



Heidelberg



## HHS ALUMNI NEWS THE EARLY YEARS

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### EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER NOW ON-LINE

**Dori Davison** Comer '58 is now posting our newsletter on the Heidelberg Alumni Association website. The last three issues have been posted and they look much better than our black & white hard-copy. Feedback has been very positive. Several of you have volunteered to read the newsletter that way and save our copying and postage costs. Try it and see if it works for you. Only 9 of you had signed up for this option last year.

The web site is <http://www.heidelberghighschool.com>

**RICH BENNETT IS STILL LOOKING FOR COPIES OF EARLY YEARS GRADUATION PROGRAMS.** Send them to him at Heidelberg High School, CMR 419, Box 1364, APO AE 09102

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Many members, some of them "life members," continue to send in donations to cover the costs of copying and mailing. Thank you so much for your support.

### BRATS: Our Journey Home

For an update on the progress being made on this film, please visit their web site:

[www.bratsourjourneyhome.com](http://www.bratsourjourneyhome.com).

They have made great progress but still need some financial support to finish up. They are also planning a private screening on a cruise in April.

### 2006 REUNION IN HEIDELBERG

*by Bob Flores (President of the  
HAHS Alumni Association)*

Planning for the 2006 reunion has started. We are looking into something around the end of June or first part of July to coincide with the soccer World Cup that is also being held in Germany. I've heard from quite a few folks who plan to go to some of the games, but would also like to attend the reunion. Anyone who wants to help out with the planning should get in touch with me. E-mail: [bob@bobflores.com](mailto:bob@bobflores.com).

Thanks to Glenda Casey Petrini '54 for her help in proofreading this newsletter; to her and Bill for hosting the mailing session; and to Rita & Karl Zener for their assistance.

## HHS UPDATE AND ANOTHER REUNION

*(Cheryl Atwood, who organized the 2004 reunion in Heidelberg, sent the following which I have condensed)*

There are rumblings of a school closure and a recent *Stars and Stripes* gave a proposed schedule for base realignments here in Europe. Heidelberg will close down as part of that realignment and all Commands in Heidelberg will relocate to Wiesbaden. There will no longer be a need for a Heidelberg community as all families will also relocate to Wiesbaden.

I am committed to doing a final Homecoming reunion regardless of what year it occurs in because I believe alumni, current students, faculty, and administration would like one last celebration of our common bond. I am confident I will know well in advance when the doors will finally close on HHS. This will enable me to give everyone a big "heads up" as to when this will happen and begin putting our final Homecoming Reunion plans in motion.

I'll keep everyone posted on this situation (HHS closure) and when our final farewell to HHS will be.

## 51 GET TOGETHER IN NEW ORLEANS

Jack Maxwell reports that he will be meeting Bernie Tullington and Ed Hooks and their wives in New Orleans in May for golf and giggles. They were all in the class of '51 although none of them were in Heidelberg upon graduation.

## EARLY 50's MEMORABILIA

Jean Lollis Catlett '53 sent me copies of several pictures from her collection. Please see information in the "News" section of this newsletter. Thanks Jean!

## CONROE TEXAS REUNION

Glen Mease '54 and his wife Catherine hosted their second reunion in Conroe, TX last November. While advertised as the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion for the class of '54, others were invited to attend.

Attendees included one faculty member, Coach Joe Folino, one from the class of '48, two from '52, nine from '53, nine from '54, eleven from '55, one from '56, and one from 58.

A good time was had by all, weather cooperated as only weather in Texas can, temps dropped into the lower 40's at night but wood fires in the motorcourt kept everybody happy. There was enough Dinkel-Lager to float a battleship and Skipp Babb was true to his word, "In charge of the Dinkel-Lager", great job Skip.

Thanks to Glen and Catherine for their hospitality and ability to organize a great reunion. (See item from Joe Folino on this event.)

## ANNUAL OVERSEAS BRATS GATHERING

*by Bobbi Jacquot Jackson '63*

Sixty-seven Brats and Educators representing 50 schools, bases, and communities united at the Oceanside Inn in Dayton Beach, FL in October for the 18th Annual Overseas Brats Gathering. Those with the most attending were: 1st place Sasebo with 12 present, 2nd place Heidelberg with 9 attending, and a tie for 3rd place between Narimasu and Nurnberg with 6 each.

Heidelberg attendees - Anne Berger Stietenroth '61, Jane Chance '63, Bob & Bobbi Jacquot Jackson ('63), Linda Murphy Traupane '61, Mike Tallman '61, and spouses.

Even though there was devastation from the hurricanes all around Daytona, there was still plenty to do and fun to be had and a reminder that Mother Nature is still in charge and for us to count our blessings.

## CHALLENGE FROM PAT BROOKS '58

I intend to come up (from Texas) to Washington in October to run (read "slow jog") in the Marine Corps Marathon and challenge anyone in the class of '58 (or other years) to start training and join in ...a group run is much more fun and easier than a solo jog. We could turn it into a party.

*(ed. the Marathon is on 30 October; entry fee is \$80. check [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com) on the web)*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

I recently sent my '56 yearbook to Bob Richmond of K-town (Kaiserslautern) so that he could scan pictures without all the writings of schoolmates. His response follows:

*Ihr bringt mit euch die Bilder froher Tage  
und manche liebe Schatten steigen auf,  
gleich einder alten, halbverklunngen Sage,  
kommt erste Lieb' und Freundschaft mit herauf,  
das Schmerz wird neu, es wiederhold die Klage  
des Lebens labyrinthisch irren Lauf...*

That is from Goethe's dedication to his Foust, circa 1820. Bob's translation: you bring with you images of happy days, and many dear shades appear. Like an old half-forgotten story, first love and friendship appear – the hurts are new, the sad story of life's crazy labyrinth course.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Class of '55 - 50<sup>th</sup> reunion** in Northern Virginia, 24-26 June. Contact Ellie Smith Fox or Mark Smith  
**Karlsruhe Reunion** - 30 June – 3 July in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact for 60's and prior is  
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**OKTOBER FEST** - Clydes in Reston VA 17 September 2 pm.  
**October 2005 – Marine Corps Marathon challenge** to class of '58 and any others (see separate article)  
**October 12-16, 2005 – Overseas Brats Gathering** – Mesa, AZ; details available at overseasbrats.com  
**All Years Reunion in Heidelberg** – Summer 2006.

## DECEASED

**CHARLES C. EASTERLY** died 15 July 2004 at age 91. He was the superintendent of the Heidelberg American Schools from 1948-1950.

**50 RAY WHITE** died 12 October in Tucson of diabetic shock. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Fisk '50 White, daughter Kathleen Wade of Long Beach, CA, sons Ray III of Tuscaloosa, AL and Kevin of San Diego, CA, and two granddaughters, two sisters, Barbara White Lemire '52 and Sheila Hughes. Ray's brother, Greg, passed away in 1995. A memorial service was held at the University of Arizona with many astronomers, professors, former students, and acquaintances from all over the world eulogizing the many accomplishments of Ray. Other HHS alumni in attendance were Bill and Jane Simmons Bond, both '49, and Jack Keim '50 and his wife, Mary Ann. (His bio is in the Bio section of this newsletter.)

*From: William L. (Buzz) Schwinghamer* - Ray had many significant achievements in his academic and scientific career, but I will always remember a very small but unique accomplishment that I shared with him back in 1948. We were the founders of Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 1, in Heidelberg, Germany. Ray was the Senior Patrol Leader, and I was the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I believe this was the first time the BSA chartered a troop outside the United States. Ray was very proud of that, and I was proud that he brought it up at our last meeting.

**50 ALBERT EDWARD FERREE, Sr** passed away on 10 July 1998 (information from his youngest daughter).

**54 SUE SNOWDEN** Johnson died in Panama City, FL on 3 September 2004 (information from Jack Ferrick).

**55 WALTER (WALLY) HILL** died 8 March 2005, peacefully and without pain. Burial was at Fort Sam Houston. He fought a valiant fight with MS, attended many of our reunions. Some will remember him from the rainy Neckar cruise at the reunion where we had people of all classes helping him with his very heavy transport on an off the boat!

**59 MARY FIELD Banks** lost a valiant battle with cancer on 28 March 2005. Before she died, she was able to spend some time with her grandchildren.

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## **NEWS**

**Faculty JOE FOLINO** - Candidly, my years in Heidelberg from 53-56 were personal highlights of a wonderful career for better than 50 years ... the four days with Glen, Catherine and the rest of the gang had to be the culmination of those bachelor years that had been unmatched heretofore. Since this was my first time for bride, it was rocketed to the highest level of all experiences ... it was that good ... Wanted you to know that we loved it without reservation.

The golf was super, but more important were the old associations ... wanted you and your readers to know how we both felt. *Thanks and ....*

*Ciao from Coach Giuseppe and his bride of many years, Lorraine Folino*

PS Glen and Caterina certainly surpassed Pearl Mesta as host and hostess. They generated much of the energy for that pleasure ... they are simply the most wonderful folks that we have met in our travels through this life -- we love them!

Caterina, although not a HHS gal. shone more brightly than the North Star that lead the wise men to the stable. She is a rare jewel and we both love her to death! Both of them made us feel right at home in their wonderful home; in fact, all of the early year memories were able to do that for Lorraine who previously had a hard time understanding why we are so "bonded." I think she understands a little better now!

**50 SHIRLEY MASSINGILL** Allen (Mar) - My life has had its ups and downs, afraid I'm not growing old gracefully but Lord knows I am still trying. I am not going until I have danced my dance and sung my song ha! I did some traveling following the death of my husband. Sept. 11 found me in Morocco (on a tour to Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar) and it was certainly unnerving being in a third world country and seeing their attitude toward us (they said we did it to ourselves to make them look bad) -- REALLY - .just blew my mind.

**51 PETE PERRINE** (Nov) – We've moved (not retired) to Martha's Vineyard full time. I'm commuting to an office in Hyannis on Cape Cod.

**51 JOE TISELL** (Dec) – We finally are breaking into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as we just bought our first computer. We do not know any thing about them but we will go undaunting into the unknown until we master the beast. Also, we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 8/6. Never thought we would ever reach that milestone. Now we are looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup>.

**53 JEAN LOLLIS** Catlett (Jan) – The programs I am sending are Baccalaureate Service and Commencement of June 1951. My brother, James Lollis, was the graduate from our family that year and he was one of the class officers. On the Baccalaureate program, I am the piano accompanist and our Dad gave the invocation at graduation. I also played for the mixed chorus to sing at graduation – tho not printed on the program. I am also sending a copy of Jim's invitation sent to family and friends upon his graduation. The Heidelberg castle was embossed on the front. I am the kind who "saves" and keep scrap books. I have quite a few good pictures from ball games, award programs, and dances (professional photos).

My family arrived in Germany, Bremerhaven, March 1948. I was also one who kept a diary back then and ever since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Virginia, so many events I can check out by my "printed word"! We returned to the states, Ft. Knox, the very last of December 1951. That was the middle of my junior year. I graduated from Elizabethtown, KY (outside Ft. Knox) May 1953.

While in Germany we lived outside Mannheim in Feudenheim. Those of us who attended high school traveled via military bus to Heidelberg where we enjoyed many good times; our daily trip one way each day was one hour. Time to nap, study, visit, play cards, and court! If we stayed in Heidelberg after school for whatever, our bus home to Feudenheim wasn't until 6:00. So home by 7:00pm was late.

As I read now through the news letters, HHS Alumni News, and The Early Years, we all feel we had a great opportunity and experience from living in Europe right after WWII.

In our family I also had a younger (5 years younger) sister and a baby brother was born into our family in June 1949; he is now deceased.

*(Pictures she Included are: Homecoming 1951 (the champion football squad); a picture during one of the football games; the 52? Cheerleaders (Karen, Dacia, Patsy, Margie, and Anita); Carl Young and Mr. Lohela on Award Day; Shirley Valentine and Jim Skelly at the 1951 Homecoming Dance; a picture during one of the basketball games; the 51-52 basketball team; six couples at a dinner (most are '52 and '53); 4 other couple at the same dinner; faculty table at the Homecoming Dance 1951; Jean's table at the Homecoming Dance). If you want copies of any of these, please let me know. I will also consult with our webmaster about having them posted on the web.)*

**54 GLENDA CASEY** Petrini (Mar) - A year ago I finished the chemo and radiation treatments for breast cancer. I feel almost normal again. There is more reconstructive surgery planned for April 11. Just some fine tuning of scar tissue. Bill and I are happy the worst is behind us.

**56 SYLVIA COTTINGHAM** Smyth (Dec) – This was our 7<sup>th</sup> year in retirement (the Bible recons "7" as the symbol of perfection!). Well, we feel comfortable as retirees, but neither of us is *perfectly* retired....we're more retreated! Our early retirement years were full of movement and touring...we intentionally used our vigor and agility to enjoy our travel "wish list". This year we focused on activity in the local setting, mainly our church and our Brooks-Howell Home (BHH) residence community in western North Carolina's lovely mountains. We enjoyed some get-away times for refreshment and renewal, but we let the luggage rest!

I guided the BHH Art Club as it prepared a new space for materials, library and work space. I worked with our church worship committee with plans for new paraments (sanctuary soft furnishings). I am on the Music Council which coordinates the congregation's vocal and instrumental music programs, and am still signing in two early music groups.

Richard continues as one of our associate pastors, and cares for work areas of worship, mission, wellness, and pastoral care. He is retired from regular preaching, but share in that on occasion.

In September our part of North Carolina "entertained" 2 major hurricanes. The greatest damage from the 1<sup>st</sup> was flooding; the 2<sup>nd</sup> brought severe wind damage. Our congregation soon begins rebuilding 2 homes laid waste by flood damage in a town 10 miles west of us.

E-mail keeps us in continual contact with our New Delhi families. All are well. The grandchildren are variously in the final year of high school/college/early careers. It is a blessing to observe how "expectations" envisaged 35 years ago become amazing "reality" in 2004!

I had hip replacement surgery last February...I am supported with excellent medical care and anticipate restored ease of movement.

**56 LEON SCARBROUGH** (Jan 05) - It has been a long and difficult time for my wife Vicky, who after spending a week in the local hospital for dehydration and what the dumbass doctor called a viral infection, was really a high grade partial blockage, found and corrected by the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale AZ. Got tired of the BS here, called up there, made an appt, flew down, and they found the problem. Came home for a week, went back for surgery on Oct 12, and brought her home Nov 9, four weeks later--would have been sooner except small problem of infection. But that's all better now. It is going to take a number of months to get her back to speed, as she was very emaciated and in the hole regarding reserves. Just did not have any left. So we are very grateful of the Mayo Clinic, and their ability to seek an answer, which could have been found very easily and cheaply by a simple CT scan.

**58 MIKE BANKS** (see MARY FIELD Banks '59)

**58 DORI DAVISON** Comer (Jan) - I never thought I would be happy about getting a couple of kidney stones but I am. In November, I ended up in the ER with a suspected kidney stone. The CT scan revealed not one, but two, kidney stones and a couple of masses that the radiologist thought were suggestive of lymphoma. I then spent the rest of November and December having one kidney stone zapped with a laser and tests of all sorts. When I became frustrated at the slow, laid-back pace of medicine in Maine, I went to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Now that is an efficient organization; everything was arranged and worked like clockwork. The pathology report from the biopsy done there said that I had reactive lymph nodes but they couldn't find cancer. Good news! The slides have been sent to the National Cancer Institute for a second opinion and I am waiting for the report. I have to have a follow up CT scan the end of February to see if the second kidney stone has dissolved. The lymphoma specialist in Boston wants to review them to see if he wants to recommend yet another biopsy. In the meantime, I am enjoying the good news that I have and working on the house we are building.

**58 ALIX ELIAS** (Dec) – *(from ed.)* She played "the Ghost of Christmas Past" in ***A Christmas Carol*** at Ford's Theater in Washington DC. In December 04. It was a wonderful production. We had a quick lunch and a great time catching up on the last several years. She is now married and still living in NYC.

**58 ELLIS GEORGIA** (Dec) – This past April I lost my wife, Linda, of 40 years during a surgical procedure that was being done at Scripps Med Center in San Diego. Since then I've sold my home in Fairfield, CA, sold my motor home, and recently purchased a new home in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Ewa Beach is a growing bedroom community within 15 miles on Honolulu, nice area, big house with pool and spa, plenty of room for guests and seven golf courses within a two-mile radius.

**58 JOAN KASDORF** Brooks (Nov 04) - I lost my Samoyed on October 3rd. I kept waiting as long as I could, but finally it was "time." It absolutely broke my heart - yet having her for even a short time is worth every single tear. Following is something I wrote:

### HOPE

A very special event occurred in July of 2003. I found Hope - and brought her "home!" That day, God blessed us both with a bond and a love - only we could know. Perhaps because she was already so old, we cherished each and every day we had together and wished that it would last forever. But she was more than just old – she was special.

Hope was here for 1 year, 2 months and 16 days. In many ways, far too short a time – yet for an old mistreated dog, left to wander the streets and then face a terrible fate at an animal shelter in NJ - **this** was **her very special** “lifetime” – the one she longed for and deserved.

This past Sunday, Hope made her final journey to the Rainbow Bridge. Like my other old Sammy girls, Hope was an Angel – but it turned out she was **my very own** “Angel” – pointing me in directions I never knew existed. A big part of my heart went with her on Sunday, but she left a big part of hers with me.

Dear Hope, I missed you the moment you left. Thank you, Angel girl and... God Speed. I love you!

**58 ROGER PEREZ** (Dec 04) – After 42 years with AAFES I finally retired 30 July of this year. I haven't been busier with four vacation trips, golf lessons, and a remodeling/expansion/construction project.

**58 CHUCK** Lincoln **PRATT** (Jan) - Anita and I have moved off the boat and are on land once again. The boat "401-k" sold last September. We bought a home in Vancouver, Washington and are busy decorating etc., etc.

**58 JUDY WRIGHT** Harris - (Nov 04) - We moved to a house on a lake across from the 18th green of the Muirfield Country Club Golf Course. It is really beautiful! I have always wanted a house with a water view!!! We plan to stay here most of the year and do some traveling with shorter trips. Duane likes to stay close to Columbus and keep an eye on his son who has Down's Syndrome and diabetes. Duane and I are engaged and plan to marry next year. We enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas in May and flew over to Reno and had a great short visit with Lurline Webber Nicolary!!!

**59 MIKE ABELL** (Mar) I'm now in my seventh year of teaching in the upper school (grades 7-12) of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, a private school located in Rockville, MD. For the past four years I have taught almost exclusively in the middle school, teaching both seventh and eighth grade English. I also teach a one-semester elective to 12th graders called "American Film," which is an introduction to film theory and classic, post-1950 American movies and directors. I like to tell people I'm teaching in the middle school as penance for the way I mistreated the nun who taught me in eighth grade. But to be honest, I absolutely thrive on the energy of the middle-schoolers; I feel like a kid when I'm around them. I wouldn't trade my job for the world. I see myself as a cheerleader for reading and writing; my goal is to get the kids as excited about these activities as I am, and to become lifelong lovers of the printed page. It is thrilling when a former student stops by my classroom and says hi, and proceeds to tell me about all the books he or she is reading, or about how successful he or she has become as a writer. And what is delightful is that lots of my former students do stop by to hang out and chat. I am truly blessed to have been allowed the opportunity to do this work.

**59 PAM BRUNDAGE** Meek (Dec 04) – We are fine – still playing lots of golf & loving life. We'll be in San Francisco with daughter Kim for the holidays as well as our oldest son, Ken, and family. Back & to Raleigh with the other 3!!!

**59 JUDY CLAYMAN** Mitchell (Nov 04) – Bobbi Wiles '59 Davenport and hubbie Len dropped by for an hour or so on their way to Morro Bay, CA. They're doing pretty well. I'd hoped to be able to accept their request to go to Morro Bay but couldn't – personal stuff came up and I had to go to VA Beach instead. Long story!

**59 DON CORK** (Mar) - Just a short note to let you know that I am recovering from a quadruple by-pass open heart surgery. Had it two weeks ago after going in to clear some clogging in my legs. Doc said I was a walking time bomb due to blockages around my heart. Wow, this was supposed to be for other people. Needless to say, the experts say that I am on the mend on schedule. It certainly has changed my life around. Mary Carol is doing fine despite often pains due to her numerous back surgeries.

Barbara Davenport will be visiting me on Friday. You remember when her son passed away about a year ago. She and husband now live in El Paso but are visiting the San Antonio area so will be stopping by tomorrow. She is bringing year books.

**59 MARY FIELD** Banks (Feb from Mike) - When we got back from an absolutely fabulous vacation to Egypt over the Christmas holiday, her cancer came back and attacked her liver and bile duct. Her doctor put her in the hospital, because it appeared her bile duct was closing down. The doctors were concerned about the closure of the duct, and decided to put in a stent (a kind of tube) which worked very well. While she was in the hospital, they started her on a

new chemotherapy and complications arose with her blood sodium levels. It took a few days, but her blood chemistry approached normal, and the doctors allowed her to go home. This chemo has been particularly hard, and she hasn't been able to bounce back as soon as she has in the past, but she's determined to continue fighting this horrible disease and won't give in gracefully. She told Mike that she had too much to do and too many grandchildren's lives to mess with, so she will be around for a good while yet. All of the kids and grandkids will be out in California to visit this spring and summer, and we are really looking forward to seeing everybody. We both feel that we'll persevere, and no matter what else happens, we'll keep a sense of humor.

**59 BOBBIE WILES** Davenport (Mar) - Had a great visit with Don Cork and his dear wife, Mary Carol, in New Braunfels, TX. Also nice visit with Judy Clayman Mitchell in Arizona in October.

## **BIOS**

**50 RAY WHITE** - Ruby and I met when we were Juniors ('48-49), but her father rotated in the Summer of '49 to Dover, DL; Ruby graduated from P. S. Dupont HS in Wilmington, DL, and went to the University of Delaware, graduating with a BS in Medical Technology in '54. I graduated with the Class of '50 from HHS; Jack Keim was our class president. From HHS, together with Claggett Wood, I went to school in Switzerland for, roughly, two years, taking -- and both of us passed -- the "Maturity Exam" of the Canton Zug. That certificate got us into universities in the USA: Claggett went to MIT, and I went to the University of Illinois (I was able to get residency there because my father was a recipient of the WW II Illinois War Veterans' bonus). I graduated from UI in Augusta '55, with a BS in Mathematics. I volunteered for the draft immediately, entering the U.S. Army on 29 September '55. I went to the Field Artillery OCS at Ft. Sill, OK, in May '56, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. (in the Corps of Engineers, thanks to a branch transfer, which came through in time) at 9 AM on the morning of 16 October '56. Six hours later, I'd married Ruby Elaine Fisk in the Old Post Chapel at Ft. Sill. After a tour of duty (and our first child born at Landstuhl AMC in August '57) with the 24th Engineer Group at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, I returned to the US. I was stationed at Ft. Dix, NJ, with the 86th Engineer Battalion, and separated eight weeks early, at Ft. Dix, in order to enroll in graduate school back at the Univ. of Illinois. I studied Astronomy, finally completing my Ph.D. (in absentia) while on the Faculty at the University of Arizona, in Tucson, AZ, in February '67. Ruby and I collaborated in producing two more kids while in Champaign, IL: one girl and another boy. I've been at U/AZ since July '64, retiring on 10 July '99 as Full Professor of Astronomy and one of the first University Distinguished Professors.

**51 JEAN EDWARD WHITE** (Nov 04) – It was with much pleasure I read the recent Newsletter. It worked some memories as I recognized many of those from the early 50's. Of much interest was the printing of a letter by Joan Wauchope Orvis, '51. We were prom dates in 1950 and 1951. Last I heard about her she was in Sausalito, CA, attending college. That was 1953 just before I went into the Army.

I mentioned to my brother, Pete '55 Stuttgart, about Jack Clymer being ill. He remembered Chick Williams also, plus the Mac (McInerney) twins who lived just up the hill from us. The Mac twins' sister, Patricia, graduated from Heidelberg class of 1950. Could go on about others who I know by name, but too long of a letter would result. I'm only sorry I "dropped away" for the period 1991-until just the past months. Buy many things occurred emotionally – family tragedies.

My sister, Aileen **Barbara White** would have been a graduate in 1953 if we had stayed in Germany – but mother and we children returned to the ZI for a year. Mother returned a year later with brother Pete and youngest sister Anita.

Barbara married and had three children. In April 1991 she was killed in a horrific auto accident just ¼ mile from my mother's (widow) place. Only 56 years old. She was broadsided and killed instantly. She was a nurse who worked for County Clinical Extension and went early morning to homebound elderly to give shots, etc. She made this same early morning trip daily.

That was the beginning. Three months later my oldest sister died of cancer, in 1992 I had a triple bypass, in 1993 a sister-in-law died, and a couple of months later my mother died at age 90 ½.

Since 1998 I have been retired. Spent 42 years with Trans World Airlines in Cargo Air Passenger Service at Chicago (56-77) and then in Albuquerque (77-98). I moved to Georgia in 2001 near my son. Two of my three daughters live in Albuquerque.

**53 BOB KYSER** (from his brother) – When he came back to the states he graduated from MIT, then Harvard Business School. Most of his career has been spent as a Management Consultant.

**54 DICK KYSER** - I attended HHS in 1952 AND 1953, and lived at Ludolphkrehlstrasser 7. Dad was transferred to Idar-Oberstein, and I graduated from Kaiserslautern HS in 1954. I am registered at classmates.com. I have been married to the same woman for the past 35 years, after 2 previous failed marriages. It is my understanding that a number of HHS alumni live in the Atlanta area, as I do, but I have not been successful in contacting any of them.

**62 TERRY MACNEILL** – I changed my name to Nandi Devam in 1979 (having formally converted to Hinduism), and though I am not a fanatic anymore, I am still Nandi (I find the name suites me). You can look me up on the website: [sopwithcamel.com](http://sopwithcamel.com) to read some of my early and later biography and at [psychedelicguitar.com](http://psychedelicguitar.com) for more.

## **ATLANTIC CROSSING**

### **54 JIM MOYERS -**

Talk about trauma! I learned around October of 1953, that we'd soon be going back to the states. At the time I was a senior at HAHS, practically a homesteader, having lived at 14 Rudolf StratzWeg, in Neuenheim, adjacent to Handshuhsheim, since March 1948. Until HAHS moved to the new facility by the Command Post, brother Jerry (class of 1953) and I had a short three block walk to the old Bunsen school location. Jerry and I were in Frankfurt from October 1947 until the Pater moved to Heidelberg with the rest of the Ordnance Corps Hq. I had always wanted to graduate from HAHS. Besides, I didn't "know" anyplace else. As a pseudo Army brat (Dad was Department of Army Civilian), up to that time I hadn't lived anywhere as long as I had at 14 Rudolf Stratz Weg.

We three (Father, Step-mom & I) reported to Bremerhaven the latter half of November and were awaiting news of which ship would be bringing us back to ZI. When we received the news, my dismay was alleviated somewhat because we were given space on the *S.S. United States*, the United States Lines' new flag ship which only months before had broken the Cunard Lines' record for the fastest trans-Atlantic crossing.

It was a lovely crossing. The weather was balmy, with only a faint bout with seasickness on my part. There were movies, ping pong and indoor swimming. It was my initial bout with "proper attire" for dining. We were in cabin class, a step (or two or three?) below first, which required coat and tie for lunch, suits for dinner. I was not in the same cabin as my folks and they chided me *sehr viel* one evening because I had made the mistake of dressing for dinner with a sports coat, slacks and tie – but no suit! Another big plus was the food: I had my first real intro to gourmet food and, miracle of miracles, I actually dug caviar and goose liver pate.

My recollection of seeing the US again after a six years plus absence was my arriving on the open deck *after* we had passed the Statue of Liberty. Thus my first glimpse of the famed lady was of her back side. Is there some symbolism in that?

We arrived in New York on December 1, 1953 – two days before my 17th birthday. There was a longshoreman strike at the time so we had to fend for ourselves, luggage wise. That was a neat trick, considering we also had to retrieve our three Dachshunds that had also made the four and a half day voyage.

After a brief stay in the Big Apple, it was on to Conneaut Lake, Pa, from which high school I managed to graduate in May 1954, then relocate to Birmingham, Ala.; finding no employment, I enlisted in the Army and wound up again in Germany in January 1955.

## **REFLECTIONS**

Since we are about done with Atlantic Crossings, it's time for a new section. Send something that was special to you as you think back on your time in Heidelberg!! Or you might have some reflections on what the Sears catalog meant to you (see second article).

**54 JIM MOYERS** - One of my most memorable trips was a bike trip to Speyer. I rode on a friend's handlebars all the way from H'berg to Speyer and back! I was only about 12 at the time. Wow, did I have a sore tuschie. I was then very impressed with the Romanesque cathedral, It was also my first intro to German dialects outside of Heidelberg. I hadn't heard anything yet. I was yet to be stationed in south Bavaria!

Every school year we seemed to be visiting the castle in Schwetzingen. It made such an impression on me that I took my wife there when we visited in 1992. It is still very impressive, particularly when you consider it to be a very lesser known entity. We also had school field trips to monasteries and other outlying historical areas. I still recall when one guide had the boys alone (no girls allowed) when he showed us the castle's piece de resistance: the medieval chastity belt!

One of the delightful things about our staying in a requisitioned house uninterrupted for so long, was the ready access to the cherry trees in our yards. We had two bing cherry trees, one "white heart" and one "sour" -- all of which made for many cherry pies and easy spring and summer time snacking. We also had various berry bushes at the very back of our yard -- seemingly with no care or maintenance on our parts, which also contributed to cobbler and pies.

Ah, but it was really tough, the roughing it that we had to do!

## **THE MALL THAT USED TO COME IN THE MAIL**

by Steve Otto (a Brat, not HHS)

I suppose you have to be a little older to appreciate Sears. I was a military brat, and there was a time when Sears was almost synonymous with America. We grew up, not just with Sears, but with the Sears catalog. The catalog not only had everything in it you could ever want or need, but also was a touch of home, a connection that reminded you of a land half a world away.

We arrived in Japan less than a decade after the end of World War II, and before Japan was producing everything there is to buy. We arrived with a couple of suitcases and that catalog. Christmas was not far off, and my mom ordered decorations and lights for the tree. Sears failed us that time, with the lights arriving just in time for Easter. At least she learned origami from a Japanese woman, and we had little birds and dolls made of paper on the tree.

But the catalog followed us back to the states and then on to Germany. Sears turned out to be the only place everyone on the base could order hula-hoops, which were the rage that year. The base exchange was not the place for teens trying to keep up with the trends of the rock 'n' roll generation back home. The hottest fashion was white buck shoes. One kid at the school had gone to the post exchange in Munich, gotten a pair and wore them to school. By the end of the day, every kid had gone home, dragged out their Sears catalog and asked their parent to order a pair. It would take Sears about a month to complete the orders -- and it happened on the same day. There were about two dozen teenagers on our small base in Bavaria, and one morning all of them showed up at school wearing white bucks, except one really cool guy who managed to get a pair of blue bucks.

But that was what the Sears catalog was all about, a lifeline back home where you could get white bucks, hula-hoops or any of the necessities of life.