
Tucson 2003

by Diane Knipfel-Adams AB'75
Reunion Oversight Officer

Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any better....Tucson 2003!!

Somehow, each reunion has managed to outdo its predecessor. More Brats, teachers, and parents in attendance, increasingly luxurious hotels and resorts, new activities and themes have created a fun, new experience at each reunion. But how could Tucson 2001 possibly be topped? Surely we had reached the pinnacle of reunionship (reunionsism??)! But I can assure you that the 2003 reunion committee has indeed outdone their own amazing work of 2001.

While the basic program remains unchanged, attendees will enjoy numerous additional touches throughout the reunion weekend. Come visit the game room where you can play cards and the board games that we grew up with. Prefer to play some backgammon by the pool? Feel free to take one of the roaming boards with you! Trik-trak by the pool...what could be better?! Class

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Reunion Reflections

by Elizabeth Bowler-Morley DH'74

How many of you had the pleasure of attending the Tucson reunion in 2001? The weather was sunny, breezy and perfect. The desert was in bloom, and prickly pears sprouted fruit like fat red toes. The pool was irresistible—even a young man from the hotel staff couldn't help but take a brief plunge during his break, still clothed in shirt and slacks. At the first light of dawn, Brats could be found relaxing in the pool, out for an early dip, or perhaps winding up a long night of reminiscing.

Class distinctions didn't seem to matter much. It was a time to compare notes with Brats twenty years ahead or behind, and see how Saudi had changed. There were fascinating old pictures, the oddest souvenirs, and the familiar smell of the pages of an Al Shulah, forty years off the press.

That sunlit curtain of sheer rock behind the El Con reminded us of the jebels that rose beyond perimeter fences and native stone ranch houses in our youth. Seeing the familiar

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ABI Elections & Bylaw Proposal

Every two years, AramcoBrats are asked to elect four officers to the ABI board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The 2003 election promises to be special for the ABI for a couple of reasons. First, we have our first contested election – we have two very qualified candidates for Treasurer this term. Please review the candidate information and statements carefully and then cast your votes for your choices (or write in your own candidates).

Second, we're asking for Brats' endorsement of the first comprehensive overhaul of the ABI bylaws since the organization was founded. For much of the last year, the ABI Bylaws Committee and the ABI Board have been working to reorganize and update our bylaws. For the past two months, the proposed bylaws have been available for public comment, and a number of Brats have shared their thoughts and suggestions. We now ask that you endorse the results by returning your ballot to the ABI before the May 20 deadline.

Last month, we mailed out over 4000 election brochures, which identified the candidates for each office and listed the proposed ABI bylaws. At the end of the brochure is the ABI ballot you need to complete and mail back to Gary Barnes, who is the chair of the ABI Nominating Committee. Gary will bring the ballots to the reunion in Tucson, where they will be counted and the results recorded. The election committee will check completed ballots against the master list of Brats to assure that only one vote per Brat is received, and that only AramcoBrats vote in the election. At that time, all ballots will be available for public inspection.

Only paper ballots will be accepted for this election. Blank ballots will be available in the registration room at the reunion for people who want to vote in Tucson. You can download a ballot for printing/mailling from the ABI website (<http://www.aramco-brats.com/ballot.pdf>) if the dog ate the ballot we mailed to you.

Your vote is important. Even for uncontested positions, your vote represents an endorsement of the hard work and dedication that every Board member contributes to keep the ABI functioning.

President's Letter

by Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes RT'62, ABI President

Ten years ago, we gathered in Tucson for a reunion while the Gulf War was pounding our homeland. In a few weeks, we will gather again while the world is caught up with the Iraq War. Our world has been changing at an unprecedented pace. The strain of that change has been as heavy for us as Brats as it has been for anyone else. We, as AramcoBrats, have never felt the anguish of having a foot in two different worlds quite so acutely.

I can't think of a better time for us to be together with family and friends. Once again, the reunion committee has been working hard to make this event special for all that are able to attend. They have some surprises in store—some you will find in other articles in this newsletter, and some you will just have to wait to experience at the reunion. Aramco Services Company amazed us with a substantial donation that allows us to bring back door prizes at the reunion. We are keeping our shoppers in Dhahran busy with ideas of things to purchase from home. The plan is to distribute these at various times during the long weekend. Marie Littlejohn-Dunn is working on another quilt to be auctioned off at the banquet. It is spectacular!!

Banish your concerns about a long drawn-out boring program at the banquet — I am not famous for my public speaking. We listened to the suggestions of Brats, and plan to streamline the evening. We have a Class Rep Meeting planned at 1:00 Sunday afternoon, and the traditional ABI Business Meeting at 2:00. This is your opportunity to talk with the Board about any issues of concern, or to express your ideas for improvements. If there is something specific you would like on either meeting agenda, please e-mail our Secretary, Pat Meadors-Desormeau, at pat_desormeau.alliance@okalliance.com before May 5.

AramcoBrat, Inc.
Biennial Business Meeting
Sunday, May 25, 2003 at 2 PM
Coronado Ballroom, El Conquistador
ABI Board Panel Discussion
Election Results
ABI Annual Report
ABI Financial Report
Reunion Feedback

The very popular raffle/auction will once again be present at the reunion, and we have more items than ever before. Brats, teachers, and parents continue to donate items from "home." Their names will be prominently displayed at the reunion and they will be thanked and acknowledged in our Fall 2003 newsletter. If you have items you want to donate for this or future reunions, please contact me. Many thanks to the Brats who participated in our experimental online auction a few months ago. We raised \$436.41 for the ABI and had some fun in the process.

We've been notified by the EI Con that the new waterslide and kiddie pool may not be completed by the time of our reunion. We're all disappointed, but the existing pool facilities have been renovated and will be available to us around the clock during our weekend.

As I look back over the last two years, the list of accomplishments the ABI has compiled is amazing. This ABI is not the same organization we knew two years ago. We have become more in tune with the Brats and opened up many new lines of communication so that the board can bring you the kind of organization you want.

Thanks to Michael McCoy, our website has become a valuable tool to Brats everywhere. It has allowed us to easily open up the inner workings of the ABI for all Brats to see and evaluate. Please check the website periodically for reunion updates and feel free to "Ask the Board" if you have a question or concern.

What a great crew we have. Mike Simms and Michael McCoy are doing double duty, sharing the publication responsibilities along with their jobs as Vice President and Webmaster; Sherri Dent-Moxley keeps our database in top shape; Doral Zadorkin-Allen has streamlined our e-mail database which has become a valuable communication tool for the ABI, the Reunion Committee, and all Brats; Kathy Montgomery keeps our financial records up to date and quickly and efficiently processes all income and expenses - we fondly call her my houseboy; Diane Knipfel-Adams is always available to the Reunion Committee giving advice and encouragement; Wendy Nine-Sosinski has developed a system of communicating more often with class reps; Pat Meadors-Desormeau keeps the minutes of our formal meetings and presents them monthly for approval and placement on the website; and Gary Barnes has worked hard to find nominees for elected positions, and to get the ballots in your hands. Please remember to vote!!

We thank all of you for your ideas, questions, encouragement and support. You all make me proud to be a part of this AramcoBrat family. We look forward to seeing you in May for a weekend filled with fun, memories, and warmth. We will miss those of you that are unable to attend this year, but hope to visit with you via Brat Chat and look forward to seeing you in 2005.

Reunion Information: *Everything You Always Wanted to Know*

by Erica Ryrholm-Martin DH'72, Reunion Committee Chair

Reunion Committee

Erica Ryrholm-Martin DH'72, Tavy Sandin DH'61, Alex Yiannakakis RT'74, Donna Yiannakakis, Colette Philip DH'69, and Ann Burba DH'67.

The Registration Packet

If you have not received your registration packet yet, it is most likely because you haven't paid your AdBak and/or filled out the reunion survey. To streamline the registration process, we have decided to eliminate these steps between now and the reunion. If you want a registration packet mailed to you, please e-mail Erica at ericamel@comcast.net or call *82-1-520-529-2164. She will need your full name (first, maiden and last), your correct address, and your District and Year. You can pay the required AdBak, registration fee, and late registration fee in one shot and mail it all back with your completed reunion registration. We'll sort it all out for you in one easy step!

The packet contains several forms: fees (required), bowling, golf, tennis, vendor (all optional). Please complete the appropriate forms and return them with your payment, using the enclosed addressed envelope, to Erica. Please do not make copies of forms or send checks without forms – wait for your packet to arrive and follow the enclosed instructions.

Registration Fees and Banquet

The reunion registration fee is \$60 per person. This fee covers a number of items, most importantly the banquet fee. Payment of the banquet fee is not optional. The banquet is the main event that is provided through the hotel, so attendance is used as one of the negotiation tools to obtain discounted room, banquet and beverage rates, as well as other perks with the hotel. Please understand that the \$60 registration fee is required for each registrant. The full amount must be included with your Fees form for your registration to be processed.

Deadline

The reunion registration deadline was March 31. Envelopes postmarked after March 31 must include a \$15 late fee. If you do not include the late fee and unpaid AdBak with your forms, this will be indicated in the database and you will need to pay it at reunion check-in in order to receive the reunion package.

Class Parties

We are trying something new and fun this year. All classes will have an area set aside for them around the pool to hold their class party. Various food stations will be provided on a self-pay basis. The food is widely varied and priced reasonably. All you need to do is show up! Class reps can, of course, choose to hold their class party elsewhere, but we hope many of you will opt to try this out.

Hotel Update

The El Conquistador changed hands at the beginning of this year. The resort's new name is Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort.

At the moment there are still suites and rooms available for our reunion dates. If you do not have a reservation, please call the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador central reservations (1-800-864-1284) and book a room. Please don't wait until the last minute!

If the hotel fills up between now and the reunion, central reservations will advise you to contact our overflow hotel (Holiday Inn Express of Oro Valley). The HI is an all suite hotel that sits at the foot of El Conquistador Drive. A shuttle will be available to transport you between the hotels if you desire.

Remember to mention AramcoBrats at either hotel to get the special Brat rates. The cut-off date for our room block at the El Con is May 1, 2003, and the cut-off date for our room block at the HI is May 10, 2003.

To be placed on a wait list for a room or suite at the El Con, please e-mail Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes (drgeerdes@cox.net) with your arrival and departure dates, your e-mail address, and a telephone number that you can easily be reached.

Questions

For reunion sports related concerns, please email Tavy at dunespier@aol.com; for hotel question, please contact Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes at drgeerdes@cox.net; and for any other reunion concerns, please email Erica at ericamel@aol.com.



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Donations

Many People, Many Thanks

We have had a total of 233 donors this term, for a total of \$12,333.20 in cash donations. This number has already passed last term's grand total (187 donors for a total of \$5928)! The number of AdBaks received, however, is significantly down from this time last term. Hurry!

Since the last newsletter, the following people have made cash donations to AramcoBrats, Inc. On behalf of the AramcoBrats, Inc. Board of Directors, I thank you all very much. Fellow Brats, won't you please take a moment to thank these people when you see them.

Aramco Services Company	Wilma Haggard, Teacher	Michael Polhemus DH'66
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parties will be extra enjoyable this year with more organized and clustered groupings, as well as readily available and varied food options.

You asked... we listened! We received many requests for live music at the reunion, so that is exactly what you'll have. A great local Tucson band will play at the Sunday night dance. Of course, our favorite garage bands will be playing throughout the weekend in the Teen Canteen. But that's not all... come to the reunion to see the rest of our special live music surprises.

Because reunions can be stressful to many Brats, 12-Step meetings will be scheduled throughout the reunion. For scheduling information, see your reunion newsletter and watch the bulletin boards.

Kathy Montgomery and Selena Maranjian have again made special efforts to invite teachers to the 2003 reunion, and over 40 teachers have returned surveys indicating they will be attending. Nell Bess noted: "I had such a good time at the last reunion... The best part...was seeing former students as adults." Following the last reunion, Joseph Sprietsma (who says he's coming to this one as well) told us: "I am slowly entering the geezer age, but after the last reunion, my mind and soul were young again!"

As a result of the ABI's new relationship with Aramco Services Company, representatives of ASC will be attending the reunion. Cross your fingers that you'll win one of the outstanding ASC-sponsored door prizes. Be sure to stop by and say hello and shukran to our new ASC friends.

2002 Quarterly Financial Report

The following spreadsheet presents our income and expenses for the current term. Because the ABI operates on a two-year basis, our fiscal "year" is made up of eight quarters. Last October, the ABI Board voted to synchronize our fiscal calendar to the annual calendar; to make that work, we added a one-time ninth two-month "quarter" to account for income and expenses incurred in November and December, 2001.

This information is updated quarterly on the ABI website (<http://www.aramco-brats.com/quarterlies.htm>).

	Budgeted (thru 12/31/03)	2001 Q4 (11/1/01 - 12/31/01)	2002 Q1 (1/1/02 - 3/31/02)	2002 Q2 (4/1/02 - 6/30/02)	2002 Q3 (7/1/02 - 9/30/02)	2002 Q4 (10/1/02 - 12/31/02)	2003 Q1 (1/1/03 - 3/31/03)	Total To Date
Revenue								
Administrative Baksheesh	\$16,000.00		\$2,674.00	\$2,488.00	\$1,414.00	\$1661.00	\$3134.00	\$11,371.00
Donations	5,000.00	20.00	1,869.00	1,625.00	860.00	1,408.20	6426.00	12,208.20
ABI Proceeds (Suq & Auction)	500.00		77.00	15.00	26.75	353.90	514.65	987.30
2001 Directory Sales	750.00	40.00	90.00	135.00	135.00	110.00	185.00	695.00
2003 Raffle/Auction	5,000.00							0.00
2003 Reunion Registrations	69,000.00						18,355.00	18,335.00
a-b.com Email Licenses	0.00						30.00	30.00
Total Revenue	\$96,250.00	\$60.00	\$4,710.00	\$4,263.00	\$2,435.75	\$3,533.10	\$28,624.65	\$43,626.50
Operating Expenses								
ABI Web Site	\$2,000.00		\$45.00	\$22.50	\$92.49	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$204.99
Accounting/Legal Fees	2,000.00		1,363.73	1,445.25	710.16	289.31	303.88	4,112.33
Bank Fees	150.00							0.00
CRC Expenses	700.00							0.00
Database Upgrade	2,000.00							0.00
Directory Printing/Mailing	10,000.00							0.00
Miscellaneous ABI Expenses	1,000.00	299.50			46.72	1,561.62	17.75	1,925.59
Newsletter Mailings	13,500.00	3,809.43	1,453.62	2,984.73			3,411.37	11,659.59
Raffle/Auction Expenses	700.00			57.81			69.78	127.59
Reunion Expenses	70,000.00			496.22			1,406.02	1,902.24
Reunion Registration Mailing	2,600.00						1,838.78	1,838.78
Special Reunion Fund Expenses	7,000.00	372.36			181.42	209.97	1,650.00	2,413.75
2005 Reunion Site								
Search Expenses	1,000.00				35.00	818.46		853.46
Total Expenses	\$112,650.00	\$4,481.29	\$2,862.35	\$5,006.51	\$1,065.79	\$2,901.86	\$8,720.08	\$25,037.88
Profit/Loss	(\$16,400.00)	(\$4,421.29)	\$1,847.65	(\$743.51)	\$1,369.96	\$631.24	\$19,904.57	\$18,588.62
Starting Cash Balance	\$43,630.24							
Cash Balance - End of Quarter		\$39,208.95	\$41,056.60	\$40,313.09	\$41,683.05	\$42,314.29	\$62,218.86	
Projected End Cash Balance	\$27,230.24							

Class Representative Notes

by Wendy Nine-Sosinski, Class Representative Coordinator

The first biennial Class Representative Meeting will be held at the reunion in the Coronado Ballroom on Sunday, May 25th at 1:00 P.M. I hope to see all the reps who are at the reunion join together to swap notes and ideas for improving and extending our class representative structure. It will be so nice to have a chance to meet each other face to face.

If you're interested in becoming a class representative, just send an email to wendy@aramco-brats.com. The ABI website (<http://www.aramco-brats.com/crc.htm>) lists classes that need class representatives. You're welcome to become a class rep even if your class already has one or more, though.

If your Class Rep will not be attending the Tucson reunion, please consider volunteering to organize the class party for your class. It is not difficult and would bring oodles of satisfaction when you see how much fun your classmates are having on Class Party night.

Aramco-Brats.com Email Addresses Now Available

You can now obtain a <yourname>@aramco-brats.com email address through the ABI to keep you connected with classmates, friends, and family no matter how often you change locations, jobs or ISPs. No matter where you go or which Internet service you choose as your email provider, your ABI email address need never change: if you change your "real" email address, you just notify us and we change the address to which your <yourname>@aramco-brats.com address forwards your mail.

How Does It Work?

The <yourname>@aramco-brats.com email address is a mail forwarder. When someone sends mail to your <yourname>@aramco-brats.com address, the ABI mail server immediately forwards the message to your "real" email account. Messages are not stored on the ABI mail server, so email privacy is not compromised.

Do I Have to Use My Own Name?

Nope - you can be as creative as you like. Certain addresses, such as *president@aramco-brats.com*, are reserved, and your address can't be anything inappropriate (in any language), but other than that, you can use any name that isn't already taken.

How Do I Get One?

Use the online form (http://www.aramco-brats.com/email_address.htm) to specify the email address you want and the "real" address to which you want your mail forwarded. Once you get a confirmation message that the address you want is available, you send a check for \$10 payable to Aramco-Brats, Inc. to Kathy Montgomery. Your address will begin working as soon as your payment is received.

Are There Any Restrictions?

You cannot use your <yourname>@aramco-brats.com address in any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, "junk mail," "spam," "chain letters," "pyramid schemes," or any other form of solicitation. You cannot use your <yourname>@aramco-brats.com email address to claim or imply you represent the ABI in any capacity. You understand and agree that the ABI email forwarding service is provided "AS-IS" and that the ABI assumes no responsibility for the timeliness, deletion, or mis-delivery of email messages. The ABI reserves the right to decline or refund an email address license fee and terminate an email address license if, in its sole discretion, the ABI feels the address is being used inappropriately.

How Do I Find Out More?

Send any questions or comments to webmaster@aramco-brats.com.

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green and white banner overhead, we knew we were on our home turf. Then there were the personal touches: class dinners, group excursions, and spontaneous pajama parties from room to room. I was so caught up in sightseeing excursions I didn't even get into bowling this time around.

There were group photo ops, open bar margaritas, the banquet, and the auction - getting to sit with my special "date" - (don't tell my husband!) - and that colossal party around the pool - followed by lazy mornings on our private porch, watching the lizards skitter about in the dust of their desert gardens. I'd have to say this was one of the best vacations I ever had in my life.

If you're interested in excursions outside the El Con, check out <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org> for one of Tucson's most amazing little treasures: the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Five acres of beauty and imaginative design incorporate fifteen different gardens, arranged in a trail that is well-marked but full of surprises. Get a close-up look at the Bigfoot of prickly-pear cacti, an aloe-like bush that looks for all the world like a menacing octopus, an art gallery enclosed in an historic home, and a display of Native American agriculture. Despite the feeling that we had been transported to an exotic wonderland, we were still within walking distance of lunch options; ask for directions at the desk. General admission is only five dollars, four for seniors and \$2.50 for kids. Homeowners be warned: you will leave with a headful of ideas of what to do with your own yard, deck, or patio!

If you're more inclined toward outdoor sports, camping or other excursions, do a web search and find out if you need to make reservations, and if group rates are available. Get together with other Brats, on Brat Chat or by phone, to plan group activities and make travel arrangements.

Elizabeth Bowler-Morley DH '74 is the daughter of James A. Bowler and the late Barbara Bowler, and the sister of Lorraine and James Bowler.

From Your Email Coordinator

The AramcoBrats email list continues to grow daily. With everyone's continued assistance, we are keeping up with most changes. You have two options for letting us know about changes to your email address: you can send a note to Doral Zadorkin-Allen (doral@aramco-brats.com), or you can fill out the Address Change form on the ABI website (http://www.aramco-brats.com/address_change_form.htm) and click the Send button.

The ABI does not share its email database with anyone outside our organization. We use the email database to keep Brats connected to one another and to distribute ABI information to you.



Address Change Form

PLEASE WRITE ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY.

Name: _____
First Maiden Last

District/Year:* _____
District (DH, RT, AB, or UD) Year of 9th Grade Graduation

Address: _____
Street/Post Office Box

City State/Country ZIP+4

Telephone: _____
Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number

Email: _____

* Year you graduated from 9th grade and district where you lived at graduation. If you did not graduate from an ARAMCO school, enter the year you would have graduated from 9th grade and the last district where you lived.



Mail Form to: AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Sherri Dent-Moxley, 675 Cypress Tree Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730-9271
Contact information can also be changed online at http://www.aramco-brats.com/address_change_form.htm



2003 AdBak Fees

PLEASE WRITE ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY.

This is New Address Information — Please Update ABI Records

Name: _____
First Maiden Last

District/Year:* _____
District (DH, RT, AB, or UD) Year of 9th Grade Graduation

Address: _____
Street/Post Office Box

City State/Country ZIP+4

Telephone: _____
Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number

Email: _____

* Year you graduated from 9th grade and district where you lived at graduation. If you did not graduate from an ARAMCO school, enter the year you would have graduated from 9th grade and the last district where you lived.

2003 AdBak: _____ (\$18 US/\$23 International)
Additional Contribution: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous Contribution – Please do not include my name in list of donors
2001 ABI Directory: _____ (\$10 U.S./\$15 International) REDUCED TO SELL!
TOTAL: _____
Please make checks payable to AramcoBrats, Inc. in US dollars only.
<small>* This fee does NOT cover your 2003 AdBak or the 2003 ABI Directory. It only purchases the 2001 Directory.</small>

Mail Form to: AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Kathy Montgomery, PO Box 2036, Pismo Beach, CA 93448, USA

Have You Tried Brat Chat?

If you haven't given Brat Chat a whirl, consider doing so. Brat Chat is a conversation between 700+ brats that is carried out daily via email. It's a free service that many have found to be informative, entertaining, touching, and even therapeutic. On any given day, Brat Chatters may be discussing peace in the Middle East, movies and current events, those fat green caterpillars on the hedges we grew up near, square hamburgers at the snack bar, Arabic words we use today (such as hamy hamy and mafi muk), upcoming reunions, visits to Arabia, recipes from long ago, jellyfish, favorite teachers, sneaking out, and many more topics.

You can opt to receive each message immediately, or you can be on the popular digest version, which compiles BratChat messages into one or two digests per day. For more information, send an email to TMFSelena@aol.com.

Class Party Night

by Wendy Nine-Sosinski DH'68 - ABI Class Representative Coordinator

As in the past, Saturday evening has been set aside for classes to get together. Because planning for Class Party night has been inconsistent in the past, we've put together a communal Class Party event for classes that haven't made other arrangements. We will designate areas with tables and chairs for groups of classes on the lawn near the pool. If your class wants to reserve one or more tables, you need to advise Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes (drgeerdes@cox.net) by May 10 so that signs can be produced. This will be a very casual evening, one that allows children of Brats to participate and lets everyone hop from table to table, or group to group, to visit their family, teachers, parents, and friends of all ages. On your registration fees form, please indicate your attendance by marking the appropriate box.

The El Con will have food stations set up around the pool on Saturday evening to provide dinner at a modest cost. If you know that your class has other plans for the evening, please let Diana know so that we can help the El Con determine how many people they will need to serve. Food stations will offer something for everyone: roast beef, hamburgers and hot dogs, Caesar salads, chicken fingers and buffalo wings, pasta, chili, egg rolls, ice cream, cookies and brownies... the list just keeps going.

The Reunion Committee has some surprises in store for the evening. Hint: think Piñatas filled with some goodies from home, LIVE music, and....COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Best Poem/Best Story

Don't forget to cast your votes for the Best Brat Story and Best Brat Poem. Take the handy online poll at www.aramco-brats.com. The Brat whose story and the Brat whose poem receive the most support from the poll results will each win a great prize from the ABI stash of cool nostalgia items and incredible baubles. Winner to be announced at the reunion in Tucson.

Poems and Stories can be viewed at
<http://www.aramco-brats.com/stories.htm> and
<http://www.aramco-brats.com/poems.htm>.

Assistants (Paid!) Needed

We anticipate running the ABI Suq throughout the reunion. We're thinking that children of Brats attending the reunion who are interested in earning some money during the reunion would be excellent candidates for managing the Suq. Applicants must be honest, reasonably math-friendly, and responsible. To apply for a Suq Manager position, email Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes (drgeerdes@cox.net). Please state relevant experience and background and the hours you'd be willing to work. Serious applicants only, please.

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