



BERLIN BRATS NEWSLETTER SPRING 1993

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OCTOBER 1992 OVERSEAS BRATS GATHERING

San Diego's Hanalei Hotel played host to the annual Overseas Brats Gathering this past October. Over half of the attendants were key contacts for their particular high school alumni group and most graduated in the 60's. Sam McCuskey ('71) and I attended the entire week-end's presentations.

Overseas Brats offered courses on various pertinent topics for alumni groups. I attended the "How to Run Your Alumni Association Day by Day and Still Maintain Your Sanity" taught by Jeff Schaffer, Coordinator for the Torrejon-Madrid High School Association on Friday evening; "Advantages of Incorporation" taught by Marcus Bunch on Saturday morning, and the update on the Grand Reunion on Saturday afternoon.

Lest you think it was all work and no play--I also met with five of our alumni group. We held our own mini-reunion Saturday afternoon at the hotel restaurant. Our mini-reunion began with the introduction of Bruce E. Jones, author of the upcoming book "Children of the Cold War", who took a few minutes out of his busy schedule

to share his goals in publishing the book and to update us on the progress. Those attending were: Angelo Allen ('69) and his wife, Darlene Carpenter-Porter ('71), Sam McCuskey ('71) and his wife, Andrea, and Cindy Neeb ('69). We took hours to pass around the old yearbooks and reminisce about some of our escapades.

We then attended the Saturday evening dinner/dance sponsored by Overseas Brats. The festivities included the awards ceremony. Bill Gunkel, Reunions Unlimited President, presented our own Sam McCuskey with a free trip for two to Breckenridge. I talked to Sam recently, and they are planning their get-away this spring. It just happens that he and Andy love to ski--great gift!

Several High School groups won awards for their participation in the event. They are:

School Exhibits:

Stuttgart High School #1
HH Arnold HS, Weisbaden #2
Kinnich HS/Misawa HS #3

Most Alumni Present:

Kubasaki HS/Okinawa

Most School Spirit:

Stuttgart HS

The meeting was concluded in ceremonies Sunday morning over brunch. I returned from my trip with renewed zeal to continue our efforts to network our alumni and maintain contact amongst ourselves. I made some great contacts, gathered some great hints, and definitely enjoyed seeing my old friends and making new friends.

E-MAIL TO FIND FRIENDS

All you subscribers to Computer User Services will want to know that you can now find friends/groups on three of the majors.

On Prodigy under Veteran's Bulletin Board check the topic Reunions, and subjects Dependents and Overseas Schools Alumni. Under the topic Homelife find Reunions.

On Genie check under Military, Deutschland, and Japan.

On Compu-Serve check the classified section.

GRAND REUNION 93

"Grand Reunion will be a celebration of our grand traditions of military/corporate/state department bratdom. It is a 'much overdue tribute' to this special breed. It comes as the end of the Cold War is causing the incremental closure of our beloved institutions around the world. It is time to honor our role in the Cold War--and to remember our youth."--from the Memo to the Media, Reunions Unlimited, January 26, 1993.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Thursday:

Registration
Message Board for informal gathering
Initial setups

Friday:

Registration
"A Gathering Day"--

Evening--Each school will host a program in individual meeting rooms. Seating arrangements according to request. Showing of mementos.

Evening Buffet

Saturday:

Theater setup
Open afternoon

Evening reception-- A showing of our colors, recognition of teachers, class coordinators, and other celebrities.

Dinner / Dance in 1800 capacity ballroom--two areas.

Sunday:

Farewell breakfast buffet.

Free:

*T-shirts
*Memory Book
*Entertainment

Available:

*Video Tape
*Field trips to areas of interest

*A free hospitality room on Saturday will be made available to the alumni groups with 25

rooms reserved. If the group has more than fifty rooms rented, the school will get two nights of a free hospitality room. Rooms must be booked 21 days prior to the reunion to qualify.

*A BX/PX will be set up to allow you to buy class rings, letterjackets, and other items.

This event promises to be the event of a lifetime. Never before have so many schools come together for one GRAND reunion. Presently, 32 schools are committed to attending. They are:

Ansbach	Alconberry
Augsburg	Berlin
Chofu	Dreux
Early European Assoc.	
Ft. Campbell	Farragut
Forrest Sherman	
Heidelberg	HH Arnold
Kadena	Kaiserslautern
Kinnick	Kubasaki
LaRochelle	Mannheim
Misawa	Munich
Narimasu	Naples
Paris	Ramey
Ramstein	Rochefort
British Institute of Seville	
Taipei	Verdun
Wurzburg	Yamato
Zaragoza	Zweibruecken

****Tickets must be presented at the door for each event.****

ALL NEW REVISED DIRECTORY TAR/BAHS ALUMNI

Available through Reunions Unlimited for a small fee. Funds raised will go toward the Hospitality Rooms refreshments.

Contact: Bill Gunkel, Reunions Unlimited, 6851 S. Holly Cir., Ste 100, Englewood, CO 80112

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE YEARBOOKS?

I was greatly relieved to discover that (due to Ms. Peitsch's efforts) most of our yearbooks will be sent to the archives set up for the DoDDs system. These were yearbooks, apparently in her personal possession, she generously donated to the archives. I, for one, am deeply grateful.

If any of you have her address, please forward it. I plan to have a BIG thank you card ready at the Grand Reunion for those who attend to sign to thank her for her generosity and thoughtfulness toward us.

HURRICAN HITS HUDDLED GROUP

When the hurricane hit the coast of Florida in August, two of our number were huddled together in what they felt was the safest place to be at the time. Rosaenne Terry-Phillips and her family were huddled in Jeri Polansky-Glass's house when the hurricane hit.

Thinking Jeri's house would be safer since it was farther from the bay, they gathered there to weather the storm. Unfortunately, Jeri's house was badly damaged. Roseanne and her family returned home to find her house standing, but too damaged to occupy. Both families are still in temporary "quarters", but should be settled back home in the next few months.

Roseanne told me her yearbooks were damaged, but she didn't throw them away!

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

News from returnees.
History of Thomas A. Roberts/BAHS
Report on the Grand Reunion
Notes and PostCards

Newsletter dues are \$10.00 per year, payable in August. This amount covers printing, postage, and general office materials. \$5.00 of your dues are set aside in a fund for the 1996 reunion.

NOTES AND POSTCARDS...

"A few months ago, _____, sent me a copy of a Berlin Brats Assoc. newsletter. In it I learned of a 1991 reunion, which I regret to have missed, but I'm pleased that the Berling Brats Assoc. was born of it. There are many classmates I lost contact with which through the association can be made possible again."--K. Lindroth ('75), Germany

"The latchstring is out to any BAHSErs that get out this way"--L. Horner-Gibbs('66), NC

"It's good to hear from you. I just wanted to give you my brothers address also."--C. Biernesser-Egland ('70), AZ

"My brother just sent me information regarding the Berlin Brat Association. It was a pleasure to see that someone somewhere was interested in making sure that if any of us wanted to be in contact, there would be a forum for that. I myself have been looking for several people, including how to obtain the yearbooks for 1971, 1972 and 1973."--D. Stevenson ('73), NY

(By the way, your list of "what happened to's" will be forwarded for name searches, but some have already been found.)

Please send me an invitation to the upcoming reunion. I will help find friends and forward any addresses"--D. Britt ('80), AZ

WHAT IS OVERSEAS BRATS?

Some of you have asked me what the Overseas Brats, Inc., group is and how we relate to them...in response:

Overseas Brats was started in 1986 by Joe Condrill, the son of an Army officer. Joe had lived the life most of us live--from East to West and everywhere in between!

Overseas Brats, Inc., is an organization dedicated to helping coordinate and encourage overseas high school groups. Joe Condrill is a zealot for renewing lost friendships and an invaluable crusador encouraging and enlightening the groups through his magazine "Overseas Brats".

The magazine features articles of interest to anyone having attended school overseas. It has a distinctly military bent, since most of us were military, but it is not exclusively military. Joe runs ads, coordinates finding lost friends by forwarding mail, and will conduct anyone safely to the high school group they are trying to locate.

I would encourage you to join and subscribe to the magazine. I always pour over the articles and glean many interesting facts about other groups.

Contact: Overseas Brats, P.O.Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229-0805

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The ABCs of Brats

**A Primer for a Special Breed, by
Bruce E. Jones**

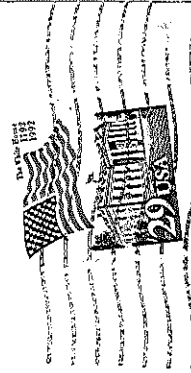
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and \$5.00 of each order will be donated to our As-
sociation Fund. Your purchase will also help
finance the completion of the book "Overseas
Brats - Children of the Cold War."*

Help: I am trying to locate Robert
Sterling. He attended Thomas A. Roberts
High School in 1947-50 when he gradu-
ated. He then moved to Frankfort, Indiana.
If you remember him, or know his present
whereabouts, contact: Berlin Brats Assoc.

If you have not received an invitation to
the Grand Reunion, please, contact me:
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