

Highlights:

- 2003 Reunion Survey Form
- Bylaw Update Report
- Financial Statements

ABI Website Redesigned

In case you haven't been online lately, the ABI website recently underwent its first facelift in several years.

Well, ok. More than a facelift really, the whole site has undergone a complete redesign with many new features we hope will make your ABI online experience more useful.

Surfers will see some of the old features such as reunion photos, ABI Board contact info and the In Memorium pages, as well as new stuff like a place to submit stories and poems for publication on the site.

There is a new message board to replace the guestbook, which had become cumbersome to

maintain, an Ask The Board form for anyone to use who has questions to pose to the ABI board, and a Frequently Asked Questions page that we hope will answer many common questions we receive.

Brats can still use the website to submit address change information to the Database Coordinator and print out the AdBak form for mailing to the Treasurer. Online survey forms for the 2003 reunion are also up and ready. Remember, you have to pay your AdBak and mail in the reunion survey to receive reunion registration materials when they are available. Now you can do the survey part online. There is one for teachers and one for the rest of us Brats.

Don't forget to check out the Suq section of the website for exciting deals on surplus reunion merchandise and keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming Auction section, where you will be able to bid on some unusual and rare items. All proceeds from both go to ABI to fund day-to-day operations and to defray reunion costs.

One of the more exciting new features on the redesigned website is the monthly poll. Each month will feature a new poll question for surfers to answer. Some

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Editor's Notes

A Little Change is Good

Mike Simms

Transitions. It seems this newsletter shaped up around a lot of changes.

The ABI board has successfully completed its transition into a smoothly functioning team. We are working on an incredible number of things everyday, most of which you will find reports on in this humble publication. Here are some of the highlights:

If you have read the lead article you will know we have transitioned to a new website design.

Pay close attention to the President's Message for important information on ABI business. I won't say more in my tiny column as Diana does a much better job and has

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ABI President's Message

What's Goin' On

Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes

As I reflect on the number of important projects the ABI board is working on right now, my respect and admiration for each and every board member grows and grows. The time and devotion each board member gives to the brat community constantly amazes me. I am extremely honored to be working with this board. I especially want to thank Mike Simms, Michael McCoy, and Kathy Montgomery for the help they have given me these past several months – they have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

We were fortunate to have Andrea Hamblin as our Webmaster for several months. For personal reasons, Andrea resigned in March. She was a terrific addition and a committed member of the board. We will miss her wit and expertise but wish her the very best in her endeavors.

Gary Barnes and Michael McCoy joined the board in March. Both are appointed positions. Gary is Director at Large in charge of nominations. He will have a full plate after the Fall newsletter as he begins the task of filling the slate of officers for the 2003-2005 board. Please contact Gary if you are interested in helping out. Michael previously served on the 1997-1999 board as our Publications Officer. He came back this term as a Director at Large in charge of reviewing the bylaws and the board handbook. He immediately formed a bylaw committee and began helping Andrea with the launching of the new and improved website. We liked his website ideas and skills so much that we coerced him into becoming our new Webmaster. Gary and Michael have undertaken challenging positions. I take great pleasure in welcoming them to our team.


After extensive review of our current tax and organizational standing, the board decided to retain a corporate tax attorney to advise us and to ensure that we are in full compliance with all IRS rules and filing requirements. While these issues had been handled in the past by our past president, the board determined that it would be in the best interest of the organization to obtain outside legal advice and assistance.

Greg Matus of San Diego Law Firm was retained to examine our records, advise us on IRS compliance and file any paperwork nec-

essary to bring the ABI into full compliance as a non-profit corporation under IRS rules. At the time of this writing, we do not yet have a full report from Greg, so there will be more information on this front in the next newsletter.

It should be noted that Greg has complimented the ABI in the meticulous recordkeeping we have done over the last six years. Good job all you past Treasurers and Secretaries.

We recently added Eastern Jewellers <http://www.easternjewellers.com> as a link to our website. They surprised us by offering us a gift. Never one to turn down something for our raffle/auction, I requested a name necklace that says "AramcoBrat" in Arabic. Watch for it in our raffle/auction at the 2003 reunion in Tucson. And, remember, any Middle Eastern item donations you have for the raffle/auction should be sent to me (4765 Matty Court, La Mesa, CA 91941) with a note that the items are for the raffle/auction. All donations will be deeply appreciated.

Diana 

Online Poll Results

One of the new features on the ABI website is instant polling. Plans are to run a new poll once or twice a month. Some will be fun and some will allow you to let the board know how you feel on specific topics. Below are the results of the first poll. Check the website often for new polls and to check results for yourself.

Why Are You Planning To Attend the 2003 AramcoBrat Reunion?

Total Voters: 110

It feels like going home	55% - (60 Votes)
It's the only place I can go and act like a 15-year-old for three days and nobody cares	23.8% - (26 Votes)
I'm hoping my eighth-grade crush will finally agree to dance with me	11% - (12 Votes)
Midnight jam sessions in the Teen Canteen are Amazing	3.6% - (4 Votes)
It's the only chance I get to take off for three or four days without my spouse	2.7% - (3 Votes)
The sauna at my YMCA just isn't hot enough.	2.7% - (3 Votes)
Verifying I'm holding up pretty well compared to my contemporaries	0.9% - (1 Vote)





ABI Archives

April marked the end of an era, when Michael Crocker DH 65 stepped down as ABI Archivist and Designated Representative. Mike has served in these capacities for as long as there has been an ABI, and his many years of service to the Brat organization are much appreciated.

As part of closing out his Archivist responsibilities, Mike has sent the ABI board an inventory of our archives, which follows:

- One large Saudi flag donated by the Ryrholms
- Two plaques donated by the Ryrholms
- Documentation and "goodies" from previous reunions
- A significant quantity of Aramco World magazines
- A significant number of newspapers relating to Saudi Arabia donated by Kathye Nealy Dunsmore
- Girl Scout calendars from 1961, 1967, 1969, 1983, and 1998
- Yearbooks from 1957, 1959, 1963, and 1965
- Assorted Aramco handbooks
- Assorted Arabian Sun/Sun and Flare newspapers
- Large assortment of photographs converted from slides
- Two metal swords, not old
- Four books on Aramco from Bill Tracy
- A significant quantity of Aramco documentation
- One small brass coffee pot
- One leather camel
- Two prayer rugs
- Assorted Aramco prayer rugs
- Assorted AEA entertainment schedules
- Several books on Arabia

Subsequent to filing this inventory, Mike indicated that he may have missed a few items that belong to the ABI archives, and he is going back over his records to see what he may have missed. The ABI board is working with Mike to identify the donors of these items for our permanent records and to arrange for transfer of the archives to the ABI.

If you know who donated any of the items listed above or if you can identify anything you think belongs on this list, please send an email to board@aramco-brats.com or contact Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes at (619) 589-8377.



Donations

The following people and organizations have shown their dedication and commitment to the AramcoBrats by donating cash. If you have the chance, please take a moment to thank these additional donors who didn't get their names published in the last newsletter.

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Kathy's Numbers

Income As of 3/28/2002		Expenses As of 3/28/2002	
Income		Expenses	
Funds Transferred From Last Term	43,630.24	2001 Misc. ABI Expenses	299.50
2001 Directory Sales	150.00	Website Hosting Fees	45.00
2003 AdBaks	2,915.00	Accounting and Legal Expenses	1,363.73
Donations	2,173.00	Newsletter Expenses	5,263.05
Suq Sales	77.00	Special Reunion Fund Expenses	372.36
		Reunion Committee Petty Cash	200.00
Total Income	\$48,945.24	Total Expenses	\$7,543.64
		Balance in Checking	\$41,401.60

Announcements and Other Distractions

Annuitant's Reunion Aug 31—Sept 3 San Diego, CA

Dear Brats,
You are cordially invited to attend the 23rd Aramco Annuitants Reunion in beautiful San Diego, California. Endless fun awaits us in the California sun. The dates are August 31 to September 3, 2002. The hotel is the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina and special rates have been established under Aramco Annuitants. For more info check out the Reunion website at

<http://www.aramcoservices.com>

Click on Aramcon Connection and then Reunion. If prompted for a username and password use:

Username: retiree

Password: annuitant

Please join us with parents and friends alike.

Forms for registration and events can be obtained by contacting Barbara Bowler Predmore at 925.447.1688 or email bpred@prodigy.net.

Welcome!

Barbara Bowler Predmore
Co-chair Aramco Annuitants

ABI Bylaws Review/Restructuring by Michael McCoy RT 72

When the ABI board was formed in 1996, the first board put together a preliminary set of bylaws to govern the operation of the then-new Brat organization. Since then, ABI boards have added or amended bylaws as needed to address specific issues as they have arisen. The resulting bylaws, although functional, have inadvertently come to contain overlaps, conflicts, and gaps that make them hard to read and interpret. And because the ABI bylaws and job descriptions haven't had a comprehensive examination since they were first written, they don't always represent the way the ABI actually operates today.

In early February, Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes asked me to chair a committee to restructure the ABI bylaws to make them logical and representative of how the ABI operates. Because a solid reformation of the bylaws required a variety of perspectives, I set up a Bylaw Committee consisting of long-term ABI board members (Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes, Mike Simms, Sherri Dent-Moxley), new board members (Mark Lameier and me), and non-board members (Selena Maranjian, Jeff Hutchins (who has since been obliged to leave us), Cathie McCoy, and Marie Littlejohn-Dunn). This committee has put in long hours analyzing the intent and language of the current bylaws and proposing alternative language that better reflects how the ABI operates.

At the outset, the work of the Bylaw Committee was divided into a series of tasks. The first task of the ABI Bylaw Committee was to reorganize the existing bylaws into a logical structure, without changing the language of any of the bylaws in the process; this took about a week to complete. The second task of the Committee was to identify and correct the gaps, overlaps, and conflicts in the language of the bylaws; this took several weeks and a whole lot of e-mails to work through. The third task of the Committee, which is probably ongoing as you read this, is to propose additional language to ensure that the ABI bylaws reflect the democratic heritage of the organization, and to propose changes to the job descriptions in the bylaws to reflect the qualifications and tasks for the revised board structure that Diana has implemented. That phase of the committee work will probably run through the end of April, 2002 (give or take a week).

When the Committee has finished its analysis of the bylaws and drafted its proposal for changes, the Committee's report will go to the ABI board for review. The Bylaw Committee's report will identify the reasoning behind each proposed change; if the Committee was split over whether a change is advisable, both the majority and minority perspectives will be reflected in the report to ensure that reviewers understand the scope of the discussion. The board will review the Committee's proposals, clarify language when appropriate, and add its own recommendations to the Bylaw Committee's report.

The final stage of the bylaw review process is the public comment period, where the Bylaw Committee's report, as annotated and amended by the ABI board, is posted on the ABI website and all ABI members are invited to comment and ask questions about the bylaw proposals. Based on the feedback received during this period, the ABI board will make final revisions to the amended bylaws and vote to adopt them (or not adopt them) as the governing principles for ABI operation. As Brats, you will be asked to vote to accept or reject the amended Bylaws at the 2003 reunion in Tucson.

Although the Bylaw Committee's work is not complete yet, I hope you will join me in thanking the members of the Committee for their hard work, insights, and cooperative attitudes, without which we would not have accomplished anything close to our goals.

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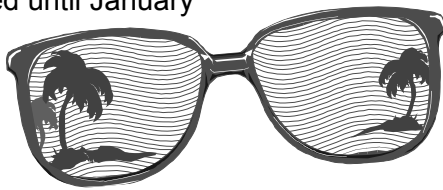


2003 AramcoBrat Reunion

Tucson, Arizona

Sheraton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club

In order to receive 2003 reunion registration materials (*and you KNOW you want them!*), you must return the RSVP form (below) to the reunion chair, Erica Ryrholm-Martin (DH72), as well as submit the AdBak fee to Kathy Montgomery, ABI Treasurer. The form can also be completed and sent via the Internet at www.aramco-brats.com. Although registration materials will not be mailed until January 2003, we would appreciate receiving the RSVP form as soon as possible. If your address



changes between the time you send in your form and January 2003, please be sure to notify us of the change.

Committee

- Erica Ryrholm-Martin, DH72
- Tavy Sandin, DH61
- Colette Philip, DH69
- Alex Yiannakakis, RT74
- Ann Burba, DH67
- Donna Yiannakakis
- Steve Martin

Mail form to:

Erica Ryrholm-Martin, Reunion Chair, 7370 E Temeroso Pl, Tucson, AZ 85750

RSVP - 2003 Reunion Survey

B District at time of 9th grade or last lived in if you did not graduate from the Aramco school system:

R

A 9th grade graduation year (from Aramco school or other):

T

S

T Districts where you were employed:

E

A Years of employment (i.e. 1963 - 1977):

C

H

E

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S

IMPORTANT!

A guest may NOT be an Aramco-Brat or an Aramco teacher. Each brat and teacher must complete his/her own RSVP form.

PLEASE PRINT

Your name _____

_____ Maiden (brats) Last First

Mailing Address _____

_____ Street/Box

_____ City State/Country Zip+4/CountryCode

Phone _____ email _____
Country Code/Area Code + Number

2003 Reunion attendance: yes maybe Guest: yes maybe

I am interested in:
(Circle all that apply) bowling golf tennis

Guest is interested in:
(Circle all that apply) bowling golf tennis





Class Representatives

An Invitation to Get Involved

Sherry Dent Moxley

Hey Brats, are you wondering who your class representative is? Do you even have one for your class? Now you can find out on our website: www.aramco-brats.com. Click on ABI, then Class Reps for a complete list of Class Representatives for all the classes. Also, we are hoping to provide links to all Class Reps' e-mail addresses. If you are a Rep and would like us to provide a direct link to you, please let me know. I will not do this unless I have permission from each of you. Also, if you have a class web page or an online newsletter that you would like linked to your name on the Class Representative list or the Links section of the website, please let me know this as well. Michael McCoy, our ABI Webmaster, has graciously offered the ABI server to host your class websites. What a terrific idea!

We are still looking for Class Representatives for the following classes. If you are interested, please let me know.

1956 AB and DH	1987 DH and AB	1994 All Districts
1958 RT	1988 DH and AB	1995 All Districts
1963 AB	1989 AB and RT	1996 All Districts
1972 All Districts	1990 All Districts	1997 AB
1975 All Districts	1991 AB	1998 All Districts
1978 DH and AB	1992 All Districts	1999 All Districts
1979 AB	1993 AB and RT	2000 All Districts
1980 RT		

Also, I am in the process of confirming existing Class Reps. If you are listed as a Class Rep and feel that you cannot continue with this responsibility, please notify me ASAP, so that we can get a replacement for your class. If you are unsure or want to step down, or want to fill one of the vacancies listed above, or just need more information, then please notify Sherry Dent Moxley, DH 77, at sherry@aramco-brats.com. You can also reach me by fax at 704-588-3017.



Website

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polls will be entertaining and others will be intended to provide another channel of feedback to the ABI board. To date, topics have included, "The top reason I'm going of the 2003 reunion is..." and "Would you take advantage of a *yourname*@aramco-brats.com e-mail address if you could have one?" We will continue to host a new poll each month and you can check back to see how the results change day by day.

There are many other features to check out on the new site. Everyone is encouraged to take a look and then drop us a line and let us know what you think. The ABI is committed to making the website a useful tool for Brats everywhere.

Many thanks go to Michael McCoy who did a large part of the work to get the site up and running and who has stepped in to be the ABI webmaster. Our thanks also go to Andrea Hamblin who got the ball rolling.



Editor

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more space allocated to her article.

Also be sure to read Mike McCoy's page-four article about the work being done on the ABI bylaws. Discussions in that committee sometimes have a distinct Continental Congress feel to them but all are confident that, in the end, we will have a much stronger set of bylaws to guide us into the future.

Page four also carries an important announcement about the position of Archivist and the ABI archives. Please take note of it as it represents one of the biggest transitions we face outside of the redesigned website.

All in all, the changes are good. We are stronger as an organization now than we have ever been and things have a positive feeling about them.

Enjoy and fill out your reunion survey. It won't be the same if you don't show up in Tucson in 2003.



Have You Tried Brat Chat?

Brat Chat is a free service -- a conversation between 700+ brats carried out daily via email. On any given day, chatters may be discussing Middle East politics, movies, tri-district dances, square hamburgers, Arabic words, upcoming reunions, visits to Arabia, recipes, jellyfish, favorite teachers, sneaking out, and many more topics.

Email TMFSelena@aol.com for more info.

Change of Address?

Name: _____
 First Middle 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

Mail Completed Form to:

**Sherri Dent-Moxley
 AramcoBrats, Inc.
 675 Cypress Tree Drive,
 Rock Hill, SC 29730-9271
 U.S.A.**

**Contact info may also be
 changed online at:**

www.aramco-brats.com

* Year you graduated from 9th grade and district where you lived at graduation. If you did not graduate from an ARAMCO

2003 Adbak Fees

Your contributions keep ABI alive — please respond today!

This is New Address Information — Please Update ABI Records

Name: _____
 First Middle 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

E-mail: _____
 * Year you graduated from 9th grade and district where you lived at graduation. If you did not graduate from an ARAMCO school, year you would have graduated from 9th grade and last district where you lived.

2003 Adbak: _____
 (\$18 U.S./ \$23 International)

Additional Contribution: _____
 Anonymous contribution — Please do not include my name in list of donors

2001 ABI Directory (Tucson): _____
 (\$10 U.S./ \$15 International)*
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Total: _____

Please make checks payable to AramcoBrats, Inc. in US dollars only.
 * This fee does NOT cover your 2003 Adbak or the 2003ABI Directory. It only purchases the 2001 directory.

**Mail to: Kathy Montgomery, AramcoBrats, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2036, Pismo Beach, CA 93448, USA**

NOTE:

From your e-mail coordinator

The AramcoBrats e-mail listing continues to grow daily. However, some of you are not remembering to notify your e-mail coordinator, **Doral Zadorkin-Allen**, of changes to your e-mail address, and are being unfortunately deleted from the e-mail list due to “notifications of e-mail failure.” You have two options for keeping your e-mail address current. You may (1) notify Doral directly, at **doral@aramco-brats.com**, or (2) you may go to our AramcoBrats web site at **www.aramco-brats.com**, click on the “Contact ABI” button, and then select “Contact Information.” The e-mail list is not included in the bi-annual AramcoBrats directory because of the frequency with which it changes. However, anyone who wishes to receive a copy of the e-mail listing is welcome to have it. You may request the entire listing, or just your class year, or just a specific Aramco district, whatever you wish.

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Reunion 2003

The Place

The Sheraton El Conquistador, Tucson, AZ

The Dates

May 22-26, 2003

What You Need to Do

- 1- Fill out and mail your Adbak. Use the form on page 7.
- 2- Fill out and mail your 2003 Reunion Survey form. See page 5 or use the ABI website.
- 3- Make Hotel Reservations. Call (520) 544-5000
- 4- Check www.aramco-brats.com to see who else is coming.

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