

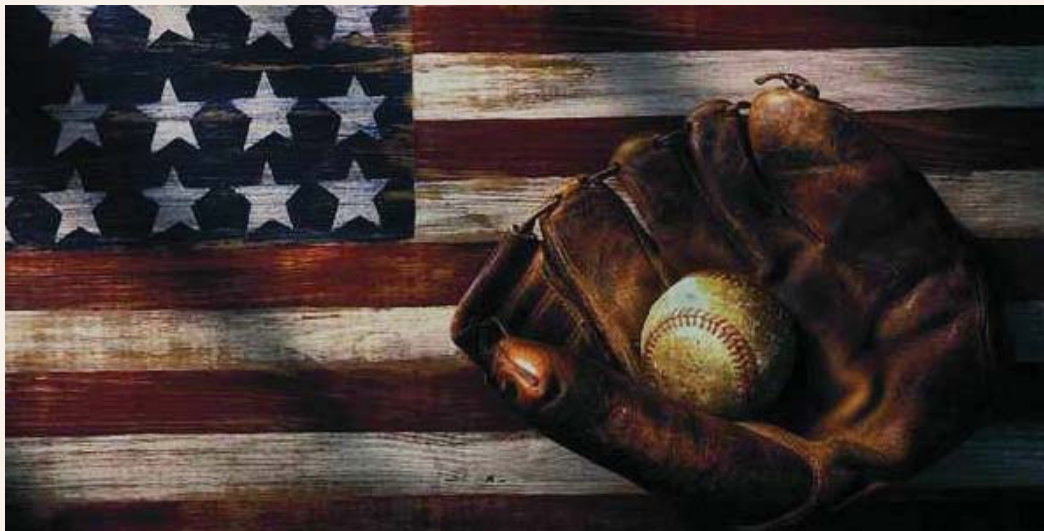


Berlin Brats Alumni Association Newsletter

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The 1960 Berlin All Star Little League Team Unites and attends the 75th Little League Baseball World Series!



What do you say to a friend you haven't seen in 54 years? How about you walk up shake hands, and then you grin and hug each other. Some look much like they did in 1960. Some, you walk by and don't recognize.

Seven team members from the Berlin 1960 Little League (Pat Williams, John Reale, Ed Cole, Ray Williams, Bruce Jager, Mike Glaser and Charles Spannare, wives, girlfriends and grandkids) showed up on Friday, August 22, at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The son, two daughters and family members of Coach Don Thompson also honored us with their presence. Friday afternoon we wound up at a restaurant across the street from the Genetti hotel sitting around a table with big smiles on our faces. Man, it was so wonderful to see old friends! We were all older but some things had never changed. John Reale still needed a shave, and Ed's hair is still a little red. Me, I just sit there with my wife and listened to old and new stories. It was an unbelievable moment.

Friday night, we had a reception at the hotel and had a chance to display memorabilia. Bruce had an old hat from his Bear's team, others had scrapbooks and the Thompson family had Don's "Outpost of Democracy" blue jacket. It was a great evening to get reacquainted. I believe we all slept well. Breakfast started for me at about 7am and Ray had beaten me there. Ray and I shared a cup of coffee until the Reales showed up and pretty soon everyone was around tables listening to each other and sharing their last 54 years. Saturday afternoon the 7 players and some of the others saw the two semi games at the stadium after touring the Little League museum. Ed Cole bought everyone hats for the reunion. They matched our cool blue shirts. Many people stopped us and asked about the team. A couple people asked for autographs from us and where they could buy the "Outpost of Democracy" shirts that we were wearing. Things were building up and we didn't even know it!





Saturday night, we had a catered dinner. Boy that was fun! Everyone took a few minutes to stand and say whatever they wanted to. We all found out that as a group we had really made a difference in many lives, ranging from being a Jet pilot to writing top ten songs and everything in between. There was lots of laughing and a few tears. The food was ok, but the way everyone acted like we had never been apart was the best thing about the evening. The Thompson family really brought an extra dynamic to the evening. Coach Don Thompson had a wonderful life

and his family shared how he loved the team, and how it was close to his heart his whole life.

Sunday came around and we all headed to the field. The people from the Little League had been great for a couple days, and now unknown to us it was going to get even better! Before the final game, we were brought into a media room, then we were escorted onto the field. The Chicago team was taking infield and we were right there on the field watching. The guys were beginning to get big eyes. They had us march out to second base with the 1939 team and 1964 championship teams. As we lined up, I looked around, 30,000 people were looking at us. We were proud to represent Berlin and our families. Men in their 60's had the look of a 12 year old boy again and tears were shed! We were introduced one by one and asked to step forward as our name was called. It was a special time for a giddy group of men. I thought Ed Cole was going to take the mound and pitch. The National Anthem was sung, and we slowly headed to the dugout. We didn't want to get off the field but gave into the game. We were a little speechless as we took our seats.

One by one we had to leave and head back home. We vowed to meet again in 2020 if not sooner. Friendships were rekindled, and we found out who made John jump off the 10 meter diving board that scarred him for life. No one would admit to the writing on the sidewalk about a girl at Williamsport in 1960. Some of the best things that were said came in emails after the weekend.



Charles Spannare said he thought that George Will had spoken of the traditions of baseball and how it bound people, helped build relationships between father and sons, multiple generations and people of other cultures. The weekend was a testimony to that truth!

Pat Williams '60





From: The Berlin Observer
Friday August 19, 1960
Vol 16, No. 34



...To the Winner

GO THE SPOILS - Here is the victorious Berlin All Star squad as it enplaned last Monday afternoon at Rhine Main Air Force base for the trip to the US and a chance to compete in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa.

- Stars and Stripes Photo

Berlin All Stars Win European LL Baseball Title; Fly to US for Shot at Coveted World Crown

Coach Donald Thompson

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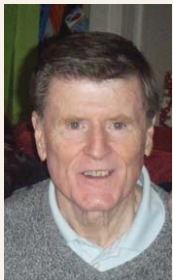
I just wanted to write to say that I was just sent this link to the 1960 Berlin Bears team that won the European baseball championship and went to the Little League World Series (<http://www.berlinbrats.org/sports/Baseball/LittleLeague.htm>).

I have been looking for this info for a long time, as my father was one of the coaches on the team. His name is Donald Thompson and he was a Cpl. in the US Army from 1958-1960.



Coach Donald Thompson
on the far left.

I regret to say that he passed away on Saturday, so he never got to see this site. He would have been blown away. I was speechless when I saw it, myself, as I've always wanted more info or any pictures at all.



In his obituary, you'll see that we even mentioned the team in it, as he was proud of it for the rest of his life. He still has the trophy the team received and, I believe, his team jacket.

If you could mention him on the site, his family would truly appreciate it.

Thank you and God bless,
Joel Thompson



Dec. 20, 1936 – July 19, 2014

www.Buffalo.com

Mr. Thompson served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960, spending time guarding Nazi war criminals at Spandau Prison while stationed in Berlin.

He retired in 1994 from National Fuel Gas, the only company he ever worked for, arriving as a meter reader at the age of 17 and leaving as a gas systems supervisor after 39 years.

A standout pitcher at South Park High School, he threw a no-hitter in his first start as a junior; his yearbook caption called him "another Warren Spahn." His lifelong love of baseball continued into the Army, where he coached the Berlin Bears, a team of the children of American GIs, to the 1960 Little League World Series.

He continued coaching after his discharge and throughout his life was a guiding force and fixture at his children's and grandchildren's games. Married for 52 years to the former Geraldine Gallagher, whom he got to know after selling her his Buick convertible before reporting for basic training, he was a father of two sons, Donald Jr. and Joel, and six daughters, Kim, Carolyn Ferreira, Marie Pytlak, Rosemary Hoffman, Kathleen Sanders and Bridget Haslinger, who gave him 14 grandchildren.

Regional in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Once again, our Colorado Springs "regional" was well attended. A newbie to Brat events this year was Rob Hoskins '72. This was a real treat for Jeri (our director) as Rob is a classmate of hersand also for Renee (Shipley) Knowles '71.....as the two of them hosted an AFN TV program together via the Work Study Program offered at BAHS. Both regaled us with some very interesting and humorous stories from that 1970-71 show! (Renee had no idea he was coming!!!.....you should have seen her reaction!)



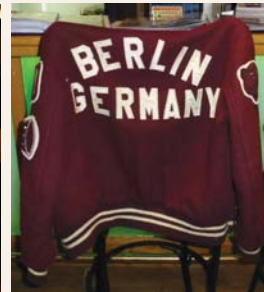
Rob Hoskins '72,
Renee (Shipley) Knowles '71

Oh....and Connie (Phillips) Buynar '80 was all attired in a fabulous Dirndl.

Not to mention her Letterjacket and all the memorabilia she brought with her!

Not to be outdone by the Harrison's.
(both faculty members)

Mrs. Harrison is a great scrapbooker!!!!



Connie (Phillips)
Buynar '80 Letterjacket



Memorabilia brought
by attendees



Let's not forget the cake!
Karrie Wymer-Sutton '86....
brought a huge
(and might we add very tasteful)
white with maroon text -
2014 Reunion Logo
sheet cake which was enjoyed by all.

And then of course Currywurst and Schnitzel
were the hit of the evening!

Thanks to the Harrison's for all these fab pics
and for bringing other Berlin guests!



Glenna Harrison - FAC '71-'72
Ron Harrison - FAC '72

Berlin Brats Get-Together



Sunday, August 10th, 2014

Our famous German Restaurant:
The Edelweiss



Darren Brown '88 and his wife

Faculty in Attendance:

Glenna Harrison - FAC '71-'72

Ron Harrison - FAC '72

Brats in Attendance:

David Gadarian '70 (plus father Richard)

Renee (Shipley) Knowles '71

Steve Sullivan '71 (plus wife Kathy)

Rob Hoskins '72

Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72

Mary Ann (Cunha) Glover '76

(plus husband Lonnie)

Lydia (Gadarian) Sasse '76 (plus guest)

Debbie Doty '80 (plus guest: John Gardner)

Gilbert Lopez '80 (plus guest: Debbie Jamieson)

Connie (Phillips) Buynar '80 (plus guest)

Karrie Wymer-Sutton '86 (plus husband & son)

Jennifer (Gadarian) Firing '87 JFK

(plus husband Eric)

Darren Brown '88 (plus wife)

Darla (Tabor) Hung '88

(plus husband Jeff)

Guests:

Gaye (Crosby) Doane '67 Frankfurt

Karen Cowden-Ross

(plus husband Brad and father)



Karrie '86, John Gardner & Debbie '80



Karrie's son and Frankfurt Guest:
Gaye (Crosby) Doane '67 from
our Breck '99 Reunion where
Frankfurt was in attendance too
@ The Beaver Run Resort!



Group shot of all Brats in attendance



Our School Flag (remade)



Mary Ann '76 and the Gardarian clan!



Gilbert Lopez '80 (plus guest Debbie Jamieson)
Steve Sullivan '71 (plus wife Kathy)

The Brats Overseas Book Project- Berlin Finished!!!!

Book is now Available!

Be the 1st to Get yours....

After four long years, it's finally done! In November of 2010 Trisha and I announced our intention to gather stories from Brats who lived overseas, and that our first book would focus solely on Berlin Brats. We interviewed Brats at the 2012 DC Reunion and collected written stories at that time as well. We interviewed Brats at mini-gatherings. We accepted stories via our website for about two years until we ran into technical difficulties and had to collect them via email and even a couple via Facebook.

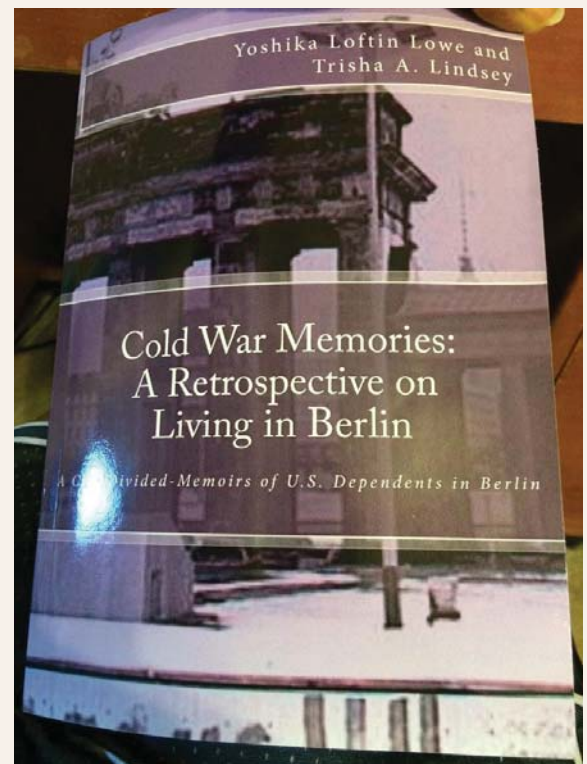
We know that it was hard for some to catch a vision for this endeavor, but we are grateful for the 148 Brats who did! By contributing stories, pictures and ephemera to this worthy cause, they helped preserve our Berlin Brat history in one written work. The result is a 510 page tome that relates our personal histories from 1946 to 1994.

What's inside: We have included a Preface that details the conditions that necessitated our Allied presence in Germany in the first place. We start with newspaper clippings of the end of the war and the beginning of our school. We end with a pictorial overview of Berlin's sad post-war state compared with its restored and vibrant present. There is a Historical Timeline of the Cold War in Berlin. Additionally, there is a Glossary of Terms for the non-Brat reader and a list of resources for further study and information about Berlin and the Cold War. We have also included excerpts from President John F. Kennedy's 'Ich bin ein Berliner' speech and President Ronald Reagan's 'Tear down this Wall' speech, as well as a lesser known speech he gave while in Berlin.

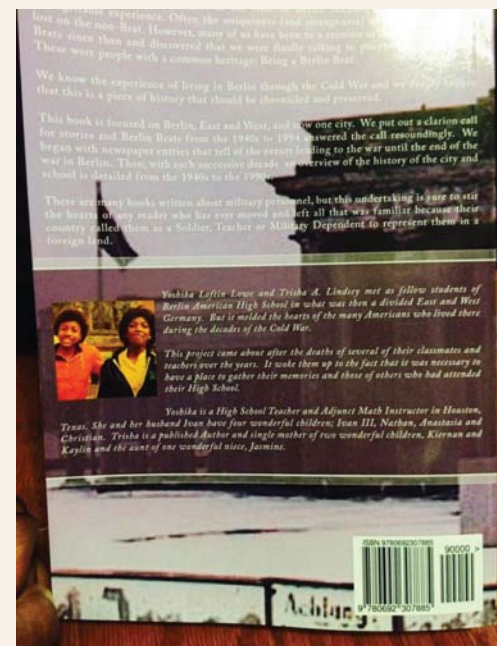
We hope our Brat family will enjoy this collection as much as we have enjoyed reading and 'meeting' so many of our classmates who came before and after us, yet share a common bond and a common love for the city of Berlin.

Where to buy? You may purchase the book via our estore at: <https://wwwcreatespace.com/4863523>

We will donate \$1 to the Berlin Brats Alumni Association Scholarship Fund for every book purchased via this link.



Front Cover shown above



Back Cover

A City Divided-- Memoirs of Berlin Brats!

Order your copy for \$24.99 at:

wwwcreatespace.com/4863532

Become a Virtual Balloon Patron!

Take part in the Celebration of the Fall of the Wall by sending a virtual message.

Send your own message regarding November 9 to the website

www.fallofthewall25.com

The below text is on the Balloon Patron section of the Lichtgrenze:

We will be celebrating the anniversary between the 7th and the 9th of November 2014.

Be there at the moment when thousands of balloons trace the line formerly taken by the Berlin Wall. Every balloon will have its own patron, and so carry a very personal story.

Become a virtual balloon patron! Tell us and the world about your personal experiences of the Fall of the Wall, and your reflections on the significance of the Peaceful Revolution today.

Enter your message here or use the hashtags #fallofthewall25 and #fotw25.

REUNION PHOTOGRAPHER - PETER STEIN '80

....will be in Berlin several days early "capturing the city"

....if you can't make the Reunion....

and would like a picture of your old housing area,

BAHS or the like.....drop him a line at: pstein80@msn.com

He "might" just be able to help you out!

Walk Through Former Berlin American High School

Link below to a recorded video made June 6, 2013

by John Freeman '71.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZjzNB8w8Ik>

REUNION ATTENDEES:

The Department of State urges U.S. citizens living overseas or planning to travel abroad to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). When you enroll in STEP, they can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. Enrolling will also make it easier for the Embassy to contact you in the event of an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date; it is particularly important when you enroll or update your information to include a current phone number and e-mail address.

www.Travel.State.Gov

This site also provides travel information for every country around the globe.

Travel.State.Gov is the official source for U.S. Department of State travel warnings and travel alerts, country-specific information on local laws and customs, entry requirements, health conditions, road safety, and other important safety and security information.



Look at what GermanDeli.com is doing!!!

.....to commemorate with the people of Berlin
the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Wall.

Beginning at 7:00 pm: "Fall of the Wall" Gathering at GermanDeli

The event will be held at our retail store.

We expect 100 to 200 individuals who wish to show solidarity with the citizens of Berlin.

The event is free of charge. However, since space is limited in our store, we are asking individuals to make advanced reservations to attend. We need to be inside our store so that we can turn off all the lights at 8:00 pm for our own version of the "Lichtgrenze".

GermanDeli will serve free Food & Beverages, including Berliner Weiße mit oder ohne Schuß, Berliner Currywurst, and authentic Berliner (Jelly doughnuts).

There will be a photo exhibit, prepared by students from four area high schools, depicting:

- 1.) Berlin as the Wall was being built – August 1961
- 2.) Citizens of Berlin attempting to flee to the west – August 1961 - 1989
- 3.) Berlin as the Wall was being torn down – November 1989
- 4.) Vibrant Berlin since the fall of the Wall – 1989 to present

Then at 8:00 pm there will be a brief ceremony. Each attendee will hold an illuminated balloon (white)* and stand shoulder to shoulder with others as a symbolic "Wall of Light" made up of people who feel a solidarity with the citizens of Berlin. We will video the event. It will be held inside our store because we can turn off all the lights for good effect. Our store is too close to the highway to get the parking lot to be totally dark, so we will make it an indoor event.

Inga Bowyer, owner GermanDeli.com



Email your RSVP to: Inga@germandeli.com

(be sure to mention you are a Berlin Brat)

****Remember www.GermanDeli.com if you want "authentic German food" delivered right to your door step! Enter "Berlin" as your discount code when ordering!**

GermanDeli wants to expand!

Plans are to build a delicatessen (Schnell-Imbiss) in their store.
To do so....they have applied for a \$150,000 Grant and need your Vote.

Please Vote at:

<https://www.missionmainstreetgrants.com/business/detail/61785>

AIR BERLIN SWEEPSTAKES

2 Round-Trip tickets from any Air Berlin Gateway

Co-sponsored by German Deli.com - enter the sweepstakes at:
<http://www.germandeli.com/airberlin-Promotion.html>

This is the third year GermanDeli has co-sponsored the sweepstakes!
 Air Berlin is hoping to get lots of
 new prospective customers via this promotion.

Prize consists of one set of round-trip tickets for two
 from any airberlin gateway in the U.S.A.* to Germany.

Travel must be completed by December 31, 2015.

Sweepstakes participants must be 18 years or older at the date of entry.

Participation period: October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Please note that there is a limit of one entry per person, regardless of whether
 the entry took place online, or through a postcard mailing to:

airberlin Americas,
 1040 Avenue of the Americas,
 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

PLEASE ENTER ONLY ONCE.

Duplicate entries will invalidate your chance to win.

* Currently the US Gateways for airberlin are: New York (JFK),
 Miami (MIA), Chicago (ORD), Fort Myers (RSW), and Los Angeles (LAX).



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May 28, 1971
 at the Palace Hotel
Berlin Observer picture

Today Katrin (w/o the "e") is our Class Contact for '71
 Toni (Yarbrough) Combs is our Newsletter Brat
 Renee did our Newsletter for the '97-'98 calendar year
 And Bill Planz helps us with DJ equipment at our Berlin Reunions in Berlin.
 All are still active Berlin Brats!!! Pretty amazing from a class of 49!!!

On the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Wall..... November 2009.....

we issued the "Walk the Wall Challenge" to our members and other Brats to walk, run, bike or swim the length of the Berlin Wall, ie 96 miles. The article appeared here in our Newsletter and showed some creative ways Brats met the challenge.

Fast forward to this year... for the 25th Anniversary several of us have registered for the:

The Teltow Kanal Race/Walk



Teltow Canal Half Marathon

The Teltow Kanal Race is a nationwide running event that will be held in commemoration of the Fall of the Wall. The course runs along the former border strip on the Teltow Kanal, thus combining the Berlin district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf with the town of Teltow - a symbolic link between East and West Berlin and Brandenburg.

**We even have our own T-shirt
designed by Bryan Duckett, our Class Contact for '84!**



If you're attending the REUNION in November
look for participants in the Hotel Lobby with
this T-Shirt on!

Sunday

November 9th, 2014

“Walled In!” Germany’s inner border

For the first time, a realistic computer animation reveals the vast security system of Germany's inner border and the Berlin Wall, both of which were recreated virtually in the greatest detail. The animation is part of the DVD “Walled in! What the Cold War frontier in divided Germany was really like ...”

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwQsTzGkbiY

Norton Air Force Base Museum Acquires section of the Berlin Wall in San Bernardino, CA

Norton Air Force Base played a pivotal role during the Cold War, offering a storage spot for intercontinental ballistic missiles and was tied into the early-warning radar system.

Gary Carpenter '72 has informed us that the Norton Air Force Base Museum acquired a section of the Berlin Wall, the second of two in California. It is supposed to be the last piece of the Berlin Wall that was available.

He was able to attend the commemorative ceremony, which was video taped and is on the museum's website - <http://www.nafbmuseum.org> ...especially interesting are the nighttime shots.

“Click on the “Berlin Wall Section Photos”.

*in German the Wall, was known as
the Antifaschistischer Schutzwall
(Anti-Fascist Protection Rampart)*



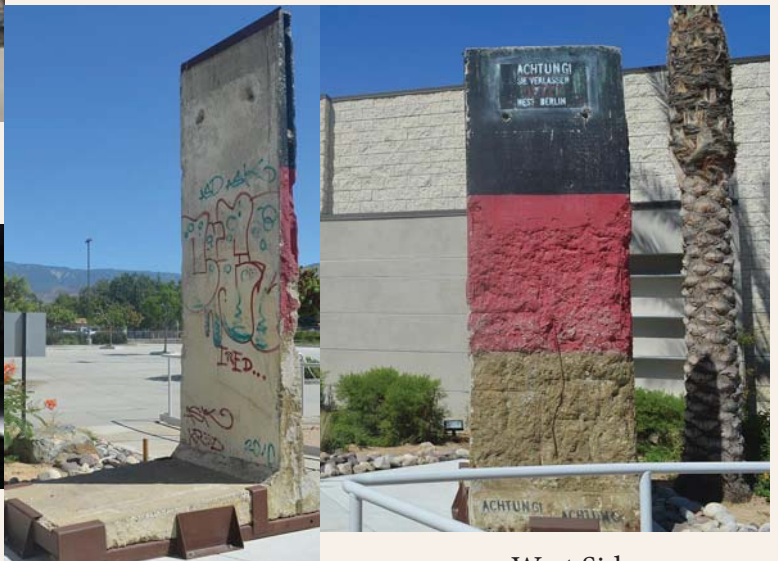
Delivering the Wall section



Above: Gary posing by the section of the Wall in Devore, CA.



Night time photo



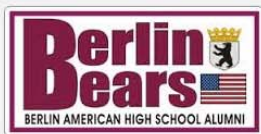
East Side

West Side

EVER JUST TYPE IN "berlin brats" from your web browser?

Then click on "Images berlin brats"

Here's a sampling of what you see!





ALLIIERTENMUSEUMBERLIN

Tempelhof Central Airport The American Story

Special exhibition starting July 9, 2014

The new special exhibition in the Allied Museum for the first time shows the American story of Berlin's former central airport.

After the Soviet forces had taken the airport, the Americans took it over in July 1945, and established an Air Force base. Almost five decades later, in 1993, the American era at Tempelhof came to an end – a year before the four victorious World War II powers finally withdrew from Berlin.



The American era at the Airport is long since history, with all its highlights and dangers; until now however, it has never been portrayed in an exhibition. This fascinating chapter of Berlin and world history is now coming to life at the Allied Museum: The four-power air-traffic administration which was so important for the existence of West Berlin, the airlift and the refugee flights, the spy flights and the electronic espionage, spectacular aircraft hijackings and escapes, and the colorful world of the allied airlines – it all comes to life in numerous original exhibits. The architecture and design of the exhibition in the Allied Museum contribute to the feeling of the unmistakable atmosphere of the airport.

Nazi Germany staked its claim to world-class status in civil aviation with its monumental Airport. However, the incomplete building was not able to serve civilian purposes, but rather, when the war broke out in 1939, was put to use for air force production. Over the course of the war, several thousand people from countries occupied by the Wehrmacht were assigned to forced labor in the vast halls, and housed in the barracks-like camps at the edge of the airfield. They were liberated at the end of April 1945 by the Red Army. When the victorious anti-Hitler coalition fell apart, Tempelhof Airport became the “home base of the airlift,” and later, via the allied airlines, West Berlin’s “Gateway to the free world.” Since then, the Airport has been one of the most important and best-known memorial sites to the Cold War.

The exhibition will for the first time show contemporary historical archeological finds recently discovered on the terrain of the former Airport. They are symbolic of various time horizons which overlap on the airport terrain. The former Airport, now known under the name Tempelhofer Freiheit (“Tempelhof freedom”) is one of the most important and at the same time most controversial urban development projects in Berlin.

Admission is free of charge.

** A visit to the Allied Museum has recently been added to our Reunion Itinerary next month to see this Exhibit.

DUTY TRAIN CAKE

from Thomas von Strong '89

Okay... This recipe is a beast. It will take a full 2 hours to make.

1 hour of mixing, and one hour of baking. But the results are well worth it. This is the recipe that I made and we served as our wedding cake almost 3 years ago. (The "we" is Jocelyn von Arx '85 and I) It has very special significance to us because of the fact that when you would ride the night Duty Train to or from Berlin, there was someone on board that would say "Coffee, Tea, Marblecake!"

The hardest part of this recipe is finding an authentic Turks Head Cake pan, or Kugelhoppf; however, you can also use a bunt pan. This is an authentic German recipe.

You can make it by hand, which I wouldn't recommend. You can use an appropriate mixer, like a Kitchen Aide or Mix Master. Or you can use a cheap mixer. A cheap mixer will probably die after making this one. If you use a mixer, you can only really use it up until the point that you start adding the flour. Then you can switch to a small dough hook. Or just fold it in by hand.



Marmorkuchen (marble cake)

A substantial cake with a combination of vanilla and rum-flavored chocolate. Preheat oven to 375° F.

9-inch Gugelhopf (Kugelhoppf) mold. Butter and flour the pan.

BATTER

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Cream butter, sugar, and eggs, using one of the methods.

1 ¾ cups sugar

4 eggs

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Add vanilla.

3 2/3 cups sifted flour

Fold in half of the flour and baking powder,

2 teaspoons baking powder

Add the milk. Mix in the remainder of

1/3 cup whole milk

flour, stirring gently but thoroughly.

Have all ingredients and utensils at room temperature, or about 75° F.

Butter should be soft but not melted. If you have forgotten to take the butter out of the refrigerator, cut it into half inch pieces and place in a mixing bowl over warm water until it softens. Do not let the butter melt.

Cold eggs can be warmed by leaving them in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes.

Sift together the dry ingredients and set aside.

Separate eggs, grind nuts, plump raisins.

Once you start mixing you should not have to stop.

Place the softened butter in a large mixing bowl and use a hand mixer to cream for about one minute, until it reaches the consistency of mayonnaise. Add the sugar, a spoonful at a time, and continue beating until it is dissolved and the butter-sugar mixture is fluffy. This will take about five minutes.

Add whole eggs or yolks one at a time, allowing about 5 minutes for this step. Throughout the creaming process, occasionally scrape down the batter on the sides of the bowl. At most, the creaming of the butter, sugar, and eggs should take about 12 minutes. When fully creamed, the batter will be light yellow and fluffy. Fold in the flour by hand with a spatula or a wooden spoon with a hole in the middle, because the mixer may not work efficiently as the batter becomes heavier.

CHOCOLATE BATTER

3 tablespoons cocoa

3 tablespoons dark rum

Stir cocoa and rum together in a bowl until smooth. Remove one-third of the batter and fold gently into the cocoa mixture.

Pour half of the remaining vanilla batter into the prepared pan, smoothing it with a spatula. Then add the chocolate portion, followed by the rest of the vanilla batter. If you wish, run a knife blade through the batter to marble it further.

Bake on the lowest rack of a preheated 375°F oven for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before unmolding onto a cake rack to cool thoroughly.

Dust with confectioner's sugar.

Slice carefully with a large serrated blade. Best served with coffee or tea.

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE WAY TO MUCH WORK FOR YOU, then alternatively you can make an Americanized version of this by simply making your favorite yellow cake mix, and then skipping directly to the chocolate batter instructions. And then baking following the instructions on your cake mix. But if you do this, skip the confectioner's sugar because the cake will be too moist and it will dissolve into it. We did this with rum flavoring for the cupcakes for the non-foodie guests and younger kids at our wedding. It isn't quite as authentic, but is a happy medium to civilian American tastes that cannot fully appreciate the dry less-sweet richness of the German recipe that a Brat that has lived in Europe can.

Again, slice carefully with a large serrated blade. Best served with coffee or tea. Enjoy.

<http://www.placetobe.info/nazi-berlin>

Columbia-Haus: Berlin's forgotten concentration camp

In Berlin, at former airport Tempelhof, there used to be a concentration camp. To be exact: Berlin's forgotten concentration camp Columbia-Haus. Everybody knows about how the Allied Forces organized an airlift to fly and drop supplies to the people of West Berlin via Tempelhof. But very few people know Berlin's one and only concentration camp was at Tempelhof too.

If people think of a concentration camp near Berlin, they always come up with concentration camp Sachsenhausen. In 1933, when the Nazis and Hitler came into power, they first created a Gestapo jail at airport Tempelhof and a year later, a concentration camp. The concentration camp was in Columbia-Haus, named after the first airplane that landed at Tempelhof after a transatlantic flight. Despite its heroic name, only horrors happened here. When the Nazis grabbed power the Gestapo prisons soon became too full with political opponents. So the Nazis were looking for new spots to put their enemies and found it in the old military prison Columbia-Haus. The first prisoner was Kurt Hiller, a Jewish writer and socialist. He referred to his stay there as the 'hell'. That must not have been an exaggeration. Prisoners were treated very badly. The lavatory was old and hadn't been used since its closing in 1920. In 1934 there were about 450 prisoners staying at the Columbia-Haus, which only had 156 prison cells, meant for one person.

But the prison being overcrowded wasn't the worst part. The people that were captured were badly hurt, tortured and killed. The word justice didn't mean anything in this place. The horrors were so bad at this prison that these 'harassments' and 'tortures' were officially forbidden. Berlin had many of these horrific places where people were interrogated when the Nazis came into power. Most of these prisons didn't last long.

But Columbia-Haus remained and turned into something even more horrific. In 1934 it became a concentration camp. About 8000 men stayed here. Prisoners who would later on become prominent politicians like Erich Honecker. And Robert W.M. Kempner who was later the USA prosecutor during the Nuremberg Trials was captured at this concentration camp. The camp also had a lot of homosexuals and Jews as prisoners. All of them had to make bombs for the airplanes of Tempelhof. One of ten bombs produced in Germany were made by prison hands in Columbia Camp.

At Columbia Camp SSers were trained for other concentration camps. Here, they learned how to be mean, torture and kill. Karl Otto Koch, the later commander of concentration camp Sachsenhausen, Buchenwald and Lublin Majdanek was trained here. How many people were killed exactly at Columbia camp is not clear. In November 1936 the camp slowly ceased to exist.

Sachsenhausen came into existence and the prisoners were transported there, where the horrors continued.

After the war the barracks were dismantled and very little remains of this forgotten Berlin concentration camp. The offenders were never prosecuted. On the corner of Golssener Strasse a memorial from Georg Seibert reminds us of the concentration camp and the victims of Columbia-Haus.

Berlin's embattled mayor Klaus Wowereit to quit

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe>

26 August 2014

Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit said he was stepping down of his own free will and was proud of what he had achieved. Berlin's mayor Klaus Wowereit has said he will step down on 11 December amid an ongoing row over the city's new airport. As mayor of the German capital since 2001, he was credited with giving it a "poor, but sexy" brand internationally.

Mr. Wowereit, a Social Democrat, was widely popular but



his reputation was tarnished by the debacle over the opening of Berlin-Brandenburg airport. The airport was due to be inaugurated in late 2011 but it is still not open. Mr. Wowereit, 60, still had two years of his term to serve and it is not yet clear who will replace him. He told a news conference in Berlin that he was leaving the post of his own "free will". "I'm proud that I have made a contribution to the city's positive development," he said.

'Biggest failure'

The new airport is due to replace Tegel and Schoenefeld airports and handle some 27 million passengers a year. As head of the airport's supervisory council, he was widely criticised for repeated delays, but survived a confidence vote in the Berlin senate in January 2013. He admitted on Tuesday that the fact the airport was not yet open was the "biggest failure" of his 13-year term in office, but it was not the only factor in his decision to step down. Some still think it was only a question of [the airport]. But no, we've had to get through several difficult times here."

Originally a lawyer, Klaus Wowereit became Germany's first prominent openly gay politician, achieving renown for his phrase: "Ich bin schwul und das ist auch gut so" (I'm gay and that's okay too). He was once pictured drinking champagne out of the shoe of an ambassador's wife and was once seen as a potential challenger to Christian Democrat Chancellor Angela Merkel.

He had initially hoped to announce his departure last month, he said, but had delayed his statement because of Germany's victory in the World Cup.

Who Will Perform in Berlin on Sunday evening, November 9th?

This particular information is not yet available, but according to the article by BANG Showbiz

Sunday August 03, 2014



Madonna and Lady Gaga clash over Berlin Wall

Pop superstars Lady Gaga and Madonna are set to reignite their feud following reports they both want to perform at an upcoming show to mark the Fall of the Berlin Wall. The two pop superstars are both keen to sing at a special event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic collapse which united Germany on November 9.

A source told the Daily Star newspaper: "Madonna and Gaga are equally desperate for the honour of performing. They both like to think of themselves as very political, and will also have new albums to promote by then."

The pair have clashed in the past over claims the 'Applause' hitmaker has copied Madonna's image, and it is said the 'Papa Don't Preach' singer is the favourite to perform at the event.

The insider added:

"It could reignite their long-running feud as the date draws nearer because neither are used to being told no. However, it's highly likely organisers would choose the Queen of Pop over Gaga, if push comes to shove."

In the past, Madonna branded her rival "reductive" following accusations Gaga's hit 'Born This Way' was a rip-off of her own track 'Express Yourself'.

Radio Times Staff

3:50 PM, 05 June 2014

The former Baywatch actor and pop star is worshipped in Germany, so who better to present a one-hour special about the Fall of the Berlin Wall?

In Hasselhoff vs. the Berlin Wall, the Hoff will explain his connection to this significant moment in time.

In 1989, Hasselhoff witnessed history; he was invited to perform on the broken barrier on New Year's Eve, in front of millions of people.

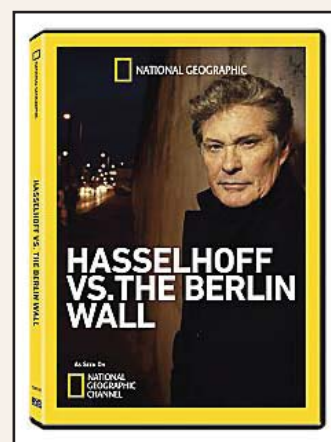
His new show will take viewers on his personal journey back to Berlin, he will retrace the history of the Wall and meet people affected by the barrier constructed by the German Democratic Republic in 1961.

His 1989 single "Looking for Freedom" became an unofficial anthem that united east and west of Germany.

"Looking for freedom behind the Berlin Wall, I discovered so much more", said Hasselhoff.

"I witnessed firsthand the horror and the pain the East Germans experienced throughout their unwavering fight for freedom. They are an inspiration to us all, and I am proud beyond words to present their saga to the world in partnership with National Geographic Channel."

Hamish Mykura, executive vice president and head of international content for NatGeo, explained, "Hasselhoff vs. the Berlin Wall brings to life the extraordinary triumph over tyranny that sent the Wall crashing down, while also weaving together an inspiring and surprisingly personal narrative of how David's unique story fits into the Berlin Wall's big picture."



"Hasselhoff vs. the Berlin Wall"
is available on DVD.

National Geographic Channel website

Ski Season in Berlin 1965

We were sitting in the AYA after school and the topic was skiing. It was our senior year we were living in Berlin, Germany, which has the topography of a pancake and it was ski season. Ski Season, that cold grey time of the year in Germany, after Christmas but before Avalanche Season. Sure cross country skiing was an option in Berlin, but that did not require a road trip and it ain't downhill. I mean really, from Berlin we had access to some of the greatest downhill skiing locations in the world, and they were just a train ride away. And for all we knew by the next Ski Season we could find ourselves enrolled, at no cost, in a US government subsidized "advisory" project in tropical Southeast Asia which included all transportation, room and board, dress alike clothing, medical care and any necessary activity equipment. But no skiing.

We would have to go low budget to gain parental approval and it could not conflict with our primary life purpose of graduating from good old BAHS that spring. So we needed a plan. First we would take the "Duty Train" from Berlin to Frankfurt. It was a free overnight hotel room and we woke up half way to our destination, Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Garmisch, the sight of the 1936 Olympics would offer us world class downhill skiing. Plus the US government, had created a fantastic ski resort by the famous Zugspitze (glacier), the highest mountain (10Kft.) in Germany. But the bigger plus was the US government subsidized the cost for US citizens. The cost of everything from ski lift tickets to skis and boots to pants and coats. This was a US government program in which we wanted to be enrolled and dress alike. The program in the tropics, not so much.

Once in Frankfurt we had to get to Munich by train, so we rode in 3rd class for next to nothing. In Munich we just needed to get to the airport by public transportation. Not to catch a flight at the airport but to pick up what became the star of our trip, the CAR. This infamous CAR was an older high mileage Taunus, shared by numerous Pan Am personnel when they were in Munich on layovers or business. One of our guy's dad quali-

Graham Beachum '65

fied us for use of the CAR, sort of. We drove this fine no cost vehicle to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, where we checked into Frau Shaffer's pension which cost us less than the US government operated luxury hotel. We had arrived safely and our budget was working. Our rooms included a breakfast of hot chocolate and breads (plus all we could carry in our pockets). During the day we traded cigarettes with various street vendors around town for lunch. And planned to splurge every day on a good evening meal. This was truly going to be that ever elusive "\$75.00 @ person / 4 day / European Ski Trip".

We picked up our ski gear that first evening. Evening comes early in Germany during winter. We wanted to be ready at first light to attack the mountain. Well we were ready, but over night the weather changed. Temperatures were dropping fast and so was visibility due to fog. But we were committed so the next morning we went skiing. When we called it a day we realized it was so cold with wet snow we had ice in our hair. Hey, we were on a senior road trip, the trails and lifts were empty...so you ski.

Over-night the weather cleared a little bit so early in the morning we attacked the mountain again. But during that second day the fog started rolling in fast and it began to snow and ice. The mountain was becoming a hazard. The safety patrol closed the ski lifts and then they closed the ski runs. It was OK with us because we needed to go over to Oberammergau and have a lunch of the famous craft beer at the Wolfe Hotel. It was worth the trip. The weather continued to deteriorate and the forecast was bad.

So we had to make a decision. Either go home or move the party. We of course as high school seniors decided to move the party. After all just across the mountains from Garmisch was Innsbruck, Austria. Innsbruck, where exactly one year before the 1964 Winter Olympics had been held. We could ski Innsbruck the next morning and ski two different Olympian slopes on one ski trip. So we made a High School decision and decided that the weather could be better to the south and off we went. We also knew we might blow our budget, but the thought of

Ski Season in Berlin 1965

continued

skiing two Olympian slopes took away any realistic and reasonable thinking.

We drove in the ice and snow all day arriving late in the afternoon quietly united in weather denial. Finally in late afternoon we met with reality. Innsbruck had closed its ski slopes before we even arrived and had announced they would also be closed until noon the following day. Time for another decision. We of course decided not to spend money on the outrageously expensive hotels of Innsbruck but to drive all night over the mountains and arrive in Munich, drop the CAR off at the airport, get to the Bahnhof in time to catch the cheap train to Frankfurt and get on the free "Duty Train" hotel ride home to Berlin. A good plan when you believe you are invincible.

So we had a big dinner and filled the CAR with gasoline. We did not realize at the time, but these two actions may have been the two smartest decisions we made that day. We took off for Munich, not quite as enthusiastic as we had been when we were going to ski Innsbruck, but soon we would have all the excitement we would need. First came more snow. Big fluffy flakes. Then ice started mixing with the snow. We were OK and taking it slow and steady, plus the Austrians really knew how to keep their roads cleared. Next the windshield wipers were slowing down, becoming sporadic and the rubber blades were just smearing the snow. Our solution was to roll down the front windows and use our gloved hands to wipe the ice off the windshield. It was working but we were freezing.

Then the car began to sputter and gasp like it was out of fuel. We had a full tank. So we turned around to drive back to a village we had just driven past and the car's engine worked like a champ. So we thought maybe the fuel pump was our problem. Good guess. The car would work great when we were driving downhill...or backing uphill. Remember we were invincible male high school seniors. We decided that we would back our way over the mountains to Germany. So we began one of the more interesting segments of this road trip. This car did not have USA license plates, so silly excuses were going to be out of the question if a police or border patrol agent tried to

save us from ourselves. We stayed in the right lane, put the car in reverse and began a very slow trip over the mountains. The two of us in the back seat served as windshield wipers for the rear window and the front seat passenger's job was to tell the driver when to flash the lights at cars coming up behind us. We did not have much illumination on the back of the CAR. It was a pre backup light and emergency flasher model year. Since we could only go in reverse the car had only one gear and it was slow plus it was then front wheel drive so it was somewhat sure footed. This was all the good news we could rationalize. The really bad news was it was snowing and icing and the other drivers on the highway did not know what was hap-pening. Needless to say every driver we met thought they were the first to see us and tell us we were doing something wrong. We received numerous salutes, horn blasts and comments on our intellect, family tree and what we should do with certain body parts. The good news is all of these comments were in the German language which took them longer to deliver than we were in their vicinity so we did not get to fully appreciate the commentary. But in reality all of those drivers were just as scared as we were. We even wondered if we passed another car full of high school seniors on a road trip.

The 1965 yearbook was not dedicated to the four of us on our skiing road trip so obviously we made it back. We left the CAR at the Munich airport with a warning to the next driver, we caught our trains and arrived back in Berlin.

The hard part was not to tell anyone about the crazy drive to Munich because we knew how fast that story would make it home. We were still seniors and had the need to take several more road trips.



Graham Beachum '65

Here's Graham's Senior picture

An Eagle Scout Adventure

Berlin to Mt. Fuji, Japan August 1971

by Eagle Scout Bernard Beausoleil '72

The Boy Scout program in Berlin, Germany was alive and well from 1967 - 1972.

There were two troops, Troop 46, and 152. I was a Scout in Troop 46. Leonard Therrien '72, a good friend of mine was one of approximately one hundred other Scouts in 152. Leonard made Life Scout, which is almost Eagle, a significant accomplishment. But my experiences centered around Troop 46. It would turn out to be a family affair, and four years of memorable adventure! My Dad, Air Force Tech Sergeant Joseph Beausoleil, with no Scouting experience, became the Scoutmaster by default after other leaders rotated back Stateside. He excelled as a great Scoutmaster after studying the Boy Scouts Handbook, overcoming initial challenges, and charging forward with a 'can do' spirit! He was ultimately voted Scoutmaster of the Year, Transatlantic Council, Europe. Troop 46 produced many top Scouts, including Eagle Scouts Sam McCuskey '71, Bernard Beausoleil '72, Briand Beausoleil '73, Ed Ritter '73, Mark Oliver '73, Star Scout Gerald Beausoleil '76, and many Life, Star, and First Class Scouts. The parental involvement with the majority of Scouts' parents was awesome! Troop 46 was extremely involved in Berlin Community affairs. With my Dad's spearheading effort and networking with Air Force and Army enlisted and senior officers, including Army Major John Thomas, Mr. Coats, Chief of Engineering and Materials Procurement, and Army Major General William Cobb, Troop 46 renovated Rose Range, converting it to a recreational full service campground facility. Troop 46 Scouts built a large cabin equipped with foldaway beds, fifty-five picnic tables, obstacle course, campfire and barbecue pits, and more. Berlin military personnel, their families and Scout groups enjoyed Rose Range during our tour of duty. Troop 46 hosted the May 1971 Berlin Camporee at Rose Range. The camp was instantly busy with 700 Boy Scouts from Troops throughout West Germany, competing in various Scouting events and ceremonies. Troop 46 made Berlin proud taking first place honors in summer camp competitions, and its Scouts earning

a highly respectable amount of Merit badges.

For these reasons, the American military community held the Scouting programs in high regard.

During the month of August 1971, two Eagle Scouts were selected from the troops to represent Berlin and the Transatlantic Council at the 13th World Jamboree held at Mt. Fuji, Japan. Twenty-five thousand Scouts from 100 countries were to attend, as well as over 100,000 visitors. Eagle Scouts Mark Oliver and Bernard Beausoleil were selected to represent Berlin, and the Transatlantic Council. The American Wives Club of Berlin financed the entire trip, which included round trip airfare, hotels, Bullet train travel, bus tours of Tokyo, Nikko, Nara, Kobe, and Kyoto, Japan, plus 10 days at Mt. Fuji.

The trip:

Mark and I took the Duty train to West Germany. Then we took another train to Brussels to rendezvous with an international contingent of Scouts from countries throughout Europe. Two hundred and twenty-two of us boarded a Czechoslovakian IL-62 airliner with four jet engines on the tail. We jokingly said it had this skinny rod with a tiny wheel on it to keep it from tipping! Due to the Cold War at the time, we were not allowed to fly over the North Pole, so we went through four flight crews flying 31 hours from Brussels to Athens, to Kuwait, Bombay, India, Manila, Philippines, Singapore and finally Tokyo, Japan.

After awhile, the interior of our aircraft looked like a Frat house, with food, drinks, clothes, banners, draped and hanging everywhere! Several Scouts were in their underwear! One moment we were walking on a super dry, super hot tarmac in Kuwait, then several hours later we were drenched in a monsoon in India. On our first morning in the Olympic Village in Tokyo, we just finally woke up and went downstairs for breakfast. As I took my first bite, I was just about to

eat my spoonful when everything violently shook and rattled! My breakfast bounced right off the table and hit the floor. The two foot wide cafeteria columns which reached to the ceiling supporting the huge room were doing a hula dance all around us! We were introduced to one of Japan's earthquakes! Then it was over.

After routine inspection of rail lines, we boarded trains and buses for Tokyo, Nikko, and Nara. We then boarded the Bullet trains for Kobe and Kyoto. Going 250 km per hour was an awesome experience! After kayaking, and going to Mikimoto Pearl Island, we traveled by tour bus to Mt. Fuji, Japan's famous volcano. We set up camp with a sea of Scouts from all over the world. Flags, banners, colors, and signs heavily dotted the huge Asagiri Heights World Jamboree camp. The first few days were awesome, full of pageantry, music, TV crews on the ground and in helicopters. We made new friends from around the world! Truly a once in a lifetime experience!

Then it happened! Two o'clock in the morning. I felt the ground shake, which was the volcanic rock being pounded by heavy rain! I rolled over on my sleeping bag, fell off and into water. LOTS of water! I had all of my expensive camera equipment sitting inches away from the water and I grabbed it.

All hell was breaking loose outside my tent! Then we heard evacuation orders! We had to leave everything behind, except my camera bag and hike as fast as possible up a paved road. Within minutes, we were waist deep in a fast flowing river of water on the road! We were in a large typhoon, Japan's version of a hurricane! We were then herded onto army trucks and evacuated to emergency school gymnasium makeshift shelters, located at a higher elevation. We stayed with Japanese families and finally made it back to the destroyed camp a few days later. We made the most of it, picking up the pieces, but it was a very depressing scene!

Finally arriving back in Tokyo for our flight out, we were greeted with another earthquake! WOW, are you serious? They should have renumbered the Jamboree anything but 13th!

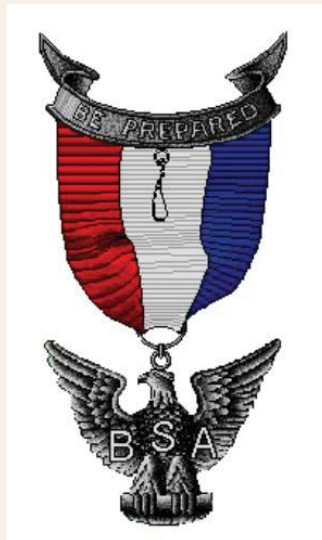
I arrived back in Berlin with a lifetime of memories, 800 color slides and twelve rolls of movie film. I still have all of the film and photos today, including the typhoon footage!

Since Ken Replogle '72 and I knew most of the guys at the AFTV television station, I had mentioned prior to leaving that I would take a lot of photos and film. They agreed to work with me to produce a TV special for the Berlin community. After editing, doing voice overs, sound on sound, and pre-recorded 'live' thank you interviews, we condensed it all into a 30 minute entertaining documentary. It was widely received and due to a high number of requests, AFTV aired the program again.

For a couple of seventeen year old Eagle Scouts from Berlin, it was a trip we would always cherish! To this day, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life!

Bernie Beausoleil
Class of '72

The Eagle Scout Award.



It's Scouting's highest rank and among its most familiar icons.

Men who have earned it count it among their most treasured possessions. Those who missed it by a whisker remember exactly which requirement they didn't complete. Americans from all walks of life know that being an Eagle Scout is a great honor, even if they don't know just what the badge means.

Old to New in 1962 orDean Boyd's First Car

Toni (Yarbrough) Combs '71

This story starts out when my mom, Louise (Yarbrough) Elder, recently became a member of the Berlin Brats Alumni Association. She saw the story about the Wreaths Across America in our January issue of the newsletter. Below are her comments:

Toni, I am thrilled that the Newsletter is so wonderful..... Boy, the memories that it is invoking for just myself and our family! Was so glad to see Dean Boyd's picture with his wife. He was rather shy. He also bought our '54 Mercedes when he was in high school. That's when your Dad was hit in the back with that big truck and we bought the '62 Volkswagon bus. Talk to You later. Love Mom

Pat and Dean Boyd December 2013

I sent an email to Jim Branson '64 who is in contact with the early 60's alumni and told him that Dean had purchased the "Green Hornet" from my dad. Dean sent a photo of himself and Pat (Burwell) Boyd, class of 1963 with the restored car in front of the Berlin Brigade to Jim, who then forwarded to me.

Jim Branson wrote: I just spoke with Dean Boyd and he remembered your father meeting them at Templehof when they got to Berlin. Here's Dean and Pat with Dean's first car in Berlin.



"I certainly remember that old Mercedes. My dad's sponsor picked us up in it at Templehof. I did buy that car! It had been rear ended and my dad and I fixed it so it was driveable. Lots of good memories with that old car. Actually, it wasn't as old as it looked; it was a 1954. So at the time it was only about 8 years old."

Dean Boyd '62

So, of course I had to search for the photo of the back end of the car after a truck had rear ended my dad at a stop light. Found one of the car before the wreck and in the shape the car was in when Dean acquired it.



We lived "on the economy" near Schlachtensee. In this photo my younger sister Peggy is in the back seat.



Ray Yarbrough on the right, John Hixson, fellow serviceman on the left.

Kim Jones BAHS '75

She was so good in HS that she didn't play in the regular season. Just played the all Europe tournament & won it.



Kim Jones top tennis player

by DEBBIE MARMOR

Kim Jones, Lezlie Smith, and Lisa Jones represented Berlin at the USDESEA Tennis Finals at Würzburg last weekend. Kim Jones sailed through four rounds of easy competition against Würzburg, Bad Kreuznach, Livorno and Bonn. Her match against Carrie Oylow of Bonn was predicted to be her toughest match; nevertheless, Kim defeated her 6-2, 6-1 to become the number one tennis champ in Europe.

Lisa Jones and Lezlie Smith, playing doubles, had a bye in the first round and automatically advanced to the second round. They lost this round to Munich but went on to defeat Livorno and Stuttgart in the fourth and fifth round to take fifth place at the finals for doubles competition.

This tournament ended all high school competition sports in USDESEA for the 1973-74 school year.

From the 1974 Tennis Tournament

Kimberly Jones has excelled as a player, coach and instructor throughout her association with tennis. The former touring professional draws from her broad background in her role as head tennis coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Jones took over the UC program in August, 2003. Her first three teams endured ups and downs and fought through injuries to compile a 13-47 record. Now in her first season with all players she recruited, Jones has established a foundation upon which to build her Bearcat program.

Jones was a two-time NCAA All-American at San Diego State in 1977 and 1978. A year later she began an eight-year playing career on the Women's Tennis Association Tour. Among her accomplishments on the WTA, Jones captured the U.S. National Indoor Championship in 1983, defeating three top-10 ranked players en route to the title. She was also a member of the U.S. Open Final Eight Club which honors players who reach the final eight of the U.S. Open during their careers.

Jones was ranked as high as No. 25 in the world. She played in the U.S. Open seven times, made five appearances at Wimbledon and three at each of the French and Australian Opens, competing against Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Tracy Austin, Pam Shriver, Hana Mandlikova and other top five-rated players of the era. She served as vice president of the WTA in 1984-85 and served on the Association's board for four years.

Jones also played three seasons of World Team Tennis (1983-85).

She left the tour in 1987 to become a mother and a private tennis coach in Great Falls, Va., and served as tennis coach at Langley High in Northern Virginia for three seasons. She also continued to play competitively and was ranked No. 1 in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Region's women's open division in 1990-91.

Jones moved to Cincinnati in 2000 and became a teaching professional at the Queen City Racquet Club. She returned to coaching by serving as head coach at Mt. Notre Dame High in 2001 and Walnut Hills High in 2002.

Jones is a graduate of the exclusive U.S. Tennis Association's High Performance Coaching Program. Her brother, Kelly Jones, coaches professional tennis players.

She is the mother of three children, Steven (20), Kerri (19) and Lindsay (14).

Kimberly Jones
Head Tennis Coach

Coaching Experience

2000-present Teaching Pro, Queen City Racquet Club
2002 Head Coach, Walnut Hills H.S., Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Head Coach, Mt. Notre Dame H.S., Cincinnati, Ohio
1987-89 Head Coach, Langley (Va.) H.S.
1987-98 Private Tennis Coach, Great Falls, Va.

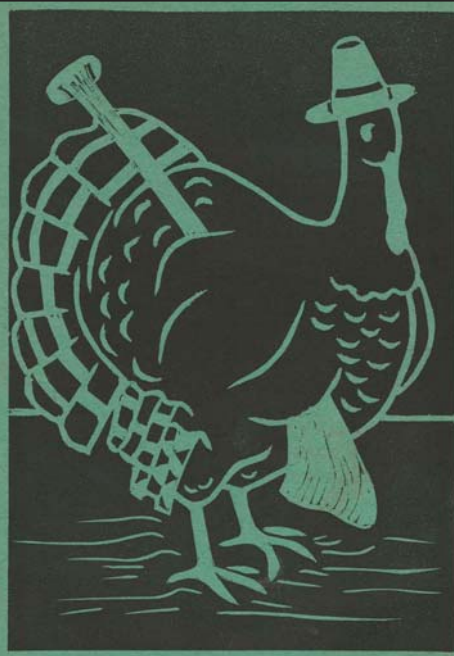
Playing Experience

1979-87 Professional, Women's Tennis Association Tour
1983-85 World Team Tennis
1977-79 San Diego State; two-time NCAA All-American



11th Grade

William Hamilton



8th Grade

Debora Garrels



9th Grade

James Clark

More student artwork from the 1970 School Calendar: October, November and December featured here

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