

# BRAT REUNIONS

## HEATING UP LOS ANGELES

### Backstage Planning the Aramco Brat Reunion

Andra St. Ivanyi DH'81 Reunion Committee — Written Communications

The 2009 Aramco Brat Reunion is only a few months away, and the Board and the Reunion Committee are working hard to get everything ready.

What kind of planning goes into a Reunion weekend? First, there's the Board, whose members oversee everything, and the Planning Committee, specific to the location, that plans and executes the weekend's details.

Here's a quick behind-the-scenes look at the activities scheduled for Reunion 2009 and the people doing everything to make sure Brats and their families have a memorable time!

Everything starts with a few great ideas to entice the largest number of attendees possible. The Committee got together in May 2008 and again in October to plan the tent-pole events everyone looks forward to: the Teen Canteen, the banquet, the class dinners, and sports.

**LOCATION:** It all starts with a place. It has to be big enough, nice enough, and priced right. The Board chose a terrific

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## ABI ELECTIONS - Candidate Statements and Ballots

Gary Barnes DH'70 - Director at Large

In just a few months many of us will be gathered in Los Angeles to celebrate our heritage as AramcoBrats and to reunite with old friends and good memories. It will also be time for us to select the new ABI Board of Directors.

As is often the case, this year's election is uncontested; we have one candidate running for each of the four elected positions. I believe you will agree that we are fortunate to have candidates that bring with them considerable experience, dedication and vision.

At the end of this newsletter you will find our official ballot listing these four candidates and the position each is seeking. You are not obliged to vote for any of these candidates; write-in

candidates are acceptable (be sure to check with your choice first, however).

My only request is that you vote. Your vote is your way of telling us that you believe in the ABI Board and all that we accomplish.

If you are not attending the Los Angeles reunion (or you prefer to vote now), please fill out the attached ballot and mail it to me. My address is on the ballot.

Ballots are also available for download on the ABI website. I will also provide ballots at the Los Angeles reunion.

On Sunday morning at the reunion, a small group of volunteers and I will drag our exhausted butts out of bed and count the votes, as well as verify that only Brats vote and only once

each. If you would like to help with this process, please let me know. It will be greatly appreciated and might even earn you a free drink at the bar Sunday night.

The results of the election will be announced at the Sunday afternoon business meeting and again at the Sunday night banquet by yours truly.

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location for this year's Reunion. The LAX Marriott is a lovely hotel tucked behind a row of waving palm trees, with a spacious lobby, beautifully landscaped pool area, and space for our social hotspots. (There are several nice restaurants and a Starbucks in the lobby for those stumbling out of their rooms after a late night.) The LAX Marriott is located only a block from the airport, making it super-convenient to get to. You can walk. No, really.

**LOGO:** You've seen the Hollywood Star for our Los Angeles 2009 Reunion. It's beautiful, and you can wear it on your Reunion T-shirt for years to come. Thanks to Keith Nietupski for arranging and disseminating several great-looking choices. The Committee voted. You won.

**TEEN CANTEEN:** Remember the place you weren't old enough to get into for the longest time, which then became the place you didn't want to leave? This Reunion will find the Teen Canteen retooled for some good grown-up fun, including:

- a full bar (of course) with daily drink specials
- pool
- ping pong
- foosball
- cards
- air hockey
- jukebox
- garage band equipment!
- backgammon and other games

The Committee is planning tournaments with daily playing times for some of these activities. Top players will compete for prizes on Game Night. Yes, Game Night!

This Reunion isn't just about making sure that older returning Brats have all the fun they're hoping for, but also about attracting younger Brats!

We'll also host a Beer Pong Tournament, so if you hear shrieks of laughter one evening, come in and play a round or two. (Find Committee member Neomi Tio to brush up on the one official Beer Pong Rule – and it's not "Don't Spill!")

In the back of the Canteen you'll find photos from Arabia, and maybe even catch some "Good Morning Saudi Arabia" episodes. The Committee is arranging several other special opportunities to see familiar sights from "home."

But it doesn't all just happen without a lot of planning and a lot of back-and-forth. June Christman has been busy negotiating with vendors and volunteers to make the LA Teen Canteen the best ever. Thanks to her, we'll have all the great stuff listed above, plus lounge furniture, and did I mention...a full bar?! The Teen Canteen will be open pretty much around the clock. Remember: you can sleep when

you get home.

**SUQ:** We won't be able to provide the fresh lamb, flies, or incense (well, maybe a little) of the Suqs we used to know, but there will be plenty to purchase at our Reunion Suq. Thanks to June Christman, responsible for coordinating the vendors and merchandise, all manner of Middle Eastern stuff will be available, including trinkets, jewelry, Creative Memories photo albums, T-shirts (you can never have enough!) photographs of Egypt and Saudi Arabia, copies of the documentary Home and much, much more.

**SPORTS:** For those who want a little daytime action, there will be organized golf, bowling, and basketball! Costa Yiannakakis has had his hands full planning the sports activities. We're lucky he's so good at improvisation (and generally good-natured). This will be the first reunion at a large metro airport location, so Costa has been challenged to find venues that are close and well-provisioned. He found a "pinning" bowling alley not 10 minutes away from the hotel and a golf course a short drive up the freeway. "We'll have to be diligent in coordinating rides for those that don't have transport," Costa says. "I look forward to having all the duffers pitch in!!" (I have no idea what a duffer is, either, and am wondering if it's possible to be one without even knowing.)

We're also trying something new - a "Horse" Basketball tournament, suggested by a repeat attendee (whose name we have decided to withhold, so he can practice shooting baskets without being teased). Who knows? Horse may become a standard for future reunions!

**POOLSIDE:** A day (or two or three) by the pool in LA – ah, what could be better? Add a bunch of buddies from Arabia, and you've got the complete package. There are numerous nooks and crannies to settle into and watch the palms waving over the sparkling water. A Satellite food station will be set up around the pool, so you can munch some yummys while chatting with friends. Drinks will also be available at specific times.

**REGISTRATION:** It's your first point of contact at the Reunion and the crucial first step in getting you set up with a goodie bag and name badge so you can start mingling and reconnecting with your classmates and fellow Brats. And getting you set up takes a lot of planning. Liz Wood created the registration form (the one in this newsletter) and spent time negotiating the contract for the registration personnel, registration equipment, and all other logistics to run the registration area smoothly and efficiently. She works hand-in-hand with Dawn Kolb on the ABI board, who is the webmaster for the organization, and Doug Webb, the ABI





treasurer, who receives the mailed-in registrations. Liz will also be making everyone's nametags.

E-mails flew between Liz, Committee Head Julia Simms and Board member Diane Knipfel Adams and other Committee Members when it came time to finalize the Registration Form and get it online. Everyone had to get on board and put on an Editor's hat, to make sure all the information was accurate and correct.

The Committee also had to decide what items would be appropriate for the goodie bags and how to keep the costs as low as possible. Can we offer small T-shirts? XXL T-shirts? So many people to please and in so many sizes! Keith Nietupski took on the job of other goodie bag items and had to find the happy medium between desires and costs. (For the record, we all voted for i-Phones to be included this year, until we realized that they would be underused. All the fun people will be in the Canteen or out by the pool – who's left to call?)

**BANQUET:** This is the Sunday night high point, a chance to clean up and enjoy a posh evening with friends. Mimi Howard Silver is getting creative with the individual tables; she has been heard to mutter, "Gutras or tinsel? Oil derricks or miniature camels?" The Committee as a whole is charged with deciding how to decorate the banquet room and the individual tables and what kind of delicious meal to offer. (The dessert tasting was especially fun. And when we couldn't agree on which dessert, we chose them both.)

And don't forget your dancing shoes. After the banquet on Sunday night, the real party starts. Keith and Liz contracted "Neil the Wheel" from Skyline DJ, who will bring his light sticks, props, and, most importantly, great music to get you out on the dance floor. Be ready for the fun tunes you remember from way back when, as well as more recent stuff. Requests are encouraged!

Marsha Sullivan and Julia got everyone involved on finalizing the budget – no small task. After a flurry of e-mails (82, to be precise), the budget was agreed upon. Marsha is our Committee number-cruncher who makes

sure the columns add up, but she is also a devoted Brat Reunion attendee and a seasoned traveler who knows that Los Angeles has something to offer everyone and every family:

"Los Angeles is the home of entertainment," she says. "Not only will you have the thrill of seeing your school chums, you will be smack dab in the middle of 'The Happiest Place on Earth,' the major motion picture studios, amusement parks like Magic Mountain and Knott's Berry Farm that will thrill the soul of the most ardent rider. We've got beautiful beaches that you only read about in novels, to say nothing of the boardwalk and amusement center at Santa Monica. The Queen Mary is moored in nearby Long Beach, and the famous Venice Beach is a short bus ride from our hotel. A trip to Hollywood will bring you to the Graumann's Chinese Theatre (where enshrining the stars' names on the sidewalks all began), and nearby, you can take a tour of movie stars' homes, the Hollywood Wax Museum, or choose from a number of haunted tours!"

So there you have it. Now you know a bit more about a busy group of people on the Board and Reunion Committee getting everything ready for you.

And like at all the best parties, all you have to do is plan your travel, reserve a room, pay your AdBak, register, show up, and enjoy yourself! So stop procrastinating! Make your reservations, block out your calendar, e-mail your Brat buddies to make sure they're coming ... and then just enjoy a weekend of fun in the sun.

Remember. The best way to show your appreciation for hours of hard work and planning is a nod of thanks, or a quick beer and a chat, or even a warm handshake ...

... in person.

See you at the Reunion! May 21 – 25 at the LAX Marriott.

## ABI Database News

PENNY DOUGHARTY-MAHER DH'72—ABI Database Director

Have you ever tried to look up someone in the ABI Directory, only to discover that the snail mail address and e-mail address are in two different places? That's because we used to maintain two separate databases, one for e-mail and one for snail mail.

I'm happy to report that the two are now combined. So, for the 2009 directory, there will no longer be an e-mail listing at the back. It will just appear after each person's snail mail address. YAY! Lots of hours went into making this happen, but it is so well worth it, don't you think?

So, speaking of the directory, to

make it as up-to-date and complete as possible I need all of your help. There are a lot of Brats who have dropped out of sight and we no longer have a snail mail address or an e-mail address for them. You can help us out by going to [www.aramco-brats.com/missingbrats.html](http://www.aramco-brats.com/missingbrats.html). Take a look at the list, and if you know where these folks are, shoot me an e-mail at [penny@aramco-brats.com](mailto:penny@aramco-brats.com).

There are also lists of Brats with missing classes, districts or years. If you can fill in the missing information, it would be greatly appreciated. Again, just send me an e-mail.

Having said all of that, have you paid your Adbak? You don't want to miss out on receiving the new and improved directory this year, do you? Just go to [www.aramco-brats.com](http://www.aramco-brats.com) and click on the link to the right. If your address has changed, why not go ahead and click on the address change form, too, while you're at it?

I'm so looking forward to seeing all of you in LA, so I hope you have booked your room, and you have registered to attend. See you soon.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIKE SIMMS AB'78—ABI President

As I look forward to the upcoming reunion in Los Angeles, I can't help but reflect on the dual nature of our reunions. You can, perhaps, get a feel for what I'm talking about by looking at the major themes that comprise this very newsletter.

Our reunions are a time for remembering, reconnecting and even reliving our past. They are a time for going back home in whatever small way we can. Every two years we come together to be with our people, to pick up previous relationships, to recreate old memories and make them real again. We look at yearbooks, continue conversations with

each other as if we never stopped, and many of us, somehow, imagine we are all 16 again. A good portion of this newsletter is dedicated to that aspect of the upcoming LA reunion. But our reunions also serve another purpose. Every two years we use them to renew and rejuvenate, to plan the future and create new directions and new relationships that will carry us into the next two years. We assess our organization, evaluate where it's been and where we want it to go and then we elect folks who we think can best get us there. And that's the other critical part of this newsletter.

So. There are two things

to do. First go online or fill out the form in your hands and register to come to LA in May to be with your people. It just won't be the same without you.

The second thing to do is to sit back and spend some quality time reading about the folks who have put their names in the hat to lead your ABI for the next two years. These are extraordinarily qualified and enthusiastic people we are honored to have in the running.

Or just go feed the dog if that's the way you roll.

By the way, in case it escaped your notice, Doug Romine has resigned as VP to pursue a new business startup. Marie Littlejohn-

Dunn has agreed to return to the VP spot to finish out the term. I swear. You just can't make this stuff up.



## PHOTOS STILL NEEDED - Send us your Pictures

Doug Webb DH'72—Treasurer

We are still putting together the reunion slide show, and we want to include copies of your best images of our common experience in Saudi Arabia. If we receive enough images before April 1, 2009, we will have enough time to burn a disk for the slide show that will be on view in the Teen Canteen section of the hotel.

We have received a number of images, but some of them are just too small to show up well on a big screen. The image can be in landscape or portrait format, but the longest side should be at least 1000 pixels.

Please! Dig deep into your archives. You and your friends at Half Moon Bay. Acting like complete jerks in the Surf House. Shopping in Khobar. Dancing like fools during a Tri-D. Getting sunburned on a Dhows trip. With your Little League team or Girl Scout Troop. Posing with the first hammour you ever caught. Riding on the dunes, or riding a donkey. Sitting in your backyard with the gardener or, better yet, with the "shrimp man." We want 'em all! Bonus points for pictures including Aramco landmarks.. Recreation, schools, houses... and groups of Brats!

Ideally, you will have the ability to scan your personal photos/slides at a fairly decent resolution (200-300dpi or higher), if you don't already have them scanned. You can then e-mail them, only a few megabytes at a time, please, to Doug@aramco-brats.com, or burn them onto a CD and mail to: Doug Webb, P.O. Box 270931, San Diego, CA 92128-2931. Important! Do not mail original photos or anything that you do not have a duplicate copy of! IMAGES SUBMITTED WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

If what I just said above makes no sense to you whatsoever, that's okay! If you have some "hard copy" photos that you think are "classics" you can take them to a variety of places (Costco, FedEx/Kinko's, and many drugstores) that will have either a scanning station for "do-it-yourselfers", or that will allow you to drop off and pick them up copied onto a CD (or, better yet, two copies!).

Finally, please provide details of the photo(s) as best as you can remember... who, what, when.. and provide written permission from the

original photographer (even if that's you!) for the ABI to use the picture in our slideshow, and, if you are willing, for future use in the ABI newsletter and ABI website.

The ABI will reserve the right to edit, based on the number of photos received and appropriateness of content. (Although impressive, I don't think we need to see your dad's 200-gallon still!)

Oh, almost forgot.. not too many sunsets, please, unless they are absolutely spectacular!



# Brat Stories are Our Stories

DIANA LYNN DH'67 - Guest Writer

Time passes. Life happens. Distance separates.

Next May, Memorial Day weekend, all of us who were children of Aramco employees at one time or another in Saudi Arabia will reunite.

I have asked young Brats and older Brats why this is important to us. Pat Dailey Smith, ABQ 56, says, "Seeing old friends was the highlight (of her past reunions), but meeting younger Brats and hearing about how things have changed was also lots of fun."

Will Owen, (still in college) Tom and Kathy's son, wrote about the importance of having older Brats at the reunion. We are the older family members with stories to share with the young ones.

What brings us together? To quote Elinor Bartlett, DH'71, who posted to Bratchat on November 14th, "One blessing that we Brats share is that because of our tangible and long time exposure to so many diverse and unique cultures, we can understand the world (and each other) unlike most Americans can."

Here are some of Katherine Simon's, DH'70, favorite memories: 4 Quirsh gum, the inimitable tune at the Fiesta Room, Half Moon Bay, the Yacht Club, any beach on the Arabian peninsula.

Some of Katherine's least favorite memories: plagues of locust and worms, shamals, hammams.

I plan on asking her about the plague of worms. I never saw that in MY time in KSA!!

As for me, I love meeting the younger Brats. I do feel familial ties. I remember at the Houston Reunion in 2003, when Todd Nims and his colleagues were taping our memories. There were several young Brat women waiting for their interviews. I told the story of going back to KSA as a returning student in 1964. I was 19 years old. We had a layover

at the Phoenicia Hotel in Beirut.

I told about how I was wearing my first bikini, or perhaps, in light of what bikinis are these days, a modest two piece bathing suit. I dove and dove and dove, my favorite part of swimming--thanks to the diving board at the pool in DH. The suit had to be readjusted with each dive. The top seemed to pop up and the bottoms seemed to drag down.

With each dive, I adjusted my suit. Both top and bottom.

After awhile, some older men (perhaps in their 20's)

came to the pool side and offered to buy me a drink. I, of course, being naïve and innocent, declined. Then, they asked me if I would join them for a drink at the Phoenicia Bar. I agreed, and went to change into something decent.

Imagine my surprise when I met the young men, who were on their way to DH, in the Phoenicia Bar. The ceiling of the bar was the bottom of the pool.

That was the last sentence of my story to Todd

Nims and crew. To my surprise, despite the warnings for the Brats waiting to be interviewed to not make any noise, those young women burst out in hysterical laughter.

We elder Brats do need to attend the LAX reunion. We need to supply historical tales to the young ones. I'll bet the younger Brats don't even know the Phoenicia Hotel had a pool with a translucent bottom.

And, they need to share their stories with us. I went to KSA in 2000 and saw for myself the changes in the culture and geography of our childhood. Some of you may be planning on going to KSA for the March trip. Some of you, like myself, are not. We can still learn about modern KSA from our younger Brat family. We just have to ask, and listen. And, be ready with a story or two of your own.

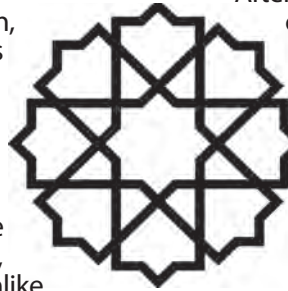
## Editor's Note

Dean L. Barnes DH'67 - Publications Director

Since we seem to spend a fair amount of time encouraging Brats to join the Board, by now you probably have a good idea of the work involved. One of the "perks" we enjoy is the reunion off-year board meeting. I had not been able to attend the 2006 meeting or the Asheville reunion in 2007, and I did not want to be absent this term. I arranged to take two days annual leave from work and made plane reservations for Thursday morning so I could arrive in LA that evening.

Wednesday night, October 15, 2008, St. Thomas, where I live, was hit with hurricane Omar. The Island lost power, and I stayed up all night watching for storm damage. Our airport was closed Thursday morning, but I'm a Brat, and traveling under unusual circumstances is one thing we do well. I drove to the airport to see if I could get off island. The airport was chaotic, but after schmoozing one of the American Airlines counter agents, I was put on standby and caught the second flight to Puerto Rico. From San Juan, I was able to get to Miami, but was not able to catch the last flight to LA. Since it was late at night, I decided against a hotel and spent the night dozing in a chair outside of security check-in. I made my morning flight and landed in LA, found the shuttle to the reunion hotel and perked up when I was greeted by my brother and other board members sometime around noon on Friday. Despite being more than exhausted, I was up late with my fellow boardies, sitting around the pool, talking about old times, and board business. The interesting thing about face time is that it permits you to add personality to people you usually interact with only via e-mail. Topics can be discussed more quickly and in more detail in person than electronically.

Our board meeting took all day Saturday and we met with the reunion committee which was very useful and then it was over and I spent all day Sunday flying back to the Virgin Islands. My hotel room and my air fare were comped, which almost made up for how tired I felt.



## NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

**Well, not really, we just want your old Brat stuff.**

Our next Reunion is less than three months away, and two of the most exciting parts of a Brat Reunion are the Raffle and Auction. They offer a wonderful opportunity to pick up some great Middle

Eastern and Aramco memorabilia. We depend entirely on generous donations from Brats, parents, teachers, and other

friends of AramcoBrats. As you are doing your spring cleaning, or any type of closet/garage/storage clean-up, if you run across any boxes of items from your time in the Kingdom, please keep us in mind. If you have anything that you would

like to consider donating to us, please e-mail [raffleauction@aramco-brats.com](mailto:raffleauction@aramco-brats.com).





# TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>ABI 2008-2009 Income Statement</b>	<b>2008-2009 Budget</b>	<b>Q1 1/1/2008 - 3/31/2008</b>	<b>Q2 4/1/2008 - 6/30/2008</b>	<b>Q3 7/1/2008 - 9/30/2008</b>	<b>Q4 10/1/2008 - 12/31/2008</b>	<b>Actual Term Total (To Date)</b>
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## INCOME

4100 Contributions	\$19,500.00	-	\$2,306.95	\$980.00	\$3,594.00	\$6,880.95
4200 Special Events Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
4300 Website Revenue	\$10.00	-	-	-	-	-
4400 Donated Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500 Corporate Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
4600 Directory Revenue	\$8,050.00	-	\$725.00	\$425.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,200.00
4700 ABI Sales Revenue	\$8,000.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$43.00	-	\$68.00
4800 Investment Income	\$1,400.00	\$159.54	\$80.86	\$78.63	\$72.02	\$391.05
4900 Reunion Revenues	\$83,375.00	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$120,335.00</b>	<b>\$174.54</b>	<b>\$3,122.81</b>	<b>\$1,526.63</b>	<b>\$4,716.02</b>	<b>\$9,540.00</b>

## EXPENSES

5100 Banking & Audit Fees	\$3,100.00	-	\$47.55	\$26.73	\$76.14	\$150.42
5200 Office Expense	\$1,660.00	-	-	-	\$58.00	\$58.00
5300 Publications Expense	\$28,400.00	-	\$2,808.47	-	\$5,885.40	\$8,693.87
5400 Website Expense	\$700.00	\$191.40	-	-	-	\$191.40
5500 Travel & Entertainment Expense	\$4,100.00	-	-	-	\$3,767.15	\$3,767.15
5600 Insurance Expense	\$2,400.00	-	-	-	\$663.00	\$663.00
5700 Professional Services Expense	\$660.00	-	-	-	-	-
5800 ABI Sales Expense	\$300.00	-	-	-	-	-
5900 Reunion Site Search Expense	\$1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
6100 Special Expense	\$2,550.00	-	-	-	\$42.95	\$42.95
7100 Reunion Expense	\$83,375.00	-	-	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,745.00</b>	<b>\$191.40</b>	<b>\$2,856.02</b>	<b>\$526.73</b>	<b>\$10,492.64</b>	<b>\$14,066.79</b>
<b>PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$8,410.00)</b>	<b>(\$16.86)</b>	<b>\$266.79</b>	<b>\$999.90</b>	<b>(\$5,776.62)</b>	<b>(\$4,526.79)</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

Anticipated Cash Balance — End of Term	\$75,888.05					
Cash Balance		\$84,281.19	\$84,547.98	\$84,547.88	\$79,771.26	

(logon to [www.aramco-brats.com](http://www.aramco-brats.com) for this, prior and subsequent quarterly information.)

**HONORED DONOR LIST** We would like to thank the following Brats for donating beyond the suggested AdBak amount since the last newsletter was published. Your generosity helps keep the ABI going! Donations are from mid-September 2008 to the present.

Ellen Polhemus-Mazaika  
Dunki-Jacobs  
Harry Ellis, Jr.  
Kim Zinszer  
E. Ralph Robertson  
Janice Wolgethan-Hawwa  
Ziad Labban  
Abir Ghazzawi  
Brian Mulligan  
Linda Richardson-Rednour  
Rise Johansen-Ryan  
John Biedenharn

Jerry Eberle  
Masil Allen-Blythe  
Wendy Cyr  
Jimmy Hubbard  
Drew Williamson  
Tina Lorentzen-Winters  
Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes  
Chris Franco  
Robert Hardy  
Barb Harrington-Pew  
Paul Robinson  
Fred Bobb

Carolyn Bates-Bonner  
John Fannin  
I'm Larry Barnes  
Chuck Foreman  
Mark Dolce  
Lolly Lalicker-Harris  
Tina Clausen  
Christine Crawford-  
Oppenheimer  
Robin VanDerzee-Sego  
Pamela Ehrgott-McLemore  
Karen Fogle

Bob Allen  
Janice Cyr-Allen  
Julia Neihaus-Soper  
Patricia Shear-Oxley  
Liz Ullmann  
Linda Rutan-Lynch  
Andrea Williams-Roberts  
Deborah Urenovich-Vassallo  
Susan Swindig-Ruesch  
Brenda Turner

## Candidate for President

**Marie Littlejohn-Dunn DH'77**

Houston, TX

After a brief hiatus from ABI service, I am announcing my candidacy for President of the Board of Directors of Aramco Brats, Inc. My involvement with the ABI goes back to the 2002-2003 term when I was a Brat volunteer on the Bylaws Committee. Since then, I have served as 2005 Reunion Chair and, Reunion Oversight Director and now Vice President. Each role has afforded me new insight into the ABI membership and working successfully with a volunteer organization. I believe my 25+ years of professional experience in the geophysical industry bring valuable management, business, analytical and contract negotiation skills to the ABI. If elected, I look forward to working with both veteran and new board members to improve how we serve our membership.



## Candidate for Treasurer

**Tom Littlejohn DH'84**

New Orleans, LA

I am pleased to offer my services to Aramco Brats, Inc. as a candidate for the position of board Treasurer. I have appreciated the efforts of the board for many years. I have attended 4 of the last 6 reunions and I assisted my sister who was the reunion chair for the 2005 reunion in Houston. I have seen firsthand how much effort the ABI Board goes through to put on a successful and memorable reunion, and experienced the fun of revisiting memories and friendships with fellow Brats. I believe I have the relevant experience and expertise to take on the duties of ABI Treasurer. I earned an MBA from Tulane University with a concentration in finance, including a requisite accounting curriculum. Additionally, I have been employed for the last 14 years in the Treasury group of a Fortune 500 company, where my responsibilities have included managing cash, investments, leading financing projects and running our common stock repurchase program. For the past 4 years, I have been a volunteer officer helping to run the Krewe of the Rolling Elvi, an 85-member, non-profit group whose main function is riding (looking ridiculous?) annually in a Mardi Gras parade.



## Candidate for Vice President

**Randa Owen-Williams DH'65**

Houston, TX

I am running for Vice President of the ABI Board of Directors, and I hope I can have your vote. I was only recently appointed ABI Class Representative Director, however, I have been indirectly associated with the ABI for many years. My Aramco experience covers the early years (1950 through 1971), as well as more recent years (1995 to 2003).

Having practiced as a defense litigator, an international tax counsel in the banking and oil industries (Citicorp and Saudi Aramco); and as the general counsel for a small Saudi oil company, I have developed a broad spectrum of skills. I have chaired committees in the corporate realm as well as for charitable organizations. Notably, I have chaired the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Houston Gala for the past two years, and co-chaired the 2000 Saudi Aramco reunion, during which we brought close to 300 retirees and their family members to Arabia for 11 days of organized tours, excursions, and dinners.

I bring to the task an understanding of the ties that bind us and a commitment to continuing to reinforce those ties – whether through attendance at reunions, information sharing via newsletters, or simply by enabling us to locate and communicate with one another electronically.



## Candidate for Secretary

**Kim Zinszer DH'67**

Hays, KS

Once again, I am running as a candidate for the position of the ABI board Secretary. Right now I am in the second year of my first term as your board Secretary. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the past. The position of board Secretary has been a very interesting and educational learning experience for me. Until I was elected to this position, I had no idea of the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes in preparation for a reunion and conducting business on behalf of the ABI organization. Working as your board Secretary, with the other board members has been enjoyable and very rewarding. Therefore, I am asking for your vote and continued support as your board Secretary for another term. Thank you for your consideration.



# 2009 ELECTION VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

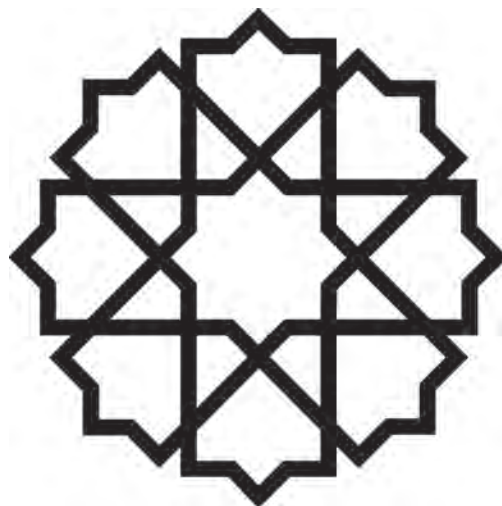
Mark your selections by placing an X in the appropriate box. Do not vote for more than one person for an elected office. If you wish to write in a candidate for an office, please make sure you write that person's name clearly.

You may cast your ballot by mail, or you may hand in your ballot at the 2009 ABI Reunion in Los Angeles, but you may only vote once.

Be sure to write your name/address information clearly and sign your name on the spaces indicated. Detach the ballot and mail it to: AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Gary Barnes, 27 Meetinghouse Road, Keene, NH 03431, USA.

Please allow sufficient time for delivery before May 20, 2007. Ballots that arrive after May 20 may not be counted.

If you need a replacement ballot, you can download this ballot from the ABI website at <http://www.aramco-brats.com/ballot.pdf>. You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Viewer application to display and print the PDF file. If you have any questions, please e-mail [gary@aramco-brats.com](mailto:gary@aramco-brats.com) or call (603) 357-2067.



## 2009 ABI BALLOT

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VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE.

President

☐ Marie Littlejohn-Dunn

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

☐ Randa Owen-Williams

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

☐ Kim Zinszer

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

☐ Tom Littlejohn

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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: ☐ This is New Address Information - Please  
update ABI Records

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

\* Year you graduated from 9th grade and district (AB, DH, RT, UD) 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.

Mail Ballot to: AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Gary Barnes, 27 Meetinghouse Road, Keene, NH 03431, USA  
Mailed Ballots must arrive no later than May 20, 2009 to be counted.



# 2009 ABI Reunion Registration and Fees Form

Please complete the forms below and back, and return the completed sheet with payment.

Complete a \*separate\* form for each Brat or teacher. Do Not consider a Brat or teacher as a "guest." Thank you!

Stop!!!!!! Why don't you register online - you'll have the option to pay by credit card! Go to [www.aramco-brats.com](http://www.aramco-brats.com) and click "Reunion."

Your information:

First name	Maiden	Last
Street / P.O. Box Apt.		
City	State/Country	Zip+4

Phone E-mail  
I am a: Brat ☐ Parent ☐ Teacher ☐

Names of Guests for whom registration is being paid (if Brat/Teacher, use separate form!):

Spouse <input type="checkbox"/>	Parent <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Spouse <input type="checkbox"/>	Parent <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Spouse ☐ Parent ☐ Other ☐  
Name Tag -- names will appear as entered above.  
**Brats:**  
9<sup>th</sup> grade graduation district \_\_\_\_\_  
(or district you last lived in): \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
regardless of location at 9<sup>th</sup> grade completion

**Teachers/Parents:**  
Last district lived in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aramco employment years: \_\_\_\_\_  
e.g., 1955-1975  
**Registration** \$83 each x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Required for each reunion attendee; one S/ M/ L/XL shirt per registrant included, on a first-come, first-served basis at check-in; banquet on Sunday also included in registration fee. Registration is required to participate in sports tournaments.

**Bowling** \$25 each x \_\_\_\_\_ bowlers = \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf** \$55 each x \_\_\_\_\_ golfers = \_\_\_\_\_

**Tennis** \$25 each; # of players \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Tennis tournament will only be held if there is enough interest; payment will be collected at time of on-site registration. Indication of interest at this time will require payment if tournament is held.

## Extras:

XXL shirt \$2 each x \_\_\_\_\_ shirts = \_\_\_\_\_

To upgrade the shirt with each registration to XXL

**Additional shirt** \$10 each x \_\_\_\_\_ shirts = \_\_\_\_\_

For more than one S/M/ L/XL per registrant

Extra XXL shirt \$12 x \_\_\_\_\_ shirts = \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE FEE** \$17 each x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_

If postmarked after March 31, 2009

**AdBak** \$25 (US) or \$30 (int'l) = \_\_\_\_\_

If not previously paid; not required for guests

**Donation to ABI** = \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ **Total** = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **AramcoBrats, Inc.**

*Mail registration forms and payment to:*

**AramcoBrats, Inc.**

**Attn: Doug Webb, Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 270931**

**San Diego, CA. 92198-2931**

Better yet, **Register online**

Where are you staying? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reunion hotel, other hotel, home, friends/relatives, etc.)

## Cancellation policy:

Cancellations received prior to March 31, 2009, will be

refunded in full. Cancellations received on or after March 31, 2009, and prior to May 8, 2009, will be partially refunded at the discretion of the ABI.

## SUQ VENDOR INFORMATION

Open Thursday through Sunday (various times)

If you are interested in marketing your wares during the reunion, please complete the form below. You are responsible for delivery of your products to the hotel, set-up, storage and safety of all items. If you need a table for display, the committee will arrange for one to be available to you. You will be solely responsible for the selling of your products.

Description of wares (for reunion guide):

I require a table: ☐

Best contact phone from 5 to 9 pm Pacific:

## Schedule of events (subject to change):

Thu 21st	Registration opens	9 am
Fri. 22nd	Welcome Reception	6 pm to 8 pm
Sat. 23rd	Bowling Tournament	10 am
	Class Photos	4 pm
	Class Parties	6 pm
Sun 24th	Golf Tournament	10 am
	Tennis Tournament	10 am
	Pre-Banquet Cocktails	6 pm to 7 pm
	Banquet and Auction	7 pm to 9 pm
	Music and Dancing	9 pm to ??

## REUNION COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Input date	Batch #	Sent date
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**SEE NEXT PAGE (other side) FOR SPORTS SIGN-UP**

# 2009 ABI Reunion Registration and Fees Form

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Complete a \*separate\* form for each Brat or teacher. Do not consider a Brat or teacher as a "guest." Thank you!

## GOLF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



10:00 AM – 12 Noon, Sunday, May 24, 2009  
(4-person Staggered Tee Times)  
Encino Municipal Golf Course  
16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91436  
(818) 995-1170

**\$55.00** - Price Includes greens fees. Players responsible for own food & drink costs. Carts are available to rent from the golf shop. for \$12.00 per person.

**Proper dress:** Golf attire (Collared shirt; Bermuda shorts, slacks, dress jeans; soft spikes optional).

**Rental Clubs:** limited availability at \$20 at course. Contact golf shop to reserve at (818) 995-1170.

**Drop-outs:** No refund for drop-outs after April 30, 2009. Contact Costa Yiannakakis to inquire about stand-by replacement; replacement player will be asked to reimburse registration cost to the player being replaced.

Transportation is not included; golfers will need to carpool. The location is 25 miles from the hotel. Please meet at the front of the hotel at least 75 minutes prior to your tee time. If you have a car, please make space available for riders. (We will try to pair those with cars around their scheduled tee times.)

**Please indicate who will participate:**

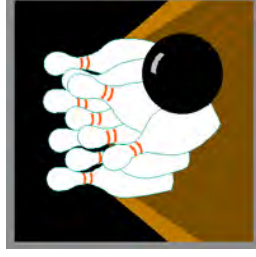
**I'm Playing:**

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



Saturday, May 23, 2009

Session 1: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Session 2: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (if needed)

Consult your registration packet for Session assignment



Eldorado Lanes,  
8731 Lincoln Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, CA. 90045  
Tel.: (310) 670-0688  
[www.amf.com](http://www.amf.com)

**\$25.00** - Registration cost includes shoe rental. Bowlers responsible for own food and drink costs.

Transportation is not included; bowlers will need to carpool. The location is 3.5 miles from the hotel. Please meet at the front of the hotel at least 40 minutes prior to Session start time. If you have a car, please make space available for riders.

**Please indicate who will participate:**

**I'm Playing:**

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TENNIS INFORMATION

This event is **TENTATIVE**, set for Sunday, May 24th, at 10 AM, and is dependent on participation (at least 20 players are required). In order to participate, you **MUST** register interest by April 15, 2009. Indication of interest on this form will require payment at registration if the tournament is held.

Players should bring their own racquets and balls. Players would have to arrange their own transport. Expected per player cost, if there is enough interest is \$25.00.

**I'm VERY Interested in Playing Tennis:**

## POSSIBLE HORSE TOURNAMENT!!

There has been interest expressed in an informal HORSE tournament, again possibly at the local community park for Saturday AM, with water bottles and winner prizes. Again, the amount of interest will dictate whether this is planned.

Players would have to arrange their own transport.

**I'm VERY Interested in a HORSE TOURNAMENT:**

Questions? Please contact Costa Yiannakakis. [reunion2007@aramco-brats.com](mailto:reunion2007@aramco-brats.com) or



[yiannace@roadrunner.com](mailto:yiannace@roadrunner.com)



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### Why not pay by Credit Card?

#### 2008-2009 AdBak Fees

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**Help Keep ABI Alive—Please Respond Today**

☐ This is New Address Information—Please Update ABI Records

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Maiden Last

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Post Office Box

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2008-2009 AdBak\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$25 US/\$30 International)

Additional Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Anonymous contribution -  
 Please do not include my  
 name in list of donors.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
 AramcoBrats, Inc. in US Dollars only.

\*\* Includes a 2009 ABI Directory

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**An online AdBak form, including a way to pay by credit card or check,  
 is at <http://www.aramco-brats.com/adbak.html>**

or you can mail this form to: **AramcoBrats, Inc. c/o Doug Webb, P.O. Box 270931, San Diego, CA 92198-2931**

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#### Address Change Form

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☐ Check if this is a new 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 \_\_\_\_\_

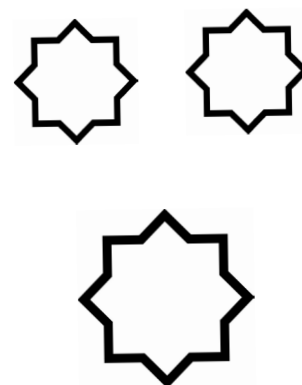
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Form to: **AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Penny Dougharty-Maher**  
**4024 Ruskin St., Houston, TX 77005**

Contact information can also be changed online at [http://www.aramco-brats.com/address\\_change\\_form.html](http://www.aramco-brats.com/address_change_form.html)



**ATTENTION:** If your e-mail or mailing address has changed, please be sure to go to [www.aramco-brats.com](http://www.aramco-brats.com), click on the link "Add/Change Address" on the right and make the appropriate changes. You can also just fill in the form above and mail it in. We know you want to continue to receive our electronic announcements and newsletters. Also, we want to make sure all your info is correct for the 2009 directory and so do your friends. PLEASE DO THIS NOW, while you're thinking about it. :-)



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There are many ways to get to the 2009 ABI Reunion in Al-Angeles. I was going to list them here...by aeroplane, train, car, skateboard. And I was going to tell you that I was going by the best way... by caravan. If you close your eyes, I'm sure that you can imagine the caravan leader, tall, handsome, proud and wise. And who would play the role of this leader of his tribe? Modesty prevents me from telling you exactly how suitable I was for the part.

Alas, my undoing is on the cover of this newsletter. How was I to know that those cursed Hollywood paparazzi would take a photo of me driving, yes driving into town in my Dodge Power Wagon. Now my secret is out. I must confess, I was outvoted at the last counsel

meeting and told that the camels would be much too tired if they had to walk all the way from Asheville, NC to LA, California.. Still, I am very happy that I am going. And my favorite camel, pictured below, seems to be happy too.

Once again I look forward to seeing all of us together again. We are truly scattered to the ends of the world, but it is truly joyful that we can meet with each other every few years.



Hurry!  
Earlybird Reunion  
Registration Closes  
March 31!

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