



Berlin Brats

****Newsletter****

******January 1998******

GREETINGS and Happy New Year! Welcome 1998. We look forward to a safe and prosperous New Year!!

BRECKENRIDGE WINS REUNION LOCATION!!!

by Renee(Shipley)Knowles

The ballots are in, the vote has been counted and Breckenridge has been selected for the 1999 Berlin Brats All Class Reunion. First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone who participated by casting their vote. Statistics show that a 10% response to any extracurricular activities is a normal and acceptable figure. It is with pride that we can announce that the Berlin Brats showed a shining involvement of 40% response from our members. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm. Now begins negotiations for date, price and facility. We will announce the date of the Reunion as soon as it has been confirmed so that you may begin making plans to attend. In the spring we will be forming various committees to help with the Reunion planning. Let us hear from you NOW If you would like to make this the

best Reunion ever!
Once again – a sincere thank you to everyone for taking the time to cast their votes.

BERLIN TRIP

In our last newsletter we told you about the Berlin U.S. Military Veteran's Association. (BUSMVA) The group has been officially invited back to Berlin this summer to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the 9th anniversary of the Wall coming down and the 4th anniversary of the Allied Troops leaving the city. BUSMVA has in turn invited us – the Berlin Brats – to join them on this six day, seven night trip, to our second home....Berlin! There will be a parade down Clayallee Strasse and the Outpost Theatre will be dedicated as the new Allied Museum. One car from the French duty train will be placed on the grounds of the museum. (ahh, do we Brats have some duty train stories for you....) The British military will be putting on a "Tattoo"....and BUSMVA will be sponsoring various bus tours of the city of Berlin, Potsdam and a Spree River boat tour...oh,

and a Bier Garten party! The dates are June 24-30th. Their complete package rate of \$1260 from the west coast and \$1420 from the east coast includes round trip air travel

on Lufthansa, hotel for seven nights, breakfast every morning, buses to and from events, the Bier Garten party (dinner and all the beer you can drink), and a tour of ex-American installations such as McNair Barracks, Roosevelt Barracks, Andrew Barracks, and the Old Headquarters area.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information please call:

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Those wishing to attend must submit a deposit in February.

An article appeared in the Berliner Morgenpost on July 20, 1997 (Sunday edition) about the BUSMVA. That Article generated many letters to the association. Here are but two:
Dear Mr. Rosenbaum,
The Sunday-edition of the "Berliner Morgenpost" brought an article telling about your organization and that many former GI's still think of Berlin. It was a very touching article for me. Born in 1935 I was nine years old when World War II ended and the first American soldiers came to Berlin. I learned my first English words, which were "Hi" and "chewing gum" (smile). Since my family was always very pro-American we had had good connections to the US Army and when the idea of the "Christmas Solider" was born, there was no longer any Christmas without GI's. Although we lived in the northern part of West Berlin (in the French sector) at least 50 GI's were our guests within the many years. I enclose some little infos for you to see. Like many other West-Berliners I was very unhappy when the US Army left Berlin in 1994 and started to travel twice per year to the US just to hear the familiar American accent. Besides Hawaii and Alaska I've been all over the States and to be honest I feel much more at home in New York – especially Manhattan – then in the former East Berlin. Don't get me wrong: I don't want the Wall back but my ties to the US are much stronger than to the former East German counties. Thus

I think it is a great idea to organize a meeting for interested former GI's in 1998 and I would like to offer my help. I'm 62 now – I'm retired from my profession (high school teacher) and have enough time to support your efforts here in Berlin. Just let me know. It would be also a great pleasure for me to get in touch with GI families of the Berlin Brigade if somebody wants to write me. I hope to hear from you and please, let all your members know that we West-Berliners have not forgotten about the generous help of the US Army here in Berlin. Personally speaking I would like to close with "Thanks a lot, you are always welcome and I do miss you very much!"

Thanks for your attention,
Sincerely,
Angela Warsitz
Raeuschstr. 17A
13509 Berlin
Germany

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum,
I'm enclosing an article from the Berlin Morgenpost. You probably already know about the article. It gave me the courage to write to you. I'm extremely happy that you enjoyed yourself while in Berlin and that others are sharing their memories with you. I finally now have the chance to say thank you to all of you for standing by and protecting us since 1945. Without you, we wouldn't have survived those hard times. You always gave us courage, so we wouldn't give up. When you departed Berlin, I personally shed tears. My thoughts went to all those years that you protected us. One officer from your final parade on

Schlosstr in Steglitz saw how sad I was and he gave me a ribbon from his uniform. Now it is my good luck charm. I couldn't say thank you to him because everything went so quick. We Berliners are now free and we'll remain so forever. I wish you and all other Berlin fans everything good in your future endeavors. I was born in 1924.
Many regards,
Helga Shroder
Wilhelmshofer Str. 24
12161 Berlin (Friedenau)
Germany

- ❖ *The East German government spent an average of \$6 million each year to maintain the Wall.*
- ❖ *Shortly after the first opening in the Wall the East German government announced that ninety percent of the dogs were not trained to attack at all. More than a thousand of these "fierce" wolfhounds are now family pets.*
- ❖ *Most of the activity at the Wall was along a two-mile section between Brandenburg Gate and Check Point Charlie.*
- ❖ *I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of the way and let them have it.*
Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ❖ *"We will prove to the world that we believe in peacefully tearing down walls instead of arbitrarily building them."*

JFK

**Berlin Brats attend
OSB Gathering
October 23-26, '97
in Covington, KY**

by..... Gary Carpenter

It was mid-September when I made the commitment. I knew I wanted to go, knew I should go because it had been much too long since I had done something for just me. But, like you, I'm a busy guy with deadlines and responsibilities and for days and days I had to convince myself to go. Simply, I weighed travel expenses and time away from work against the potential of a good time with a handful of lifelong friends. Ah-ha, the convincing phrase: lifelong friends. Friends like no others. *Berliners!* The decision at that point was easy, really. As I reached for the phone to make the reservations, my pulse quickened with anticipation. Travel day. My eyes popped open an hour and a half before the morning alarm went off. I dressed haphazardly and was heading for the office before the paperboy had started making his rounds. A thousand things to do and only hours in which to do them. Two people called in sick and the computer went down, aborting a report due by COB. Murphy was in his finest hour, and I still had to pack. My blood raced with anxiety. The surge of the jets and the exhilaration of take-off

defined the thrill running rampant within me. Once airborne, however, I was finally able to put the day behind me as the engine's drone lulled me into a much-needed period of tranquility. As farms and towns and cities floated past me, a diversity not usually pondered came to mind. Millions of people doing a billion different things, interacting with many but connecting with a minuscule few, when you consider the ratio. My destination found its place on the horizon: Cincinnati, Ohio. Who were these people I had come so far to see? I had known them once, laughed and cried and yelled victory cheers with them years before, but would I really know them now? Filled with a sense of wonderment, anticipation started settling in.

The hotel lobby was swarming. Ambassadors of countless lifestyles and professions intermingled and greeted long lost friends with a din that brought scowls to hotel clerks who couldn't clearly hear the questions of their potential guests. Laughter and smiles came with every turn. Hugs and kisses and compliments were abound. Excitement was in the air. Athens, London, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe....My heart raced as I found my Berlin contingents.

The next three days produced an expected high. The weather was cool and dreary but

nothing could douse the sunshine that lighted our every path. Conversation was non-stop. Exploration of persona was enlightening.

Reminiscence reconnected us all, erased the years of apartness. Sleep was unimportant, each of us energetically pushed beyond it by vigor, bonding over food and drinks and walks and a boat ride and music and line dances, fast dances andmmmm, slow dances. A victory cheer in second-round competition raised the roof to the point that it earned *Berliners* a tie for first place with Munich. And the champagne flowed. We took second in the School Spirit Exhibit, outdone only by Japan who covered their tables not with academic artifacts, but with (go figure) cultural knickknacks. Our illustrious organizer, Jeri (Polansky) Glass was honored at the Saturday night banquet with the Presidential Award. She was presented with a plaque that commemorated her dedication, hard work and diligence. Rightly so, we beamed with pride. Reactions to our presence affirmed that we were indeed a force to be reckoned with, our comradery respected, envied. Our cheeks ached from perpetual smiles, supplied by a happiness from the Fountain of Youth that bubbled in each of us and on occasion brimmed

our eyes. Our hearts were on a joy ride. But, sadly, as suddenly as the entire experience had come upon me, it was time to go. At three in the morning I began sifting for my belongings through the party remnants that had accumulated in my room. A few hours later, sleepy-eyed I boarded my plane and headed home toward the Las Vegas sun. The rush of the weekend behind me was mingled with the anticipation of the reunions to come: next year - OSB in Kissimmee, Florida and the summer of '99 the Berlin Brats All Class' Reunion in Breckenridge, Colorado - distance dates I have penciled in. This trip, though, had been exactly what I needed, a break from my all too hectic routine that is often conversely riddled with the humdrum of everyday life. I was leaving fulfilled, renewed, and satisfied that I'd made the right choice to attend. As my plane soared westward I was overcome with sleep, traces of a smile still playing at the corners of my mouth. Before touchdown, the stewardess asked me what I'd been dreaming about. A reunion I told her in all honesty, and left it omitting all that the single word had really meant.

The partying ...proved too much for Diane (Kempton) Green!!!



...visiting a German restaurant for lunch. Lynn, Diane, Tom, Jean Hoehn and Diane (Shaw)Orozco.



Tom Robinson and Pat Martel) Little....what are YOU doing??



Berlin Brats on the dance floor...



Saturday night's banquet....Tom Robinson, Jeri (Polansky) Glass, and Lynn Comer.



Gary and Renate



Part of the gang... Gary Carpenter, Renate (Kowalski) Stehr, Jeri (Polansky) Glass, Lynn Comer, Nancy (Leipmann) Van Duzer, Tom Robinson, (front) Pat (Martel) Little, (back) Matt Schneider.



Jean Hoehn



Nancy (Leipmann)



School Spirit Exhibit....we took 2nd Place! Manning the table is Jim Wright....



Pam and Matt Schneider

Announcements!

Two engagements and an upcoming birth:

Since appearing as a guest writer in our last newsletter Michelle Lamb, class of '89 has become engaged. Congratulations Shellie! (LambM@aol.com)

Its contagious....Jennifer Hoffman, class of '88, has become engaged too! Rumor has it the two are comparing wedding plans. (Jennifer_Hoffman@bis.inrg.com)

The stork will be arriving any day at the home of Danelle (McMurray) Schmidt, class of '91. Danelle, let us know if it is a girl or a boy! (danellemc@hotmail.com)

Congratulations to Diana (Green) Kempton, '72, for her recent selection to the AOSHS architectural committee. This is an honor for which we can all be proud.

Response to the Berlin Brats "homepage" has been very favorable and beneficial...classmates are finding US now! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the page please contact: John Tuite at: tuite@transport.com or Jeri at: BerlinBrats@juno.com Your input is important so let us hear from you!

Reunion Fund - The Berlin Brats have a reunion

fund. All monies contributed to this fund will be used to help promote the reunion and to help contain the cost of putting on a reunion, thereby lowering the registration fee. If you would like to donate to this fund please make your check payable to the Berlin Brats and note "Reunion Fund" in the memo section. Special recognition will be given to those that contribute at the Reunion. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Moving - Sam McCuskey, '71, to a wonderful new home in the country! Welcome to the goodlife, Sam! (sammule@inetworld.net)

THANK YOU's - to Mary Ann (Cunha) Olson-'76, Joe Morasco-'75, Gary Carpenter-'72, Renate (Kolwaski) Stehr-'72 and Barbara (Hermes) Hannegan-'71 for their contribution of photos to the homepage. If you haven't yet paid us a visit our address is: <http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/3328/bahs.htm>

CONTRIBUTOR(S)

We would like to thank contributors to our alumni association. This quarter a special thank you is rendered to Ron Rainville, class of '58!

THANKS RON!!!

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA REGIONAL

The weekend of April 3rd, 4th and 5th there will be a "regional" of Berlin Brats in Melbourne. *Sound good?* The purpose of this informal get-together is to bring together those "brats" in the local area and have some "fun." Local area has been re-defined, as some brats will be coming from as far away as New York, Iowa, Colorado, Massachusetts and Texas....*they just can't wait for the Reunion in '99!*

Flyers were mailed out last week to those in the area but if you would like to attend just email our hostess Pat (Martel) Little at: bratsign@juno.com or call (407)255-5155. One requirement: you must bring memorabilia with you!

FINANCIAL REPORT (10/1 - 12/31/97)

Balance fwd:	\$1289.98
Dues Rec'd:	400.00
Contributions:	5.00
total income:	\$1694.98

Expenses:	
Postage:	197.50
Reproduction:	122.62
Supplies:	152.88
total expenses:	473.00

NET: \$1221.98

(as of 12/31/97)

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Farewell to BAHS!

By...F. Eugene Brown

As Charles Dickens stated, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." How else can one describe the final days of Berlin American High School? The joy that came with each hole hammered into the Berlin Wall brought with it the realization that life in Berlin was going to be altered forever. Little did we suspect that the historic events of 1989 would spell the end of existence of our special little world at Berlin American High School. From 1989-1992 the downsizing of American Forces in Europe had little affect on life at BAHS. In 1991 rumors were adrift and by early 1992 we saw our school on the hit list. Finally by the fall of 1992 we knew we were indeed going to close, but still without a date hope sprung eternal. Efforts were afoot to keep the school open. The State Department take over fell through; next an attempt to make us an international type school. Again no luck! By the close of school in June 1993 a real feeling of impending doom fell upon students and faculty. The 1993-94 school year approached and an effort to make the closing as stress free as possible fell into place. The entire American community would have a year long celebration of the past

with a positive look to the future. It was a journey none of us had asked for, and few were willing to accept.

As 1993 progressed our students began to rotate to new locations. Class sizes fell from the normal 22-26 to as low as 10 or 11 and many of the classrooms were vacated. For the teachers it was a great teaching opportunity, for the students it seemed to be more stressful as they watched their friends depart. Our athletic teams did well in spite of the dwindling numbers of available bodies. BAHS managed to maintain it's winning ways. Tennis, boys basketball, ROTC rifle and drill teams, and soccer proved that we were still of championship caliber. By midyear some of the faculty had been transferred due to our declining student population. We still had small classes, but with every change or transfer came the realization that our days were numbered. By the time the spring sports season rolled around the school was beginning to show the scars of the draw down. Each visiting team that arrived left our school with a busload of athletic equipment. Football gear to Vilseck; basketballs to Bamberg; wrestling mats to Ramstein and so on. The library equipment was being sorted and boxed for shipment to Korea. Computers and science

equipment was being divided among the remaining schools in Europe. With the passing of each day more and more of our school disappeared.

Graduation came at the end of May. The halls were empty and there was a great void that would be filled a year later by German students. The halls were jammed full of the desks, chairs and other items waiting to be sent here and there. Teachers were asked to stay out of the building as much as possible. It was difficult to walk the halls and see all the things that had been part of our existence for so long treated with so little respect.

The 1993-94 school year was great in that it allowed teachers and students to form a very special bond. It was also a very sad year because it was the end of an era.

The students never stopped caring, they never relinquished their pride, they continued to strive to learn, and yes most shed a tear or two when we closed the doors. The faculty worked to maintain standards, explain our roll in history and to ensure that BAHS would always be a fond memory to all whom had passed through its doors.

Yes, it was the best of times; times to be remembered and cherished. It was the worst of times, because it was an ending or stopping point in our lives. The

doors are closed, but memories linger. I along with others collected what we could and mailed the artifacts to the American Overseas School Historical Society (AOSHS). Operation Footlocker (a memorabilia filled footlocker, that travels from reunion to reunion for all schools) has a football jersey from BAHS. Perhaps some of you have items that would help to contribute to our history if so please send them to AOSHS so that in the future they can be seen. I hope in some small way I have helped each of you understand that Berlin American High School may have been bargained out of existence, but it will always be open for business as long as there is just ..."one Bear to care!!!"



Katrin (Lindroth) Planz
The Bear
'70 - '71 school year.....

The Berlin Bear...or Cub,
as we were known in the
60's and 70's.

Editor's note: Mr. Brown was a teacher at BAHS from 1987-94. He was the basketball coach from 1987-89 and a DoDDs teacher from 1972-94. He retired in 1994....because he knew he would never find another BAHS!

*For those students or teachers who would like to make contact, Mr. Brown can be reached at:
1151 Albermarle Beach Rd., Roper, NC 27970
(919)793-3969*

The American Overseas Schools Archives was formed to collect, record and preserve the histories and memorabilia of all overseas schools. Established in 1989 AOSA has received thousands of items from around the world. Since then the American Overseas School

Historical Society has been established. Sometime this year the final three selection sites for a Brat Park complete with a

museum and visitor's center will be announced. We hope to break ground with a dedication ceremony in the year 2000. If you would like more information on AOSHS please write:

AOSHS
P.O. BOX 777
LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ
85340
OR EMAIL:
Overseasschools@juno.com

We would like to thank Mr. Brown for insuring part of BAHS's history is preserved in the archives.

Those Berlin Brats that recently attended the OSB Gathering (reference the article on page 3 & 4) saw first hand the Berlin football jersey Mr. Brown donated to Operation Footlocker. Needless to say, we were quite proud! For those of you who are members of OSB but didn't make the Gathering....take a look on page 18, of the December 1997 OSB magazine. Our jersey is prominent in the picture!



CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF '47

Marianna (Lieurance) Mounsey is presently living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is a secretary for M & R Truck Sales, Inc. Marianna loves to travel and is into photography. You can reach her by writing 6910 Inverness Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or calling (219)432-4110.

CLASS OF '64

Jim Branson left Berlin to graduate stateside from a high school in Lawton, OK. He attended Cameron State College in Lawton and then spent three years in the Army...18 months of which were in Munich! Upon leaving the service he went into the shoe business for thirteen years, then the radio and music industry for eight. These last seven years he has been in retail distribution. We understand Jim has a great record and CD collection and is a part-time DJ. Married to a wonderful lady named Debbie, Jim has three children, two daughters and a son. Recently Jim has taken on the Class of '64 Class Contact position and has been diligently making numerous phone calls. If you haven't heard from him yet.... I'm sure it's just a matter of time!

Jim can be reached by writing:
595 Codrington Circle,
Gahanna, OH 43230 or
calling: (614)337-8638.

CLASS OF '65

After Berlin Carol (Patterson) Hoyt went on to college and received her BS in education. She then joined the Navy (a true brat) and was stationed in Japan where she met her husband Ron, also a naval officer. They went on to have some interesting assignments to Sicily and London just to name two. Retired from the Navy now they reside in Pittsburgh. These days Ron and Carol are in partnership in an upholstery and window treatment business. Carol can be reached at: 2612 Patrice Dr., Murrysville, PA 15668

CLASS OF '66

Lynn Marie (Horner) Gibbs attended St. John's College in Annapolis, George Washington University in DC and then graduated from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO. With two young daughters she has her hands full with home, family, sewing, cooking and church. With all this she manages to write poetry! Lynn can be reached at: 6915 Newman Rd., Waxhaw, NC

28173, by calling:
(704)843-5926 or
emailing:
terry_gibbs@sil.org

CLASS OF '69

Since Butch Larson and I were at Basic Training together in the fall of '69 we haven't conversed since. Just recently we have – on January 27th to be exact. Butch lives in Columbia, South Carolina. After basic training he stayed in the Air Force until 1980 and then left to pursue a banking career. Presently he is back serving with the Air National Guard. We plan to catch up on things at the Berlin Brats' Melbourne regional in April. Butch can be reached by calling: (803)699-6570 or emailing:
blarson@scmmt.ang.af.mil
by: Ric Oates, class contact

CLASS OF '70

After Berlin, Cheryl (Wells) Long moved to Maryland and has been there ever since. She has worked for the FBI, the Dept of Justice, and numerous actuaries. She and her husband now run their own piano restoration business. Dave and Cheryl have been married for 18 years and have three teenagers....brave woman! Having finally learned the computer...by her own

admission, why not drop Cheryl a line at:
seando@aol.com
or call: (410)721-8807 or
her snail mail address is:
1740 Swinburne Ave.,
Crofton, MD 21114

Jose (Richard) Sanchez
attended Florida State
University after graduation
from BAHS and obtained a
BS in chemistry. (ouch!)
He then spent four years
with the 82nd Airborne
Division. Afterwards, he
returned to FSU and got a
MBA in finance. For the
last fifteen years he has
been working for Blue
Cross/Blue Shield of
Florida as a market
research manager.
Married with no children
he enjoys camping, hiking,
canoeing and anything
else that involves the great
outdoors! Looking to
make contact with others
from the class of '70
please email Richard at:
sanchez@fcoll.com

CLASS OF '71

After his BAHS years Steve Reisler spent two years at the Univ. of Maryland-Munich Campus. This was followed by a year with Lewis & Clark College at the Maximilian Universitat in Munich, followed by one year at Penn State (BA) and grad school at Penn State (MA); masochistically followed by three years at Georgetown Law School, JD in '79. Upon graduating he moved to Seattle, WA where you can find him now. Steve spends his days practicing

law and is a partner in the law firm Ogden, Murphy and Wallace. He also is administering a computer R & D company developing speech recognition technology. Married, Elaine and he are currently hosting an exchange law student from Germany. He states, "this is an opportunity to give someone else the type of experience we all had in Berlin." Contact Steve at:
Sreisler@omwlaw.com
Or call: (206)324-0577

Diane (Stagnitta) Fonseca
spent the last few months of her senior year at Vicenza American High School in Italy. After high school she moved to Denver, CO. then moving to her present home - San Antonio in the mid-80's. A working mother of two Diane likes to quilt and paint she also gives of her time at a respite care home for mentally challenged adults. One can reach Diane at:
(210)342-1054

CLASS OF '72

Ralph Ryan went on and obtained a forestry degree and became a fire fighter and smokejumper. He did both in California and Alaska for ten years. After having children he quit jumping and went back to school for a horticulture degree. He now works in a little less active job for the City of Redding, California Parks Dept. An outdoor kind of guy he loves skydiving, camping,

fishing, skiing, and dirt biking. Plans are in the works to build a log cabin on his mountain property. Ralph's address is: P.O. Box 849, Cottonwood, CA 96022 or call: (916)347-0598.

Kathy (Sweeney) Folk
married a fellow BAHS'er - Jim Folk ('71). With Jim in the Air Force they moved, she worked and had babies in various combinations. Since Jim has retired from the military and they are settled in LaVale, MD Kathy finds herself in the school phase once more. Majoring in computer science she is attending Frostburg State University. With four children ranging from ages 20 to 6 Kathy really has her hands full! Kathy can be reached by emailing:
Kate1@mindspring.com or
by calling: (301)722-3455

CLASS OF '74

Thailand was James Stanislaw's stop after Berlin. He lived there for four years, from '76 to '80. Onto law school at the Univ. of Santa Clara he obtained his JD in '83. Before moving back to San Francisco he specialized in tax law at New York University. In addition to lawyering in tax and business transactions James loves to travel and loves the theater. You can reach James at:
(415)564-9965 or email him at: js@taxlawsf.com

A Master Sergeant in the Army, Michael Rodriguez is currently posted to Fort Knox, KY where he assists the Army Reserves and the National Guard with medical related training. Married for 21 years Michael has three teenage sons and shows Appaloosa horses with his wife Carolyn. Michael has found several classmates on the WWW and would like to communicate with more, please email him at: ramrod@bluegrass.net or call: (502)942-4895

CLASS OF '76

Mary Ann (Cunha) Olson moved to Colorado after Berlin. She says the Colorado mountains remind her of Germany (I think many of us would agree.....) Married to an Air Force officer they call Colorado home and keep coming back! Mary Ann recently spent two weeks in London with an old girlfriend....and boy did they have a ball! After visiting all the English Pubs she became very homesick for Berlin! Mary Ann has three teenagers at home and works for Academy Ford Hyundai in Colorado Springs. She can be reached by emailing: bolson.oly@worldnet.att.net or calling: (719)591-4282

Caroline (Trautner) Gray ended up in Missouri. She's an insurance coordinator in her husband's pharmacies and has two children, Kevin age 13 and Kristen age 10.

Caroline is active in women's volleyball, bowling and, of course, her children's activities. Call Caroline at: (816)322-1699 or try emailing at: grayrph@aol.com

CLASS OF '77

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Kim McLean went to work for Digital Equipment Corporation and then became the personal assistant to Eunice Kennedy Shriver at the Special Olympics. These days Kim is a meeting planner for corporate events and televised golf tournaments and resides in Del Ray Beach, FL. In 1987 Kim coordinated a Berlin reunion for the classes of '73-'82 with great success. We're glad to have her on our team ...and plan to put her to work on the '99 REUNION! She has recently taken on sharing the class contact position for your class with Paul Markey. She has been busy making contact with a number of you....but you can reach Kim at: (561)266-9811 or email her at: Vogue_59@hotmail.com

CLASS OF '79

Tulip (Chaudhury) Chaudhury attended Randolph-Macon Women's College in Virginia, majoring in mathematics. In '83 she married Abed Chaudhury...and didn't have to get use to a new

last name! She went on to get her masters from NC State and presently resides in Australia. Tulip and Abed both work for the Australian Federal Government and have one son named Sami, who is at the tender age of four. Tulip can be reached at: 56 Barr-Smith Ave., Bonython, ACT 2905 Australia or by emailing: tulip_chaudhury@psmpc.gov.au

After high school William (Bill) Charlton attended the Univ. of Maryland-Munich Campus, the Univ. of Colorado and then the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He graduated in '86 and has been acting ever since. He's been in theatre, film, TV and lots of commercials. Maybe you have caught him in such commercials as Cracklin' Oat Bran, American Express Traveler's Checks, the soaps The Guiding Light or Another World or the movie "Money Train." Bill is married and has one child, a daughter named Halle. He resides in NY, NY...(of course) and can be reached at: 825 West End Ave. #10A, NY, NY 10025 or (212)663-9483

CLASS OF '80

Former senior class president, Margot (Horton) Parsons has lived in Kansas, D.C., Virginia and now Douglasville, Georgia which is 20 miles west of Atlanta. Married with three step-children and

two of her own Margot is a special education teacher. The family loves to travel (somehow I think that's a "brat" requirement!) and are very active in their church. Margo has enjoyed making contact with her classmates over the last few weeks and looks forward to hearing from you. Her email is: MrsRepl@aol.com or call: (707)947-5805

CLASS OF '82

Robert (Bob) Colangelo has been found or rather he found me! He's currently in the process of moving from MN back to Aurora, CO. (a suburb of Denver) to manage a Compact Disc Store and is very excited to be a Berlin Brat! After Berlin...he begged his Dad to bring him back....but had to settle for Florida State University. A few years later he did make it back to Berlin - before and after the Wall came down. Presently single, Bob treasures his seven years spent in Berlin and the friendships formed there. He can't wait to relive his Berlin memories at the '99 Reunion....Ich Bein ein Berliner for Life!!! Bob can be reached at: TRIEBSAND@aol.com and also has a web page at: <http://members.aol.com/TRIEBSAND/RUMBLE.index.html>

Pam Flinn also found me (my Berlin Brats affiliation gave me away) on Yahoo.Four11.com She's

currently in Steilacoom, WA while her husband is finishing up a tour in Hawaii. She has a 6 year-old daughter and is a full time Mom! She can be reached at: flinn@juno.com Pam also put me in touch with Sharon Sams whom I will report on in the next newsletter so stayed tuned! by...Danica (Charlton) Lehner, class contact.

CLASS OF '83

Larry Speer graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1987. He went on to pilot training and is presently stationed at McConnell AFB, in Kansas. He's flying the KC-135R and is on the wing staff at the 22nd Air Refueling Wing. Both he and his sister Cathy are Desert Storm vets. In addition to his wife Janice, he loves music and corvettes. You can reach Larry at: (316)686-9739 or by email: lspeer@feist.com

After serving five years in the Air Force, Robert Wood married fellow alum Charlotte Redd ('82). In 1990 he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal, serving first in Washington, DC and now in Grand Folks, ND. In his down time his hobbies include computers and competition shooting. He and Charlotte have three sons, Nicholas (9), William (6) and Benjamin (2). Robert would like to hear from alumni from the classes of '82 and 83.

Contact him at: nimrod@thequest.net

CLASS OF '87

Chris Erickson obtained a BS in political science from Florida State University and then was commissioned in the Air Force. He has served four years in Minot, ND in ICBM operations; a year and half in Alamogordo, NM doing missile warning operations and now resides in Sunnyvale, CA, where is currently is a program manager for satellite command and control squadron. Still single, Chris can be reached at: (408)975-0450 or by email at: erickscb@oafb.af.mil

CLASS OF '88

Calli Fuller is a Foreign Service Officer serving in the political section of the U.S. Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. As we go to print, Calli is probably on her way to a new assignment. She can always be reached through her parents at: 114 Scarlet Dr., Columbus, MS 39701 or by calling: (601)327-3478.

Jennifer Hoffman graduated with a BS in Systems Analysis from Miami University, Oxford, OH in '92. She went to work for Georgia Pacific and obtained her MBA from Georgia State Univ. Now working for Business Information Services as a Senior Systems Analyst, Jenny just bought her first

house. In addition to the joys of new home ownership, wedding bells are ringing for her and her college sweetheart. The big day is sometime in July. Let us know how the plans are coming along Jenny!

CLASS OF '94

(the last class of BAHS)

With the distinction of being a member of the last class of BAHS, Tara Chaidez is currently attending Syracuse University and majoring in mechanical engineering. Still single, Tara loves traveling, bowling and computers. She would love to hear from other engineers out there. Her telephone number is: (315)443-6853 or you can email her at: tchaidez@syr.edu

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If your class is not listed here then that means we need YOU! Help us to find your classmates ...and put your friends in touch with each other! Contact the Berlin Brats at: BerlinBrats@juno.com

□ CALENDAR OF □ EVENTS

Feb Roster republished
Apr 3-5 Melbourne,
FL Regional
Apr Next newsletter
Jun 24-30 Berlin trip

AUGUST '99-REUNION!

It's That Time Again...

by...Renee (Shipley) Knowles

From the feedback we receive it is clear that our members like what is going on, what is being done and the direction this alumni association has taken. It is a big job that requires many hours of work and devotion, but it is important to note that you, our members, are the reason behind these efforts and the sole support of this association. We couldn't do it without YOU and hope you will continue to help by renewing your membership.

OUR THANKS TO:

Kimesa (Shipley) Lindner ('74) for submitting the BAHS sticker we used as a logo in our header. To Mr. Eugene Brown, teacher and coach, for appearing as a guest writer. To staff writer Gary Carpenter ('72) for his contribution of photos as well as his article on the OSB Gathering. To Renee (Shipley) Knowles ('71) for being our Ballot Chairperson and reporting on the ballot outcome.

RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year....time to renew! To ensure you do not miss a single copy of the Newsletter and the updated database/roster, which will be re-published the end of February, please remit your dues (\$20.00) by February 28, 1998.

With your paid membership you will receive quarterly newsletters, the database/roster, and opportunities to vote on association decisions. Stay in circulation and mail in your check today!

As we mentioned in the newsletter we have started a **REUNION FUND**. If you would like to contribute to this fund now is the time with our REUNION just a little over a year away. All monies donated to this fund will help promote the event and help contain costs, thereby lowering our registration fees. Any amount is welcomed and we appreciate your support.

Please take a minute to fill out the bottom half of this form and submit it with your check to:

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Thank you for your support and let us hear from you...this is your alumni association!