '89



Glen Dunwoody '65 & Myra



## Big Thank you to our Reunion Committee (and many unnamed others who helped throughout the event)

### Reunion Committees

Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72	Director
Cal Bloebaum '68 Pat (Martel) Little '72 Jim Wright '72 & Jackie Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72 Carl Fenstermacher '73 Greg Mattson '77	Stuffing Party
Mike Cleveland '61 Pat (Martel) Little '72	Hospitality Suite
Peter Stein '80	Communication Brat
Susan (Sams) O'Neill '85	Graphic Art Brat
Carl Fenstermacher '73	Newsletter/WebBrat
Audrey (Matheny) Skolnicki '85 Gilbert & Debbie Lopez '80	On Site Assistance
Greg Mattson '77 Danica (Charlton) Lehner '82	Reunion Photographer Photographer Assistant/Banquet night
Donna Musil/Producer/Director/Q&A	Movie: Brats our Journey Home
Michelle Estes '90	Raffle/Silent Auction
Toby West '61 Paul Greer '72 (deceased) Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72 Deb (Brians) Clark '74 Greg Mattson '77 Connie (Phillips) Buynar '80 Steve McDonald '84	Raffle/Silent Auction Donors
Rick Martin '77 - Chair Larry Speer '83 - Director of Entertainment	Golf Classic
Gaye Doane - Frankfurt '69 Michael Doane - Frankfurt '69	Locals: Brat "Step-on" Bus Guides - Garden of the Gods
Leigh (Love) Roper '85	New Reunion Logo(s) Quilt
Pat (Martel) Little '72	Registration/Membership
Audrey (Matheny) Skolnicki '85	Brat PX
Jenni (Hewitt) Shaw '85 - Chair John Latham '67 Michelle Estes '90 Deb (Brians) Clark '74	Scholarship Committee
Cate Speer '85/Carl Fenstermacher '73	Table Signage
Ron Harrison - asst coach '71-'72 & AOSHS Treasurer	AOSHS Display



## OTHER BRAT GET-TOGETHERS



It's like yesterday. The Turk (Greg Turk '89) is back at it with Marcel Harrell '89. Prenzlauer Berg, Berlin, Germany, June 18-22 2022



Michael James '87 hanging with Marc Abrams '86 at the Beach club, Siesta Key, FL , July 1, 2022

L to R: Mike Haddock '89, Laverne (Magee) Richardson '86, Mia Jenkins niece of Ken (Berliner through blood lines)



and Ken Magee '88 united earlier this month.





### CLASS OF '85 IN SCOTTSDALE!!!

We wanted to surprise Robin Murphy '84 at her restaurant but she went home early!

Michelle (Doty) Quest, Natalie (Asp) Reader, Jenni (Hewitt) Shaw and Tim Shaw.



### July 10<sup>th</sup>: Disney's Animal Kingdom

Laura (Colangelo) Morris '79 and Kim (McLean) Hunt '77



BratGals link up: July 9<sup>th</sup>



Angela, Karen and Roo at Papa Jack's BBQ,  
Waco, TX "

Karen Sellers '80, Angela (Ott) Lamb '80 and Roo  
(Eargle) Moran '73 at "Slow Rise on the Brazos"



### Siblings get together after 3 years.....

Rick Donelson '84 and Carolyn (Donelson) Holman '89



## REUNION

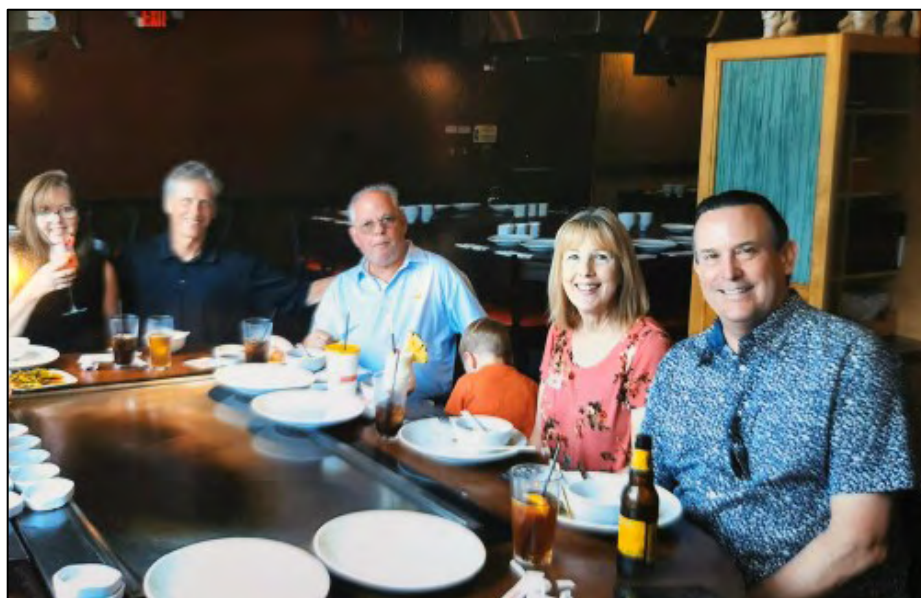
The topper of the class, is a happy Homemaker.  
Back bencher of the lot, is an Entrepreneur.  
The flamboyant fashionista,  
became a dreaded Lawyer.  
Often ignored Joe, turned a well known Writer.  
The one who failed in math paper,  
is a Fashion Designer.  
And one who often got to stand  
outside the class, is a respected Army Officer.

The reunion taught me,  
how people come with many layers,  
and told me why we should never judge  
a book by its Cover.

Each child out there  
has a different success story!!!

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**Surprise Luncheon - July 11<sup>th</sup> at Benihana's, Orlando, FL (International Drive)**

L to R: Kim (McLean) Hunt '77, Mike Winchester '76, Robert Bourbo '76, Laura (Colangelo) Morris '79 and husband Andy.



Now here's our new "Reunion Tee" ....Look closely!  
Ha! Ha! Ha!



## **GOAL PLUS SOME!**

With the recent passing of Col Halvorsen, a/k/a The Candy Bomber, the Alumni Association opened a campaign for a Memorial Tile to be placed on the Memorial/Tribute Wall at AOSHS.

Thank you to the following Brats and others for their donations:

**Maggie (Ellithorpe) MacPherson '63**

**Dan Rau '66**

**Becky (Yarbrough) Bailey '69**

**John Freeman '71**

**Toni (Yarbrough) Combs '71**

**Jim Wright '72**

**Ricky Goltz '73**

**Kathleen (McKinn) Kepler '73**

**Judy Marmor '74**

**Vicki (Evans) Adair '75**

**Joanna (Anderson) Williams '76**

**Warren Knarr '77**

**Greg Mattson '77**

**Paola Meimaris '79**

**Yoshika (Loftin) Lowe '83**

**David Whitney '85**

**Aaron Roach '91**

**Sandy Bousum**

**Ann Bamberger - former AOSHS President**

**Berlin Brats Alumni Association**

**Joe Condrill '73 - Overseas Brats President**

**Gunter Schmidt – Berliner**

**William Penn Foundation**

**Yarbrough Family**

We exceeded our goal and as advertised the excess donations will be earmarked for the Dr. Drysdale Memorial Scholarship Fund @ AOSHS. Each year scholarships are given to "active duty Brats" at underserved/small DoDea schools overseas.

**THANK YOU ALL!**



## FRIENDS

One day, all of us will get separated  
from each other. We will miss our  
conversations. Days, months and  
years will pass until our contact  
becomes rare. One day,  
our children will see our photos and  
ask "Who are these people?"  
And we will smile with invisible  
tears and say..  
"It was with them that I had the  
best days of my life."

Victory Today

More Reunion pictures can be  
found here:  
<https://www.gregmattsonphoto.com/bahs2022>

To download any pics....the  
password is: currywurst  
(one word/all lowercase)

### Upcoming Events

#### 2022 Regionals:

**11 Sept 2022** - possibly  
Providence, RI (currently  
exploring)  
**25 Sept 2022** - Las Vegas  
(details to follow mid-August)

**DODDS & AOSHS  
Reunion  
13-17 July 2022  
Kansas City, MO**

#### Next Reunion

**Summer of 2025  
As we rotate "east"**

**Scouting begins in 1 yr!**

**Details on Website:  
[www.BerlinBrats.org](http://www.BerlinBrats.org)**

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(the official fan page site)

"Berlin American High School (BAHS)"  
(an open group chat page)

Newsletter Brat: Carl Fenstermacher '73

#### Early '60s Site

By invitation only  
Contact Jim Branson '64  
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for an invite

#### American Overseas School Historical Society

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