

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIKE SIMMS—ABI President

Well folks, we're well on our way to what promises to be another fabulous reunion. The North Carolina Reunion Committee is doing a great job planning the party, and I strongly encourage anybody on the fence to get yourselves registered today. It's easy now that we have online registration and payment capability. Asheville is a beautiful town with lots to do and see -- if you are inclined to leave the reunion hotel at all.

This issue of the newsletter is critical to the future of the ABI as it contains the candidate descriptions and a ballot for you to select your next ABI board officers. The details will be covered elsewhere, but please, please, please take the time to read the information carefully and cast your ballot. If you are coming to the reunion, you will have an opportunity to vote there as well, but I encourage you to vote early using the printed ballot. This process is very important to the continued success of your ABI.

As we approach the reunion weekend, there are some people to whom I offer the deepest thanks of the ABI and the Brats. Jay Crawford DH'74 and Mark Rines RT'70 deserve an award for all of the professional work they have done and are doing to upgrade the ABI's database and web technology. Their efforts will make it much easier to manage the flow of information required to make this organization thrive. You will be seeing the fruits of their labor as we begin to roll out some of the new toys over the next few

Database Update

Penny Dougharty-Maher DH'72—Database Director

Since I last wrote about this in January, we are still working away at this project to combine all of the databases that the ABI accesses on a regular basis. Our end goal is to have one database that will include your email address, snail mail address, Adbak payments and reunion registration. Currently, we are working on matching the data in these different databases. For example, one database may list me as "Penny L. Dougharty Maher," while another "Penny Dougharty-Maher" without

the middle initial and with a hyphen. So, to combine the information, they have to be the same. We're getting there, but it's a slow process, considering there are over 5000 names in the databases. The next step will be to input directly into the new system, while continuing to maintain the old databases until we are confident that the new is working exactly the way we want it to. And, rest assured, it will have all the security surrounding your data that you would expect.

ABI ELECTIONS (continued from Page 1)

volunteering to help us count votes is asked to please contact me before the reunion. My address is on the ballot or you can email me at gary@aramco-brats.com. I might even buy a drink or two for those who lend a hand! 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 Asheville. You can download a ballot for printing or mailing from the ABI website if you lose the one you're holding now.

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 dream alive. Shukran!

months. Also high on the thank you list are Kathy Montgomery AB'64 and Kirk Lippert DH'72. Kathy continues to be the Go To Gal for just about anything the ABI board needs researched, and Kirk took on the daunting task of performing the biennial audit of ABI financials. And of course, our most heartfelt thanks to all of you who have donated either monetarily or through in-kind contributions to the raffle and auction. Your generosity ensures that the ABI is able to continue operations and bring you regular reunions.

I want to add my personal thanks to the entire ABI board for their service over the last 18 months. What we have accomplished in the time so far is awe-inspiring especially given our all-volunteer operating model. Credit cards, database consolidation and website redesign are all things that had been on the table for years past and are now a reality for the organization. It is through the dedication of this ABI board that we have not only held the organization together, but have moved forward on those critical projects. And we still have six more months in the term to see even more success.

Even as Asheville gets closer, we are already working on the 2009 reunion, so stay tuned and keep your eyes and ears open for more on that as things progress.

See you in Asheville!

Class Parties

Dawn Kolb DH'92—Class Rep. Director

Reunions are always hectic, and sometimes it can be hard with everything scheduled to find time to just hang out with your classmates. That is what Saturday evening has been set aside for. This is an opportunity for your classmates to spend some time together as a group. You can plan to have dinner together or merely hang out and look at old yearbooks and photos that class members bring with them. With the reunion just around the corner, Class Representatives (or their replacements) should begin making plans for their respective classes. Here are some suggestions:

- Party at the hotel: If you would like to go this route, please contact Venus Carvelli at vcarvelli@hulsinghotels.com or 828-285-2664 prior to the reunion to make arrangements. She can assist with menu options, if you can provide a headcount estimate and budget. Since all class party expenses are the responsibility of each class party's organizers and participants, you can be as lavish or frugal as you wish.
- Dinner at a restaurant: There are plenty of restaurants in downtown Asheville to fit most food preferences and budgets, check out the website for a listing of local eateries.
- Get-together in a classmate's suite/room
- Drinks poolside or in the hotel bar

If your class doesn't have a Class Rep or your Class Rep will not be attending the reunion, and you would like take the lead and organize something for your class, please contact the Class Rep Director, Dawn Kolb at dawn@aramco-brats.com.

Aramco Brats Inc.
Biennial Business Meeting
 Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 2:00 PM Magnolia room
ABI Board Panel Discussion, Election Results, ABI Annual Report, ABI Financial Report, Reunion Feedback

TREASURER'S REPORT 2007 Q1

Doug Webb DH'72—Treasurer

Activity has certainly picked up in the months preceding Asheville 2007. I recall being warned about this aspect of the job! There is so much to keep track of in preparing for a reunion, as I'm learning. And there's no way to overstate the importance of the Asheville Reunion Committee in making this operation work, and in making my job easier. Thanks to y'all!

Things to keep in mind as you review the financial statement:

The account for Banking Fees has spiked. This is due to the fees we are now paying for credit card processing. On the positive side, so did our income, thanks to a much appreciated grant from Aramco Services Company – allowing the ABI and the Reunion Committee to significantly reduce the cost of reunion registration fees.

I can't say enough about the personal donations that have been made. They range from a simple rounding up of an AbBak, or reunion registration fee, to some very significant contributions well in excess of \$100. Big or small, the generosity from all of you will go a long way in providing the ABI with the funds necessary continue to improve our operations and methods. We all know how important our friendships and memories are to us. The ABI will strive to use all funds received in pursuit of that mutual interest.

As always, any comments or questions about the "floods" can be addressed to me at doug@aramco-brats.com.

See you in the Smokies!

Quarterly Income Report 2006 - 2007

(log on to www.aramco-brats.com for this and prior quarterly information.)

	BUDGET FOR CURRENT ABI TERM (2006 -2007)	TERM TOTAL (TO DATE)	Q1 1/1/2007 - 3/31/2007
INCOME			
4100 Contributions	15,600.00	6,684.00	3,856.00
4200 Special Events Revenue		-	
4300 Website Revenue	100.00	90.50	
4400 Donated Services	-	-	
4500 Corporate Grants	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
4600 Directory Revenue	12,500.00	3,267.00	1,820.00
4700 ABI Sales Revenue	7,300.00	166.50	56.50
4800 Investment Income	850.00	922.28	244.80
4900 Reunion Revenues	43,600.00	9,831.00	9,831.00
TOTAL INCOME	79,950.00	50,961.28	45,808.30
EXPENSES			
5100 Banking & Audit Fees	1,100.00	313.46	229.88
5200 Office Expense	1,700.00	190.46	-
5300 Publications Expense	26,260.00	8,336.89	2,177.09
5400 Website Expense	800.00	-	
5500 Travel & Entertainment Expense	5,400.00	2,239.44	-
5600 Insurance Expense	2,400.00	-	
5700 Professional Services Expense	300.00	350.00	-
5800 ABI Sales Expense	600.00	8.13	-
5900 Reunion Site Search Expense	1,200.00	-	
6100 Special Expense	1,550.00	457.55	-
7100 Reunion Expense	44,925.00	2,849.35	696.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	86,235.00	14,745.28	3,102.97
PROFIT / (LOSS)	(6,285.00)	36,216.00	42,705.33
BALANCE SHEET			
Cash Balance from Previous Term	68,056.64	-	
Cash Balance			104,272.86
Anticipated Cash Balance - End of Term	61,771.64		

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 THRU MARCH.

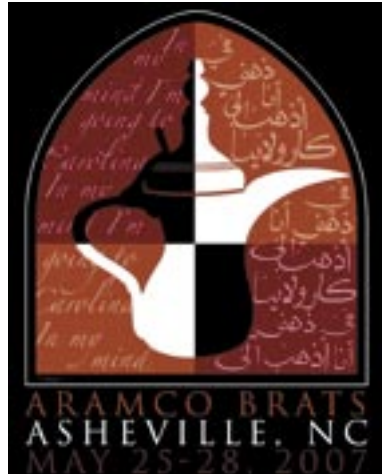
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Cyndi Blanchard-	Becky Ebner-Swanson
Curtis	Wayne Harms
Luann Jones-Harlow	Brian Dowling
Lynn Farley-Edman	Morgan Gray
Mike Singelyn	Bob Allen
Patsy Fleharty-	Janice Allen-Cyr
Holman	Doug Romine
Patricia Deines-	Tarek Ghalwash
Marquart	Bill Crays
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Eileen McDonald-	Vassallo
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Albert Fallon	Jean Schenewark-
Karen Fallon	Eckstein
Pat Meadors-	Mark Dolce
Desormeau	Nancy Bradfield-Rice
Danee Sullivan-Hubbs	Maria Hebert-
Mike Simms	Chesney
Joni Johnson	Cecily Vick
Christel Townsend-	Katherine Fleharty-
Waite	Minutes
Anne Bryan-Patrick	Paul Robinson
Bob Bates	Sandi Clark-Kubiak
Pete Fleury	
Morris Taylor	

ABI Asheville Reunion - peek behind the tent flap (continued from page 1)

When you arrive at the reunion, your first stop will be Registration. This is the information center and where you will sign in and collect your preprinted badge, reunion goodies and newsletter. If you have not preregistered, you will sign up and pay here as well. There is a tremendous amount of work behind this nerve center. All the preregistration information, both electronic and hard copy, has been carefully compiled and scrubbed, week by week, by our reunion database person, Pam Branch. (We strongly encourage people to use the electronic forms and payment options because it makes her life a whole lot easier and eliminates the potential for errors.) Throughout the registration period, payment information is moved back and forth between the Pam and our Treasurer, Doug Webb, who is also responsible for runs to the ABI mailbox and bank to deposit check payments. Meanwhile, the ABI Database Coordinator, Penny Dougharty-Maher, reviews the registration information to make sure we have the latest and greatest contact information for everyone in the ABI database.

The goodie bags and contents are put together by the reunion committee, starting with a search for local t-shirt and bag vendors and requests for quotes for different quantities. This is done way back during the budgeting process, before registration materials are even published. It sounds simple, but details such as shirt color and type, number of colors to be printed and where on the item have to be ironed out at this stage. Then comes the really fun part: submitting the orders in time for the items to be printed and shipped to the reunion. Because of the large quantities, the printing takes many weeks, so the committee has to submit orders well in advance of the actual reunion. This is why we nag everyone to send in their registrations before late fees kick in. It's impossible to order the right quantity if everyone waits until the last minute or registers on site and costs the ABI extra if a rush order has to be placed. We really want everyone to take one home, but we also want to be frugal with ABI funds and not have many leftovers, so late registrants beware! Any extras are first-come, first-served. Oh! You may find some other fun goodies the committee has chosen to put in the bags, but I'm not allowed to say any more, or I would spoil the surprise.

While the goodie bags are reunion souvenirs that attendees will take home with them, much of the rest of the reunion committee's effort is focused on something less tangible: creating different ways for Brats to enjoy their time together and recreating a hometown. We know you



don't come to the reunion just for the goodie bag!

It wouldn't be our hometown without some good, old-fashioned bowling, tennis and golf tournaments. To bring you the tournaments, the committee has to research the available facilities, make site visits if there are multiple choices, hammer out the contract details and pricing, make sure necessary deposits are made to reserve the facilities, assign teams/foursome, and purchase prizes.

Come Memorial Day weekend, many of you will spend hours parked in a rocking chair on a veranda or impaled on a bar stool in Mulligan's Bar and Grille, talking with friends and watching slideshows and movies from Arabia, both old and new. Or hours in the Overlook Room and Terrace, jamming on the band equipment and entertaining (or annoying?) friends or just listening. The committee puts some thought into staging these areas, arranging equipment rental, and, in the case of the slideshow, drafting volunteers where oversight of equipment or programming is needed.

The culminating event is, of course, the Sunday evening banquet and dance – where we shed the faded t-shirts and jean cutoffs stuffed with wadded up riyals that we could swear we were wearing at the bowling tournament and share our wonderful, grown-up selves with each other...at least until the dance music starts. Okay, some people do wear cutoffs to the banquet, and that's fine, too! It's also the big presentation for the reunion committee as well. They've gone to great lengths to find the perfect decorations and musical entertainment to create a memorable setting for a memorable evening. They've sat through a tasting to select a suitable menu and drafted shoppers from far-way. They've made seating charts and discussed the room layout, logistics, and sound requirements at length with hotel planning staff. The list is long, and not all of it is as fun as opening boxes and doing an inventory of cool stuff as it arrives for the reunion.

This is just a glimpse into what goes on behind the curtain, but I hope it gives everyone a better appreciation for the amount of work these volunteers have put into throwing the world's best, biennial, 4-day party. If you see one of our wonderful committee members – Amelia Knight Gonzales (Chair), Pam Branch, April Jones Morris, Kim Kirkwood Knox and Mary Martin Venker -- looking weary and in need of a stiff drink, know that, while it might be gratification enough for them to step back and take in all the smiles and laughter their efforts helped bring about, your kind words of appreciation will really mean a lot to them. Thank you, ladies!

BratBoard is Alive!

Dawn Kolb DH'92—Website Co-Director

Several of you might have noticed over the last few months that BratBoard has been down. We had some administrative issues that caused us to disable the service, but we are proud to announce, that those issues have been fixed, and BratBoard is back up and running!

In order to remove the spambots that bypassed our original authorization, everyone that was registered was sent an email. If you did not receive this message, chances are the email address you registered under was no longer valid, and, therefore, you were removed from the database. If this

is the case, then you will have to re-register.

Those of you that received this email will notice some changes in your profile. The lines that once asked for your location, occupation and interests now ask for your name, district and graduation year. Please login and change this information so that we might identify you easier.

For those of you who have not accessed this page yet, some new features have been added to the registration page that will hopefully ensure only Brats or Aramco affiliates enter. There is a question, dealing

specifically with Aramco that you must answer correctly before you can activate an account. The questions are general enough that brats of all ages should be able to answer, but, if for some reason, you don't know the answer, you may contact the webmasters at webmaster@aramco-brats.com to get the answers to the questions (we will, of course, be verifying your brat status).

If you have forgotten the address to BratBoard, it is www.aramco-brats.com/BratBoard

Candidate for President

Michael Simms AB'79

San Diego, CA

It has been my pleasure to serve the Brats as an ABI boardmember for a bit more than a decade now. This last term as ABI President, has been one of the most rewarding and also one of the most difficult as we have tackled many projects that have only been talked about for years -- a much needed database upgrade and the ability to take credit cards are just two examples. We have accomplished a great deal, but many of our projects will need more work to bring them to real fruition. It would be my distinct honor to have the opportunity to continue working on those projects and more with the very talented team of volunteers on the ABI board. As president, my goal will be to prepare the organization to take on the future from a position of continued strength and growth.



Candidate for Vice President

Marie Littlejohn-Dunn DH'77

Houston, TX

Since the 2002-2003 term, I have been involved with ABI Board activities in a variety of capacities: as a Brat volunteer on the Bylaws Committee, as 2005 Reunion Chair, and currently, as the ABI Reunion Oversight Director. Each role has afforded me new insight into the ABI membership and the challenges of working with an entirely volunteer organization. I believe my 22+ years of professional experience in the geophysical industry bring valuable management, business, analytical and contract negotiation skills to the ABI, and I hope to continue serving on the board and supporting projects that will streamline the ABI's work and improve how we serve our members.



Candidate for Secretary

Kim Zinszer DH'67

Hays, KS

Currently a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hays. I am a past president of the club and have been on the governing board as an officer and director for seven years. As a member with a local investment group for the past 10 years, I have held the position at different times of secretary, treasurer and managing partner. I have held positions in business as an internal auditor and vice president of administration. I have operated the business I currently own, for almost twenty years. I hold a college degree in business, with an emphasis in accounting.



About eight years ago I had considered volunteering my time to the ABI, however that never materialized. Every time since, when I receive a Brat newsletter or attended a reunion the thought of volunteering has rekindled itself. I appreciate all who have volunteered their time and efforts to keep the ABI organization going and keep us informed thru the Brat newsletter. I have attended the last five reunions. I am planning on being at the reunion in Ashville. A fellow brat contacted me a month ago, to see if I would be interested in running for a position on the board. I decided it was time to quit thinking about doing so and to take action to give something back. Therefore, I have placed my name in nomination for the position of Secretary.

Candidate for Treasurer

Doug Webb DH'72

San Diego, CA

I assumed the job as Treasurer for the ABI in late 2005 because there wasn't anybody out there in the Brat universe expressing sufficient interest. Yes. I was drafted.

And it seems as though there still isn't anyone who would like to wear the green ghutra. (Does anyone have a green ghutra? If you do, send it to me!

I saw them on the streets of Khobar once. Just never thought I'd need one. I'll trade two reds for one green.)

Performing the periodic mind numbing duties of ABI Treasurer don't exactly fall into the category of the most fun I've ever had, but the people who serve on the Board are a great group of people. We communicate almost daily. Throw in the more important fact that so many of us Brats get a real thrill out of being able to revisit our memorable days in Saudi with those we actually shared them with and, overall, by contributing to this organization you end up with a truly satisfying experience that is worth repeating.

That's why I'm offering my services as Treasurer for the 2008-09 Term.



2007 ELECTION VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

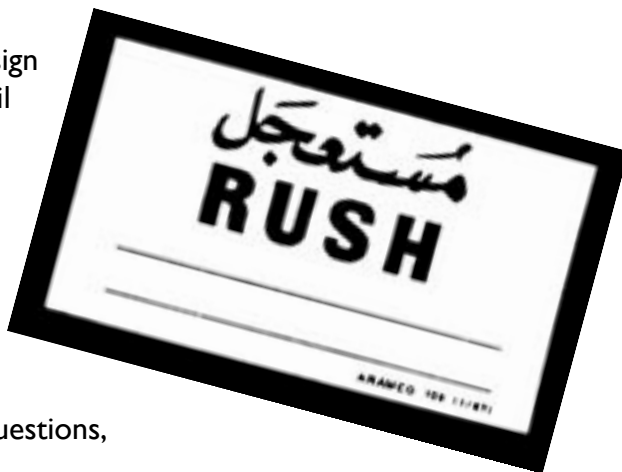
Mark your selections by placing an X in the appropriate box. Do not vote for more than one person for an elected office. If you wish to write in a candidate for an office, please make sure you write that person's name clearly.

You may cast your ballot by mail, or you may hand in your ballot at the 2007 ABI Reunion in Asheville, 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 email gary@aramco-brats.com or call (603) 357-2067.



2007 ABI BALLOT

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE.

President

Mike Simms

Vice President

Marie Dunn

Secretary

Kim Zinszer

Treasurer

Doug Webb

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____ Last _____

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

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

Signature: _____
(required)

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Mailed Ballots must arrive no later than May 20, 2007 to be counted.

Address Change Form

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Name: _____
 District/Year*: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

First Middle Maiden Last
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 City State/Country Zip +4
 Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number



* 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 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

2006-2007 AdBak Fees

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Help Keep ABI Alive—Please Respond Today

This is New Address Information—Please Update ABI Records

Name: _____
 District/Year*: _____
 Address: _____
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First Middle Maiden Last
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2006-2007 AdBak** \$ _____
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 Please do not include my
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** Includes a 2007 ABI Directory

Mail to: **AramcoBrats, Inc. c/o Doug Webb**
P.O. Box 270931, San Diego, CA 92198-2931

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

Airport Transportation Request

Crowne Plaza Asheville – Airport Transportation Request

Group Name: _____

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Note - There is a \$5 per person fee for this service)

Airline: _____

Flight #: _____

Arrival Time: _____

Departure Time: _____

Forms must be completed and fax'd to the hotel Forty-Eight (48) hours prior to service in order to secure transportation.

Please fax to (828) 254-1603 ATTENTION: Rocky Harwood, Front Office Manager

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Yes, yes, we are almost there. Why are you so impatient? Does it have anything to do with that ad for belly dancing at the Jerusalem Garden Cafe in Asheville you showed me? Bah! You have been on the road too long. It's the food that tempts me. I see that Asheville has many very good restaurants where we can get Middle Eastern food. So put that newspaper away and help me pack the camels. So much work to do. Why can't you be as hard a worker as your cousin Kim? Did you know that before he was old enough to have a camel he named his bicycle Nelly? What a name for a camel. I think that I will name my new camel Marion because she looks gentle and dependable. Not like you. So lets get moving. Have you heard about the preparations they have made? Magnificent. A sultan would be satisfied by the arrangements. And our friends await us, and that is best of all.

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