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2012 REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

In the following pages we will attempt to report on some of the Reunion activity, those in attendance and give kudos to all those who made this one a wonderful memory for years to come!

Pre-Reunion Activities

Kip Taylor Memorial Service



Since we were in the DC area for our Reunion we wanted to personally visit Kip Taylor's "memorial bench" at the Pentagon Memorial. Kip was class of '81 and as most of you know was killed in the attack on 9-11. Kip, a young Major at the time was the aide to Lt. General Maude. Lt. General Maude was also killed.

(To learn more about Kip, his wife Nancy and the two boys please visit:

<http://www.berlinbrats.org/bios/81Taylor.htm>)

With burgundy and white roses in hand....

4 car loads of Berlin Brats made their way to the Memorial prepared to pay their respect to Kip. While we were waiting at the entrance to the Memorial for the last carload to arrive a young Park Service docent approached us and asked if we needed help locating a particular bench. I piped up, "No thank you, I've been here before and know the location of Kip's bench. Kip?....she said. I know Kip." At the risk of whiplash I turned to face what I expected to be a new found Berlin Brat. "How do you know Kip, I asked? I'm Lt General Maude's daughter, Kip worked.....

I know, I know I practically screamed.. Oh my God....as I rushed in for a hug. (Brugs = Brat Hugs) Come to find out she volunteers 3 hours a month at the Memorial. What were the odds that on the very day and very hour that the Berlin Brats show for Kip she would be there?



"Karen Maude - the General's daughter"

After talking, picture taking and the arrival of the last BB carload we proceeded to Kip's Bench. I spoke of the Kip I knew from news accounts after the tragedy, about Nancy and the boys, then read a favorite poem of Kip's that hung in their family living room. Others present said a few words about their time with Kip in Berlin. I then asked Paul Greer '72 to lead us in prayer. Just as the last word was spoken a military helicopter buzzed us.

I looked up and said..... "Kip that's for YOU!"

Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72

Soon after we all returned home from the Reunion, Mike Fredrich (our no class Berlin Brat) found this on the net:

Reflections on 9-11 by: COL Chandler "Skip" Sherrell, BAHS Class of '81

(Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army's Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM))

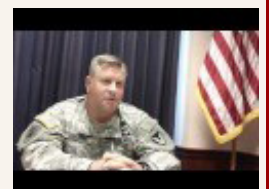
www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8I4EqPm5ro&ei=nCADUJfMBYiC2gXPz8HICw&usg=AFQjCNGDwhm3CBwmwQhw4mhVh0NUDbUNTA

Jeri immediately shot off an email to Skip -

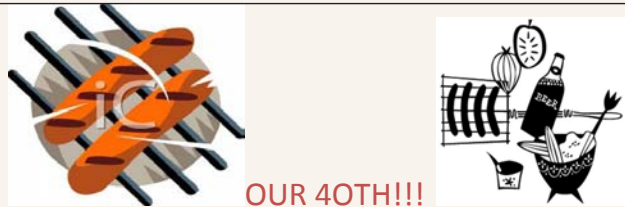
informing him of the Reunion we just had, the ceremony for Kip and learned this:

Jeri, thank you so much for the info and update. Thank you for recognizing Kip that way as well. Kip and I were both in the Pentagon on 9/11 and following the attack, I served as his family's escort for the Memorial ceremony. I had not seen his older brother Dean or his mother since we both left Berlin. Was very sad to see them after all those years under those circumstances.

Jeri comments: The presence of General Maude's daughter, the helicopter fly over, and then to learn that a fellow Berlin Brat, Skip Sherrell '81, was serving with Skip in the Pentagon and then served as the family's escort for the actual Memorial Service just completes the circle.



Class of '72 Celebrate 40th



OUR 40TH!!!

Can you believe it?

Not!!!

In recognition of our major milestone, Joyce (Clark) Mallon '72 is hosting a BBQ at her house as a kick off to the Reunion and for all us to meet in an intimate setting before the big weekend with the masses!

Wednesday

July 4th

1 to 4pm

BYOB!

We'll meet in the Hotel Lobby at 12:15pm and carpool over to Joyce's house.

If you're arriving later in the day – we can leave directions with the front desk.

AND for those of you who still want to catch the Fireworks on the Mall you'll be free in time to do both!

Joyce is planning a "brats meal" for us....we just need to bring our own BYOB!

We need a head count as well.....so please RSVP to: BerlinBrats@gmail.com

no later than June 23rd.



The Class of '72 celebrates their 40th with a BBQ. Joyce (Mallon) Clark '72 (who lives in northern VA) opened her home and back yard to the Class of '72and yes some '71ers who are wanna be's. The entire meal was "to die for....German!"

Wednesday evening was our pre-Reunion Stuffing Party. The worker bees made the Welcome Packages, Name Badges and alphabetized all. No small feat! For those not working it was the 4th in D.C. Early attendees headed to the Mall for the Fireworks and festivities!!!

Reunion Kicks off on Thursday:



After setting up tables for Registration, PX, Raffle and Silent Auction, hanging reunion signs, doors finally opened at noon and the BAHS 2012 Reunion begins.

Warren Knarr class of '77 and his wife Carla provided the signs that were in the registration room and outside the hospitality suites.

His Comments in Guestbook: I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard so that all of us, that attended the DC reunion, could have such a great time. ***It was the best five days of our lives, since leaving Berlin.*** Even though the HEAT was a killer for the most part it never was a bother. My wife is still talking about how friendly all of the Brats were and how welcomed they made her feel. Thanks to everyone, event staff and BRATS for making our five days in DC so great.

Warren Knarr '77
in Berlin 1972-1976



Warren's Tattoo

It's Meaning

The tattoo represents Berlin by the coat of arms. The barbed wire represents living behind the iron curtain. The barbs represents the 4.5 years we lived in Berlin. The eagle represents my birth in Germany and my allegiance to the country I love. AMERICA....

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Welcome and Registration by Joyce Mallon '72

Work can be fun! Ask any of the Brat volunteers that manned the Welcome Table or Brat PX during the 2012 reunion. I recall the first time I volunteered under the direction of class of '72 Brat Jim Wright at the Berlin Reunion. It was my first full scale Brat reunion to attend. It was so much fun to meet and greet the Brats and their guests as they checked in for the event. I immediately volunteered to help out again for the next reunion (Scottsdale). Jim Wright moved on to coordinating and co-hosting the golf tournament so Jeri asked me if I would coordinate the schedule for the Welcome Table/PX for the Scottsdale reunion. I didn't hesitate. And I had the pleasure to take on this responsibility for our DC reunion this year.

I can attest that Brat volunteers are adaptable, have good work ethic, and are extremely social. These characteristics are part of our make-up, ingrained in us as a result of our lives as military dependents moving around the world and having to start anew building relationships every few years. BRAT...Brave...Resilient...Adaptable...Tolerant. That is how I see it.

But there is another characteristic of Brats that shows up at our reunion gatherings. Humor! We have fun at our work as volunteers. This year, for the first time, we set up a Dollar Store and all proceeds were designated for the Scholarship fund.

One item in particular drew a lot of attention..... The Poncho Vino! What is a Poncho Vino you ask? Or maybe you are one of the lucky Brats that purchased one or more before we sold out.

A Poncho Vino is a cotton washcloth that was embroidered with the Berlin Brat logo. A hole measuring about three inches in diameter is in the center of the cloth and is intended to dress a wine bottle and absorbs moisture and spills.

But, as Brats pointed out, there are as many as 101 uses for a Poncho Vino. For example, Bill Planz came up with the following ideas:

1. You can use it when brushing your teeth. Pull the Poncho Vino over your hand and pull the toothbrush through the hole in the center. When you finish rinsing, use the Poncho Vino to wipe your mouth.
2. Use as a cover for a baby bottle and wipe baby's mouth.
3. Use to apply Vaseline or other ointments placing your fingers through the hole and then wiping your fingers with the Poncho Vino cloth afterward (this is the "G" audience version of this suggestion).

If you have any other suggestions you would like to share we would like to hear from you!

On a serious note, we could not accommodate the registration process or provide sales of souvenirs without Brat volunteers. I would like to thank the following Brats for the generous gift of their time and enthusiasm. I hope you will volunteer at the next reunion, we had a lot of fun! For everyone else, please consider sharing a couple hours of your time at a future reunion. It is a great way to connect with other Brats, make new friends and build lasting relationships.

Katrin Lindroth Planz '71
Toni (Yarbrough) Combs '71
Paul Greer '72
Wanona Greer (Guest)
Warren Knarr '77
Carla Knarr (Guest)
Sarah Stella Lopez '74
Larry Speer '83

Gary Robinson '72
Susan Robinson (Guest)
Marianna (Lieurance) Mounsey '50
William "Bill" Planz '71
Mel De Vilbiss '71
Vicky De Vilbiss (Guest)
Pete Miller '82
Ralph Ryan '72

Larry McCalley '68
Gail (Rybaltowki) Karppinen '62
Barbara L. (Jones) Gower '72
Mina (Buenviaje) Tice '83
"Toby" Bill West '61
Deborah (Brians) Clark '74
Pam (Thurston) Moratzke '79
Marcia Wiss '65



Memorabilia for attending the reunion (given out at registration) included the sunshade with a Berlin Brats reunion logo and a cd holder for the car visor. See pic on the right.

Silent Auction and Raffle

Karen (Sellers) Wilt '80

This year's silent auction and raffle were successful even before the reunion began. As usual, Berlin Brats came forward to help make it that way. If you were not aware, everything to do with the auction and raffle are 100% donation of time and resources.

Every part of the proceeds raised goes completely to the scholarship recipients. The silent auction and raffle were bound for success as we began with a \$1,000 cash contribution.

Raffle items donated ranged from a couple jars of honey harvested by Mr. Hildenbrand - FAC;

Walt Disney Tickets donated by Steven McDonald '84;

\$100 Gift Card from GermanDeli.com including a large gift basket with German Goodies;

a 1980 Hummel Bell from Deb (Brains) Clark '74;

various prints of scenes around Germany from Lisa (Moore) O'Donnell '81;

a \$100 United Airlines Gift Certificate from Pam (Thurston) Moratzka '79;

Mrs. Barbara Payne donated two of her personal paintings; and many, many other fabulous items to bring on the excitement of the raffle.

The silent auction had the ever popular Bryan Duckett's ('84) 2006 print of the Brandenburg Gate symbolizing the city divided;

three popular Berlin Hummel's: Checkpoint Charlie of the Berlin Freedom Series, Berlin Airlift, and Ost/West of the Enduring Glow of Freedom Series; donated by Toby West '61

A tumbling blocks quilt representing the Berlin Wall coming down and the Berlin Bear standing tall was lovingly pieced together by Cassie Love, the proud Berlin Brats parent to Leigh (Love) Roper '85;

Berlin Wall Cigars in the marble box with the Brandenburg Gate containing 20 cigars with a copper band from John Castellot '70;

a beautiful oil painting of the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedachtniskirche by another Berlin Brats' parent Christa Phillips, mother to Connie Phillips-Buynar '80, Ed Phillips '78, and Mike Phillips '82.

With all the outstanding participation and volunteers we were able to raise a grand total of \$4,785 to give toward our scholarships. Yes, we thank Cate Speer for the "last minute" cash donation to round out the total to four thousand, seven hundred EIGHT-FIVE dollars!! None of this could have been done without all the hours and hours of volunteers running the booth and selling all the tickets they did.

THANK YOU!!!



Debbie (Olsen) Grover '74 car.....



Chocolate Hearts donated by GermanDeli.com & Air Berlin (the new air carrier servicing LAX to Berlin) were given to you when you bought your Raffle Tickets.



BAHS Faculty in Attendance....



Mary Beth Collins - FAC '83-'84
Mr. James Rice - FAC '66-'71



Back Row: Louise (Bakken) Edwards FAC '84-'85
Mr. James Rice - FAC '66-'71
Front Row: Betty Hassell FAC '78-'80
Carol Sams FAC '79-'81
George Pepoy FAC '69-'94
Adam Hildenbrand FAC '70-'94

Not pictured:

Emma "Mickey" (Cash) Durazzo - FAC '64

Photos of Faculty compliments of Richard Carmer, our reunion photographer



Mr. Ron Harrison & Mrs. Glenna Harrison
Asst coach '71-'72 and Faculty '70-'72

Not in attendance at our Reunion but on a separate Faculty Note

- Mr. Ron Harrison was recently recognized by the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS). Mr. Harrison recently retired from his 2nd career and went to work in the AOSHS Archives.

We're awfully glad he did as he recently discovered a box of BAHS School Newsletters - copied them for us - and they are now posted on our site.



He's made such a difference in the archives office - that the AOSHS Board recently awarded him "Volunteer of the Year" at the recent DoDDs Teacher's Reunion in Denver, CO.



His latest discovery is this BAHS Cheerleading sweater. Any guess on the year???

BERLIN BRATS SURVIVE THE 100+ DEGREE HEAT

The 2012 BAHS Reunion has come and gone, but will not soon be forgotten. One of the many events Jeri scheduled for us was the Berlin Brats golf outing. Always looking for opportunities to go 'home' again, we opted to play on a military post course.

We played on the par 72 Woodlawn Course at the Fort Belvoir, Va. Golf Club.

The day was hot and humid - the course was in great shape - we took out 16 golfers and brought 16 back. The fact that it was the same 16 golfers was an extra bonus!

Many people helped make the reunion special and we need to recognize a couple of people that made the Golf Outing special. A shout out goes to Fritz and his staff at the Golf club, they made this a very special event for us. The biggest shout out goes to Jim Wright '72. Jim and Coulter Cadillac provided the golf bag goodies (hats, towels, golf balls, tees to name a few) for all the golfers. The hats and towels came in handy on that hot and humid day.

There were three rules for the outing;

- 1- Have Fun;
 - 2-Have Fun; and
 - 3- If you complain too much you get to be the Golf Chair next time.
- Apparently, we all had a lot of fun or no one wanted to complain as I remain the Golf Chair.



We had four teams participate this year:

The Team of Mikes

'60's- Mike Cleveland '61; Donald McPherson (Maggie'63); Michael Jiru '63; and Michael Cramer '64

The 70's Team

Billy Jordan '76; Jerry Estes (Father of Michele '90); Jim Wright '72; and Marvin Lindroth '75

The Other 60's Team

Blair Good '62; Mary Lynne Good; Kaye 'Stewart' Crawford '62; and Steve Tunnell

The '79 and '85 Team

Greg Ladd (Malissa (Murray) Ladd '85); Lee Bowman '79; Larry Bowman '79; and Tim Shaw '85



We had a couple of firsts during this outing. All four team's shot below par and no one hit into water... of course there wasn't any water hazards on the course so that made it a pretty easy first. As with any golf outing, you must have team and individual awards. We don't hand out team awards, except for bragging rights. The first place team was the Mike's and Don (or as they called him 'Mike'). They shot a 66; of note their youngest player was 64 and oldest was 77.

(Must be nice to be retired-retired and have plenty of time to hone the golf skills!)

Finishing second was the 70's team with a 69. It took a two hole score card playoff, but the 70's Team prevailed and barley edged out the '79/'85 team. And finally, rounding out the scoreboard, finishing third from first was the Other 60's team with a 70, still 2 under par.



Photos of Golf Participants compliments of Richard Carmer

Individual prizes were also awarded

Lee Bowman '79 – longest putt, 24';
Mike Cleveland 'XX – longest drive, 277 yards; and
Don McPherson (spouse of Maggie----- '63)
closest to the pin, 17'.

Each of the individual prize winners received \$25.00 for their efforts. In our never ending effort to ensure that the, shall we say, less skilled players get recognized, we also awarded 'special' prizes.

Larry Bowman '79 won the shortest drive award with a drive of 3 yards and was awarded a ruler so that he could accurately measure any future less than stellar drives.

Mary Lynn Good (Spouse of Blair Good '62) won the most balls in the sand award with 5 shots in the traps and was awarded a sand pail and shovel. We figured that if you're going to play FROM the sand, you might as well have something to play IN the sand. And last, but not least, the coveted Most Lost Balls award.

This year we had a tie between Tim Shaw '85 and Jim Wright '72 with each losing 5 balls.

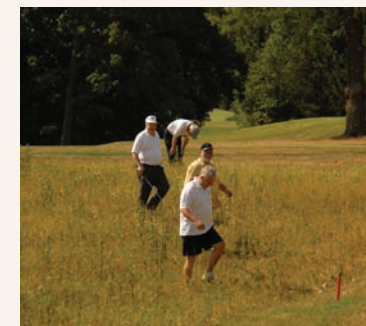
They were both awarded a baggie of used balls.

Why give them new ones if they're just going to lose them anyway?
Additionally, Tim received a leather bag to carry his balls.

We all are anticipating the 2014 BAHS Reunion in Berlin. Golfing in November in Berlin may be problematic. We just may have to bring it indoors and have a putt-putt tournament! I'm sure we'll still be able to hand out most lost balls, most balls in the water and most balls in the sand awards.

See you all in Berlin.

Billy Jordan '76
Golf Chair



Mount Vernon Homeplace of George Washington

Optional Tour Friday



Berlin Brats enjoy their outing at Mt. Vernon

Paul Greer '72 and wife Wanona



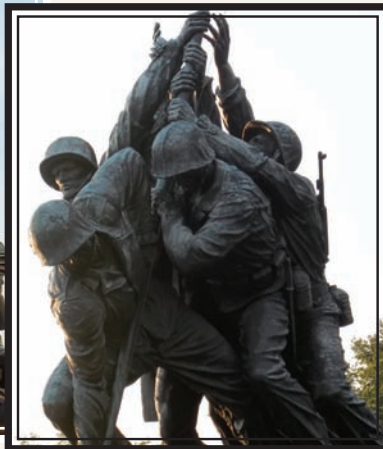
Chief Research Historian at Mt. Vernon
Berlin Brat: Mary Thompson '73 met our group.



“Monuments by Moonlight Tour”

was an optional tour on Thursday evening. We boarded the bus by 7:00 pm. and our tour guide introduced herself. She was a Navy Brat, (Navy Junior as they are called in the Navy) having been a young girl in Pearl Harbor. She had to evacuate at a moment's notice on a ship painted pitch black and then traveled to relatives on the Eastern Seaboard on a train for a very uncomfortable 6 days. Later she became a Navy wife and served in the State Department.

“Freedom is not Free” was the message given from the 1st memorial we visited. The raising of the flag at Iwo Jima which sits near the entrance of Arlington Cemetery.

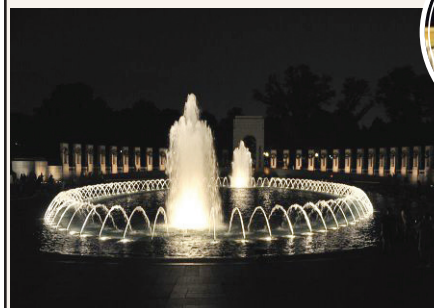


Larry McCauley '68, a Vietnam Veteran is seen at right at the Air Force Memorial. Below Larry McCauley '68, Ralph Ryan '72, seated on the bus.



Before it became too dark to view the names on the Wall of the Vietnam Memorial, at our request our tour guide made a special stop before we continued on to the World War II Memorial.

World War II Memorial



Above: Deb Clark '74 takes in the fountain amid the columns representing each state - one side Western states the other side Eastern states.

At the Air Force Memorial



We went on to pass the Pentagon Memorial and stopped at the New Air Force Memorial. It is on a hill that overlooks the Pentagon, the Potomac and the city of Washington D.C. Three spires made of stainless steel it is a total of 270 feet in height.

The three spires also represent the three core values of the Air Force:

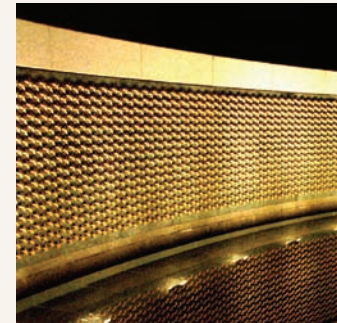
Integrity first,
Service before self,
and
Excellence in all we do.



OUR DEBT TO THE
HEROIC MEN AND VALIANT
WOMEN IN THE SERVICE
OF OUR COUNTRY CAN
NEVER BE REPAID. THEY
HAVE EARNED OUR
UNDYING GRATITUDE.
AMERICA WILL NEVER
FORGET THEIR SACRIFICES.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

We did have a glimpse at the moon at the Washington Memorial.



HERE WE MARK THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Freedom Wall – Field of Gold Stars

There were 4,000 Stars
for 400,000 men



The Korean Memorial was our final stop. You felt you were in the rice paddies with these young soldiers, not knowing where you were, where your enemy was in wet rainy conditions and you were informed that you could step on land mines where you were cautiously marching.



Marine Tattoo



On Friday night there was Dancing and Karaoke
for those who did not attend the Marine Tattoo

BERLIN BRATS HOLD 1ST KNOWN PROMOTION CEREMONY AT THEIR REUNION!

O God, our Heavenly Father, with joy & gratitude in our hearts-
we thank thee for the many blessings
in our lives & for the resources we enjoy that have enabled us
to come together again for this Berlin Brats Reunion.

Please grant us thy spirit of good will & camaraderie this week & take us home safely
upon the conclusion of the reunion. We are grateful for those who have given many hours
of their time and resources to bring us together this evening.

As children of parents in the Armed Forces- and others who have served our country-
at home & abroad- in peacetime & in war, we count among our greatest blessings-
that we have lived our lives on this earth as Americans- as citizens of the United States of America.
In our childhoods, we have followed our parents many places, witnessed extraordinary things & events, associated with a
variety of cultures, & have learned many things about our world and the people in it-
as a result of our heritage as military brats.

We have observed that many in our company have distinguished themselves
as leaders in their vocations & in their communities.

Some have continued family traditions by serving in our Armed Forces.

We are pleased to host this solemn ceremony commemorating the promotion
of our fellow Berlin Brat, Col Michelle Estes. In keeping with our traditions,
she and General Martin have done us proud. We ask thee to prompt our minds & hearts
to more fully appreciate & share the significance of this milestone in Col Estes' life.



Class of '90, Major Michelle Estes, currently deployed to the war zone in Afghanistan....coincided her mid-tour to attend our Reunion. Being promoted to LtCol.....she requested Class of '77, Major General Rick Martin to promote her - at the Reunion no less!

OF COURSE WE WANTED TO DO THIS!!!!
Our Banquet evening opened with the Posting of Colors by Joint Base Andrews followed by our own Major (ret) Larry Speer '83 singing the National Anthem.

Michelle's family flew in for the ceremony!

She returns to Afghanistan for the remainder of her tour. We wish her a speedy return.



Michelle and family at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Gen. Martin, newly promoted LtCol Michelle Estes and Larry Speer

At the conclusion of this reunion, Col Estes, General Martin, & others
will return to their posts of duty. Wilt thou continue to protect them & guide them
that they may continue to serve with valor & distinction.

In as much as we know something of their lifestyles, with affection we ask thee to watch over
the current generation of military brats- and their families- across the globe.
Keep them brave and willing & curious, and with a sense of humor-
that they may also benefit from their experiences.
Wilt thou guide us all to continue to set examples appropriate for our special heritage as military brats?

Finally Father, we ask:
God Bless America- our home sweet home.
In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Invocation by Paul Greer '72

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Berlin Brats Scholarship Award!

In a reunion filled with the magic of friendships, old and new and the pageantry of military pride illustrated by promotion ceremonies, it's hard to imagine the Berlin Brats could have much more to be proud of. Wrong!

The generosity of 340+ people grossed just under \$5,000 for our Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund is fed by private donations,

the Silent Auction, Raffle Tickets and the Welcome Table's Dollar Store.

With incredible Brat generosity, the 2012 Berlin Brats Reunion Scholarship Fund was able to award four (\$1,000+) scholarships to Brats and dependents of Berlin Brats.

Our two largest donors were

Wayne Bloebaum ('74) and LTC Michele Estes ('90) with contributions totaling \$1500.

A great big Berlin Brat Thank You to all the donors of this amazingly worthy cause.

Using structured and exhaustive criteria and ranking schedules, the committee, comprised of Jim Branson ('64), Deb (Brians) Clark ('74) and Jenni (Hewitt) Shaw ('85) were able to ascertain four packages for the awards. The winners ranged from a hard-working young lady, active in her church and the Girl Scouts, earning the exclusive Gold Award in leadership, with a 4.0 average (all years so far in college), while working a part-time job. We determined she just never sleeps to accomplish all she has already, and what she plans to take on in her future. We also awarded a scholarship to an upcoming scientist whose specialty is the earth's energy forces, and we were blown away by how smart he is! He plans to use the scholarship to study in Italy under an infamous mathematician and scientist in the study of a new mathematics called fractional incipient calculus.... It all conjures up the image of Da Vinci Code. In addition to a talented young lady, a dual major candidate, on the President's honor roll, with a goal to graduate debt-free, her definition of a Brat was spot-on: "Being a Berlin Brat means you have thousands of family members, scattered all across the world that would be willing to do almost anything for you. They feel the connection with one another just as intensely from thousands of miles away as they do when they are sitting next to one another, celebrating the times they shared in past years." And lastly, we awarded our first Brat scholarship (versus dependent)... from the class of 1990, a Lieutenant on the Dayton Police force, who is pursuing a masters in Criminal Justice. She works the night shift, and supervises other cops on the night beat in the most violent area of Dayton and has earned the upmost respect from her peers and supervision.

Congratulations to:

Ms. Heidi Martin, Mr. Christopher DeVilbiss, Ms. Hannah (Liz) Jordan and Ms. Wendy Stiver!

You make us Brat Proud!

The Berlin Brats Scholarship Committee would like to thank all the applicants for their efforts and we wish each of them success in their future educational endeavors.

Look for Scholarship Application packages on the website and/or from your class contact Spring 2014 for the next round of awards. Interested in donating privately, please contact us at berlinbrats.scholarship@gmail.com and we'll get you the information you need.

Jennifer Shaw

Class of 1985 Co-Contact

Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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Photo of Scholarship Committee compliments of Richard Carmer

That Post-Reunion Glow

If you are one of the 341 lucky people who attended the Berlin Brats Reunion in Washington, DC in July, you know what a great time we had! If this was your first brat reunion, then you are probably experiencing a Post-Reunion Glow! We all get it after every reunion, but for those of you who had never been to a Berlin Brats Reunion before, you are likely experiencing a Super Post-Reunion glow. When you left Berlin, you likely thought that you would never actually see any or most of your friends again. Even if you managed to reconnect online via various forums, Facebook or email, you still had not figured on ever seeing so many Brats again in one place after leaving high school. Those of us who are reunion junkies, er, veterans-we get it. We got it at a previous reunion, and we can't get enough! It is such a wonderful feeling; so wonderful that it drives some of us to commit to never letting ANYTHING keep us from attending all future reunions!

So, you have experienced the elation that comes from attending a brat reunion, let's discuss why that is so and why it's addictive. I have a theory. We Berlin Brats have a shared distinctive history- one that is singular in human history. An overstatement you say? Consider this: we lived in a walled city which was a small outpost of freedom- an island in the middle of an enemy Communist nation, and that nation no longer exists. We have such a unique past that we often feel that no one else 'gets it.' So we push our memories down and hold them in, because what's the use? Most non-brats cannot understand no matter how hard they try.

One of my favorite parts about reunions is getting to share collective and individual memories. As a matter of fact, when I attend reunions, I find that the vast majority of people I meet were not even at BAHS when I was there. Yet, the common history we share binds us together and when we start sharing stories there's the immediate- 'Yes, that happened to me!' Or 'You did that too?!' Then when I get to listen to stories of brats from decades past, or future to mine, my horizon is widened even further. They remind me not only of the shared past, but inform me of the differences that I never knew existed as a part of life in Berlin. It keeps me coming back for more reunion after reunion!

As the Allied Powers changed their rules, regulations and interactions concerning how Berlin would be governed, these changes impacted the experiences of the brats who lived with and through these changes. Additionally, each decade of brats experienced differing relations with the German people. These differences and the many similarities are what we celebrate every time we come together.

These memories are a collective history that we are remiss to let pass away. We do our children and their children and especially the current generation of brats a disservice when we choose not to share and record our stories for all posterity.



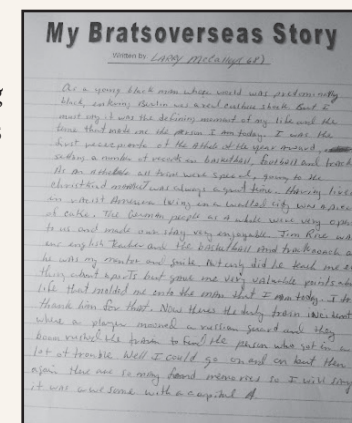
It is this dream—of sharing our collective past with present and future generations that drives Trisha Lindsey '82 and myself to doggedly cajole, beg and petition our Berlin Brat family to never let the past die. We all do that by attending reunions and sharing our stories—and we can all do that by leaving something behind in writing—our collective history.

Please consider sharing your story with future generations—send your essay(s) to bratoverseas@yahoo.com. Our goal is to have the book published by the 2014

Berlin Brats Reunion in Berlin. We cannot reach this goal if we do not have enough stories and pictures.

Taking a few minutes to find your memorabilia and write down your memories is a small effort that you will never regret.

Yoshika Lowe '83



50's & 60's

Jim Branson '64 with wife Brenda Branson were Hosts of the 50's & 60's Suite

No matter how many times my wife Brenda and I host the 50's and 60's hospitality suite at our Berlin Reunions, despite all of the apprehension about being able to make sure everyone has a great time, it never ceases to amaze either of us how comfortable we feel when people start dribbling in early Thursday morning and continue to disappear and reappear throughout the entire 3 days. This year was no exception. It was like hosting a party in our own living room for 20 to 30 people at a time from morning 'til late at night.

Many thanks to Jeri Glass and the others who did such a fantastic job doing our shopping for us and making sure that our kitchen was well stocked with drinks and snacks to keep us sustained throughout the entire weekend.

Probably the best part of any Reunion is hearing all of the stories in the suite. This year we welcomed a dozen or more new faces in the 50's and 60's group and I think the Class of '65 probably took the prize for most new faces. There were many new stories to be heard in addition to the ones we'd heard before and the first-timers seemed to be able to embellish on most of what we'd already heard and add lots of new stories to our continuing list. I especially liked the story about the bubbles in the fountain during Kennedy's visit in 1963. It seems everyone was involved in the mischief and everyone seemed to have different memories of who was actually there.

We were lucky to have two or three guys from the early 60s whose father's were deep into the undercover and cloak and dagger world of Berlin and their own personal stories about their exploits into the East, when it was not permitted, were incredible. It was like the Mad magazine cartoons Spy vs Spy if you remember those. Some stories were funny and others were downright scary in retrospect. To think that if they had been caught, in many instances, there could have been a whole different outcome to the history of Berlin and perhaps the world.

A very special treat for us in the 50s and 60s suite was being able to meet with Donald Mathis, the only graduating senior of the Class of 1946/47 at the Thomas A. Roberts School. Donald has some fascinating stories about those very early days of Berlin High School and we were all enthralled.

Thanks to Marianne Lieurance Mounsey, Class of 1950, for making that connection with Donald and inviting him into our group.



Donald Mathis, Class of 1946/47 with Marianna Lieurance Mounsey, Class of '50

Contrary to the popular belief among other groups, those of us from the early decades of Berlin High School can party 'til dawn too. Well, almost until dawn, if someone from the '80s gets a little confused about which hospitality suite he's in and crashes our suite with his iPod and plays deeJay for us with his 80s music until 1:00 or 1:30 in the morning. To explain a bit, early in the week there was some confusion as to which floor the 60s and 80s suites were on and so we got a lot of visits from our 80s friends. We were totally amused when the said D.J. in his state of "confusion" kept insisting that we were his 80s friends and finally ended up leaving, terribly disappointed because we were shouting requests for Buddy Holly, Chubby Checker and Bobby Vee. We loved his enthusiasm though and actually had a good time listening to Blondie, the Bangles and Wham. Thanks to whoever that was!! Come back to see us again in 2014 in Berlin.



Mike Jiru, Class of '63,
John Snodgrass, Class of '66
Jim Branson, Class of '64,
Brenda Daucette Branson, Class of '64
Maggie (Ellithorpe) MacPherson '63

60's Visiting



Blair Good, Class of '62 with Sharon Kulig, Class of '62

I thought I'd add some thoughts from others who visited the 50s and 60s hospitality suite
Bob Tinari '65 showed up on Saturday afternoon to visit with us in the suite.

"Barb and I are so glad we decided to come on Saturday. Thanks to you, Lee and the others for giving me the shove I needed to get over there to see you all. (We called him at 1:30 in the morning on Friday and 12:15 on Saturday morning) What a treat! I just wish I'd had the opportunity to see more old friends while I was there. Now that I am over my "stage fright", Barb and I will make definite plans to participate more fully in the next reunion."

Doreen Maloney Anderson '65 first time attendee

"No one would attend a reunion unless they wanted to be there, of course. Still, the enthusiasm was contagious. Everyone was having a great (not just good!) time. I renewed old friendships (that's always wonderful), and made some new friends with others who had not been in my immediate group because of age differences or because we hadn't been stationed together very long.

Obviously, one attends reunions to see how classmates have fared over the years. I certainly was eager to hear what everyone had been up to, and there were so many interesting stories to hear! It may be that only those who feel they've had some success in their lives were the classmates who attended, but a quick survey of our 60s group shows we've been above average performers in life, with very diverse and successful careers. Maybe traveling the world as youngsters led us to be more open to more travel and exploring the world. Anyway, the reunion made me realize what a unique bunch we are because of our common experience. I am so proud to belong to this group."

Sandy McQuarrie Rigby '65 first time attendee

"I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to everyone for making the Reunion so memorable and fun. It exceeded my expectations in so many ways. I am hoping for another visit together before 2014. Speaking of the next reunion, David and I are planning to attend for sure. We had a chance to meet and talk with Jeri at breakfast on Sunday (I had never really met her in person). She told us that it would be held at the same hotel (Best Western) as last time. I am already getting excited, and we intend to go a little early if the reunion rate at the hotel applies a few days prior to the start of the reunion."

Jules Denitto '63 stopped by the suite on Thursday

"What a fantastic time my wife and I had meeting with you and the other Berlin Brats on Thursday. It was definitely the highlight of the year for me! "



left to right:
Veanna "Kaye" Stewart Crawford, Class of 62,
Doreen Maloney Anderson, Class of '65 and
Sandy McQuarrie Rigby, Class of '65

Coach Pepoy attends his 1st Reunion!

Tom Baughman, Class of '71:

The 2012 Berlin Brats Reunion was much more than a High School class reunion it was more like a family reunion. We all share a common bond, we are Brats, Berlin Brats and Coach Pepoy for many of us epitomizes the patriarch of this family. It meant more to me than I ever thought it would, seeing Coach Pepoy at the DC Reunion.

When I knew Coach was going to be at the reunion I didn't know how I was going to feel about seeing him. In my senior year I was not allowed to play football because of my long hair. I realize now it was the times and I made a choice, that it was not Coach's fault, it was the rules and I made a choice. When I saw Coach for the first time in 41 years and he reminded me that I was his football manager that undefeated season, a great sense of pride came over me. It was like seeing your father after he came home from a year long isolated tour. I felt a peace, when you know all is right in the World. I was home, with family.

It was hard to see Coach in a wheelchair and somewhat frail from Parkinson's, but there was still the same spark in his eyes that I remembered. I discovered Coach lives about two hours from me in Bedford, Pa.

Melvin and I are planning on visiting with Coach soon. Yes, he did invite us to visit with him. What did it mean to me to see Coach Pepoy after 41 years?

It was like finally getting Haribo Gummi Cokes any time I want. It was great!

Gary Robinson, Class of '74:

Hello Coach and Mrs. Pepoy, I just wanted to thank you both for coming to D.C. It meant the world to those of us who had the privilege to have played for Coach to see him again, in my case after 40 years. I'm also glad my wife Susan of 35 years finally got to meet the man I have been talking about since we met. Mrs. Pepoy I realize it was only because of you and your daughters that Coach was able to make it and I thank you all for that. And I hope if you didn't know before, you now know how influential Coach was in so many of our lives. Mrs. Pepoy you are a classy lady with two beautiful daughters and Coach was very lucky to have found you. Thank you again!

Mel De Vilbiss, Class of '71:

Comparing long lost memories with alumnus you haven't seen in over 40 years defines moments that altered or changed our path in life and, more importantly, brings to light special individuals that influenced those defining moments.

Coach George Pepoy exemplifies such a person in our life. It was not so much what he did, but what he gave, for he gave us opportunity and left it to us to take it (or not).

I don't ever recall Coach telling us how important it was to win, but we went undefeated in football his first year at Berlin.

The next year we lost a heartbreaker to the most corrupt officiating I have ever experienced in any athletic endeavor I have been a part of, and was actually miffed at Coach for not reporting it as such in the newspaper the following week. But he politely gave Bitburg kudos for their win (the only victory Bitburg achieved that year) and pointed us to the rest of the season, where we ended up winning the championship again, despite the one loss.



Melvin and Tom with Coach Pepoy



Coach Pepoy and his wife Inga



Some 70's players - Back Row: Bill Planz '71, Jerry Harms '70, Ralph Ryan '72, Gary Robinson '74, Jim Wright '72
Sitting below next to Mr. Pepoy is Wally Roberts '73



Coach Pepoy, Dan Short '81 and Mark Andrews '80 meet at Registration

Dignity in loss, humility in victory, but more importantly - do the best you can "and move on." In other words, don't sweat the stuff you can't change, keep your eye on the ball (the future). This is as true in life as it is on the fields of friendly strife - and, for me, this course of instruction began with Coach Pepoy.

The first major fork in my road, i.e. defining moment, came only a few months after leaving Berlin just as my senior year was getting started. I broke my neck playing football and lost my scholarship. I remember being overwhelmed with a sense of loss and desperation, not knowing where to go. Coach Pepoy, on the other side of the ocean, stepped in on my behalf; wrote a letter of recommendation to the West Point soccer coach that sealed the deal gaining me a blue-chip (an athletic appointment) as a qualified alternate to the United States Military Academy. When I reminded Coach of this at our reunion, he didn't recall writing the letter. It wasn't that he couldn't remember - it was that it was his nature to do so much for so many that he simply didn't recall one letter, a letter that forever changed the course of my life.

I first met his wife, Inga, shortly before they were married and just before leaving Berlin. My wife and I then met Inga as Mrs. Pepoy in 1976 when we visited Berlin on our first anniversary while stationed in West Germany. They wanted us to come over - no matter how late it was after our anniversary dinner. When we arrived near midnight, they awoke their two little girls, Nina and Sonia, and provided us a surprise first anniversary celebration with a small cake and one candle. This embodies the Pepoy's ethos! They open their hearts and their home to all.

So what did it mean to me to see Coach and his family at the 2012 Reunion? It represented the innocence of youth; the transition from boyhood to manhood; the finest example of human fealty - all of this and much more. I will always see Coach pointing the way, like the North Star, a guiding light through the maze of life. Thank you Coach - for being there for all of us, then and now!

With permission, the following information has been provided for those who would like to reconnect:

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Hospitality – 70's Style: What it's like to Host a Hospitality Suite

By Deb "Brians" Clark, BAHS '74

As the Washington, DC reunion was fast approaching, my husband, Michael and I were still undecided. Mentally, we were ready.....financially was a different story. Michael, who lost his job as a manufacturing engineer in 2009, for the past three years, attended school (retraining), worked odd jobs and a minimum wage part-time retail job to help keep us afloat. We learned very quickly that "fun" things were out of our budget. No movies, no dining out, no vacations, and sadly... no Reunions. I thought about it and in my morning prayers said, "Lord....I'd love to go. If you want us to go, you will send a sign." Long story short, Jeri Glass, Director of Berlin Brats, contacted me and said she was looking for a couple to host the 70's Hospitality suite. She told us of the responsibilities and then mentioned...the room...the Presidential Suite, where we would also be sleeping was FREE. What.....FREE? Well, we got our sign, and we agreed to host the 70's Hospitality Suite at the DC Reunion.

What was it like to be a Host? Well, one must have a great attitude, creativity (maximizing the space you are given), flexibility (improvising on serving and cutting utensils) and be able to function on zero- to-3 hours sleep (we didn't close at midnight..we let the crowd gauge the closing time, usually around 2 a.m). Was it worth it? ABSOLUTELY!!! Selfishly, yes, we agreed to host as this was an affordable way for us to attend, but as we approached our task, we soon realized we were in our element, as both of us enjoy cooking and food prep, and although it appeared we were always "working", we were having the time of our lives! As Hosts, the party came to us...we didn't have to search out others to see what they were doing. Our motto was, "If we feed them, they will come". Or perhaps more accurately, "If we keep the beer cold, they will come." As word spread of the 70's "party suite", we entertained BAHS brats of all years and learned so much! I truly enjoyed sharing the 1970's era yearbooks with the 1990 classmates, who looked upon the books with such awe, as viewing ancient artifacts! I heard murmurs such as..."wow...what a different world it was back then." And...you know what? I didn't feel old...I felt proud to share our stories from the ancient times at BAHS.

After all, we helped blaze the trail for them, didn't we?

I asked Michael what hosting the 70's suite meant to him, as someone who didn't attend BAHS. He said as folks came and went in the suite, he could feel and appreciate the bond and connection that was evident with everyone. He says BAHS folks all have something special...the connection. He enjoyed the stories, the conversations, and above all, the laughter.

The highlight for him, however, was watching several of the former BAHS athletes reconnect with Coach Pepoy during his visit to the suite, many of whom were very emotional as they reminisced their former times at BAHS. It was a time for these men to thank the man who had done so much for them, and helped some set the course for their college and career paths. It was a time for them to tell Coach that his letter of recommendation to a college or an employer helped them achieve their dreams.

So you see, the Hospitality suite is not necessarily just a place for partying. It's a place where you can go to thank, to heal, to reflect, to remember, and be grateful. Michael and I were so grateful to have made many new friends of all years at BAHS, to witness so many of the reconnections, and to receive such nice comments for our first effort as hosts. We will gladly do this again, anytime, anywhere.

Funny how often we are given "signs" in life...often when we ask for them, and sometimes when we don't. I mentioned my daily prayers in the beginning of this article, and just wanted to share a little irony with you. Michael and I decided to drive to Maine to visit his family, on the Sunday our DC reunion ended. He landed a full-time job shortly before the reunion, and the timing for a brief vacation was perfect! I was a little mad at myself for forgetting to pack the "Our Daily Bread" booklet of daily Bible passages which I usually read daily. So upon our return to North Carolina, I sat down on early Sunday morning, July 15th, and read that day's lesson, "Opening Our Homes".

Briefly, here's an excerpt from the passage:

"In Outlive Your Life, Max Lucado writes: Hospitality opens the door to uncommon community. It's no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: healing.....You may think (when you open your door) you are saying, Come over for a visit. But what your guest hears is, I'm worth the effort."

As hosts of the 1970's Hospitality suite, I don't think we could have said it any better!

Volksmarch

The path was clearly marked and even had a couple of obstacles, one, a felled tree which blocked the path completely and another was a large boundary Wall looming ahead and was positioned so that a decision had to be made go east or go west!

Our friends from Karlsruhe were the hosts of the Volksmarche and they had marked the Wall arrows pointing East and arrows pointing West. It was a no-brainer for us being West Berlin residents that we should Go West.



*One of us wanted to climb over?
At this point of the walk we were very close to reaching the final destination where refreshments waited.
Berliners and Pretzels from the Heidelberg Bakery and lots of water!!!
Sweet.....*



Coach Pepoy donates 8 mm Football Films to the Association!

Coach donated some 8 mm films from the late '60's and '70's which James Miller '83 then had digitalized. They've been posted to our News Page. Check them out at:

<http://berlinbrats.org/news.htm>



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Bricktown, Oklahoma City Brat Gathering

Denise Brumback '90

Just over a month ago I got the oddest phone call.
A number I didn't know, and a voice I didn't recognize!
The message left was telling me that I had a friend in Hawaii thinking about me.
So naturally I was a little weirded out, I don't know anyone in Hawaii!!!!

I had been having some issues, as usual..lol. My life, always full of issues, but who's isn't right?
So, I called the number back and to my surprise it was Ben Hilger!
We had a long, wonderful conversation. I hadn't talked to him in 27yrs!!!!
Then he tells me he's going to be in Oklahoma City in a few weeks for a conference,
and how far away was I, and who did I know in that area that would be willing
to get together for an afternoon or something.

Well, anytime you say "Brat get together" we come out of the woodwork!
And so I went to work!

The first person I called was Denise Madden! I knew she was down there and if it hadn't been for her I don't think we would of got as far as we did. I'm a huge scatter brain, and with all my stuff, had no organization what so ever!

So Denise and I hit Facebook with our ideas, dates and times.
We didn't have a lot of time to work with at this point, so it was a crunch time thing! But we managed just fine, I think, and got it all put together!

I even got the pleasure of a meeting a Brat who was in Berlin before I was, which was very exciting for me!



John and Denise (Madden) Wolfskill '91



Brian "Tiny" Hudson '86 and Ben Hilger '89



Billi Cooper LeRoy '87
and daughters,
Kaleigh and Ciara



Rhonda Spain Horn, '87

Here we all are in Bricktown, Oklahoma City.



All of us outside Ihop, Bricktown, Oklahoma City

I brought my yearbooks and some pictures,
and we laughed and talked, and had fun!
Although I will miss yet another big Brat reunion,
the small ones are just as cool and unforgettable!
Thanks to everyone who was able to make it!
We all had a great time! One of these days.....
I'll make a big reunion and get to see everybody!!!!



Ray Price '86 and
Catherine "Alex" Hamilton '90



Denise and Catherine "Alex" Hamilton '90

Deb (Brians) Clark '74, the Class Contact for '74, is organizing monthly Brat luncheons in Charlotte, NC.



Pictured here: Carl Fenstermacher '73 (with that infamous yucky green '73 Yearbook under his hands), Mike Brians '78 and me.

Hey there,

Here's the funny thing....and Carl mentioned it last night....

In 1975, I moved back to Raleigh, NC from Nashville, TN to go to college, as I took a year off between HS and college. I was at the movies one night, standing outside of the theater in the long line for Blazing Saddles, and turned around, and behind me standing in line was.... Carl! I just screamed and we hugged each other. People thought we were nuts. I was so caught off guard to see someone in NC from BAHS. Well, it's happened again. Too funny.

Deb (Brians) Clark '74

BRAT ATTACK

What do you get when you combine six determined Brats (four of them Berlin Brats), a Journey/Pat Benatar/Loverboy concert, Red Solo Cups, and a road trip?

You get a Louisville Reunion Weekend!

Thanks to the power of Facebook and a desire to be together in person, a Reunion weekend was recently held in Louisville, KY, at the home of Ron and Tamara (Peoples) Iverson, BAHS Class of 1973.

It all started when Tamara (Murdock) Cooper, BAHS Class of 1988, got tickets for the concert and planned to go with her husband, Jerry. She happened to mention the concert on Facebook and said how fun it would be if other Brat friends in the Indiana/Kentucky area would be able to go, too. Well, that's all it took! Tammy Iverson happens to live in Louisville and opened her home to us for the weekend! I happen to live in Indiana, as does Angie Grams, a Navy Brat from Connecticut. Also joining in the fun was Randy Forester, Bad Kreuznach American High School, Class of 1981, who lives in Texas, and Angie Murphy, BAHS Class of 1977, who came from Georgia. Others that had planned on joining us couldn't make it - but there's always next time!



Front Row: Randy Forester, Tamara (Murdock) Cooper.
Back row: Angie Grams, Tammy (Peoples) Iverson, Angie Murphy, Valerie.

Those of us going to the concert arrived on Friday afternoon. The concert was great and we all had a fabulous time! Saturday was a day to just chill, barbecue, reminisce about old times, life in Germany, life as a Brat - you name it, we talked about it! The day was extra special for me because my very best friend from Berlin arrived for the afternoon.

Angie Murphy and I were best friends for almost three years in Berlin - and had not seen each other since 1977, right after we graduated. We both graduated in the States, but we spent two weeks together as a graduation gift! That was the last time we saw each other - 35 years had passed - until this weekend. Any of us who have had the chance to reconnect with our "best friend" from high school, can imagine how Angie and I felt. It was a moment I will never forget.

I think I can speak for all of us when I say that special bonds were formed over that weekend from friendships that began on Facebook. The world gets smaller every day as we continually reconnect and find each other through our own BerlinBrats.org website, Facebook, Overseas Brats, and other social networks. Randy and I are looking forward to seeing Ron and Tammy at the Berlin 2014 reunion, but I hope we don't have to wait that long to see them again! I am looking forward to seeing EVERYONE there!

Valerie Sellars, BAHS Class of 1977



"Raymond Purr and Girls" -
the "70s Brats" - Tammy, Angie and Valerie Sellars



Tamara (Murdock) Cooper and
Tammy (Peoples) Iverson



The first few moments after
we reconnected.

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Dr. Till Bunse, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Berlin Brandenburg Airport; Hartmut Mehdorn, CEO airberlin and Michael Müller, Mayor and Senator for Urban Development and Environment of Berlin



Starting today, AirBerlin will connect the German capital Berlin with the American city of Los Angeles on the west coast of the United States. The summer schedule features three weekly flights with an Airbus 330-200 from Berlin towards Hollywood. The inaugural flight was celebrated this morning in Terminal B at Berlin-Tegel. AB7022 took off with 191 passengers on board. airberlin CEO Hartmut Mehdorn said about the inaugural flight this morning at Berlin-Tegel: "Los Angeles is a major route expansion for our Berlin hub. Attractive destinations such as Los Angeles make our hub an engine of growth for airberlin, for tourism and the economy." He added: "With this offer, we particularly want to attract connecting passengers from our German and European route network."

According to Dr. Till Bunse, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Berlin Brandenburg Airport: "The capital region has gained another long-haul flight with the connection to Los Angeles. With airberlin's entry into the oneworld® alliance, the people of Berlin and Brandenburg have the opportunity for new nonstop flights all over the world and a further expansion of the routes offered."

Michael Müller, Mayor and Senator for Urban Development and Environment of Berlin, said on the occasion of Friday's inaugural flight: "I applaud airberlin's strong commitment to Berlin. The flight to Los Angeles is currently the only direct connection from Berlin to the west coast of the United States and is therefore particularly important for the capital region."

From Los Angeles, AirBerlin passengers have a variety of codeshare connection options with oneworld partner American Airlines. In addition, year-round flights from Dusseldorf to Los Angeles will start this year and flight frequencies to Miami will be increased.

<http://www.airberlin.com>

We can check on the weather in Steglitz when our next reunion in Nov 2014 approaches.



Dahlem - Steglitz

Zu sehen ist der Blick vom Wasserturm des Institut für Meteorologie der FU-Berlin auf dem Fichtenberg in Steglitz.



Alexanderplatz



Mitte

<http://www.berlin.de/webcams>



Wannsee



a photo of the First Day Cover cachet for the
65th Airlift Anniversary in June of 2013.

This photo has been approved by Col Halvorsen
for First Day Cover Cachet as well as for the event stamp.
It has been submitted to us by Mr. Curtis Carter who will also be
keeping us posted of a possible future event in Georgia, involving
the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation's C54,
The Spirit of Freedom.

Did you meet JFK in BERLIN?

Calling all brats. I am working on a display
and TV documentary on the 50th anniversary
of the visit of President John F. Kennedy to
Germany, in June of 1963. We are looking for
individuals that took photos, slides, 8mm film,
etc. of the visit to Berlin, Hanau, Wiesbaden or
Frankfurt. Naturally of special interest would
be to find someone from Berlin High School,
who was there, who can recall an interesting
story or provide some kind of material.
I think it would be really neat to find a "Brat"
that we can include in a display or TV
documentary. Any assistance you can provide
would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Dr. John Provan '74 from K-town
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OktoberFest

October 6, 2012
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Hosted by: Deb (Brians) Clark '74

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