

New Berlin Brats Book!!

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If you're like most Brats, your time in Berlin was an incredible, unforgettable experience. Often the uniqueness (and often strangeness) of our experiences is lost on the non-Brat. However, if you've ever been to a reunion or hung out with other Brats since then, you discovered that you were finally talking to people who understood. These were people with a common heritage-- being a **Berlin Brat**.

We are embarking on a huge project: a book that chronicles the experiences of Berlin Brats! Trisha Lindsey class of '82 and I (Yoshika) are writing a compilation book about life growing up as Berlin Brats!

Yoshika and Trisha have set up a website link whereby you can share your experiences living in Berlin during (and shortly after) the Cold War. We are looking for experiences that describe just how unique it was to live in W. Berlin. This would include school, home and social life, as well as stories of trips to East Berlin, East Germany and West Germany. Any way in which your life was impacted by living in Berlin we want to hear about it.

The book will be compiled by decades: 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80' & 90's. We will also include pictures from each of these eras. The pictures will be historical pictures as well as photos of life in and around Berlin. If you would like to submit pictures, you will find a link for photo submission on the site. However, you must certify that the pictures are your property and that you give us the right to publish them as part of the book project. We would like this book to represent the memories of as many Brats as possible, so there will be a maximum photo submission of 10 photos per Brat.

We feel that the time we spent in Berlin was one of the most exciting and culturally enriching of our lives, and we think that this is a piece of history that should be chronicled and preserved. A portion of the proceeds for every book will be donated to the **Berlin Brats Alumni Association's Scholarship Fund**.

The best way to submit your story will be to write it up in Word or some other word processor program, and then paste it into the form on the site. This will make it easier for you to edit before submitting. **The website is www.bratsoverseas.com. Our email address is bratsoverseas@yahoo.com . If you are not 'online' and would prefer to mail us your story and/or pictures, send them to: Yoshika Lowe, 8502 Star Hollow Ln, Houston, TX 77095.** So take some time during the holidays to help us preserve a valuable piece of history and of our shared heritage. We look forward to hearing from you!