

Messages from our Officers

Hello Fellow Alumni,
Hope that you enjoy the current newsletter and perhaps are also communicating with friends on the Itazuke Dependent School website on Facebook. It is actually quite amazing that many of us continue to have strong bonds with each other after more than 50 years..

The weather has been cold for many recently and I am afraid CA has gotten more water than they were praying for during their recent drought. Here in Florida we had a hurricane while the reunion was happening in Vegas. The snow pack melt might create new hazards when the weather warms for some.

Please maintain contact and keep us informed. Oh by the way, if you have lost contact with a friend from Itazuke, I am willing to look in our database to see if we have their current contact information. If they have selected to share that information I can do so.. If not, I am willing to give them your contact information so they can reach out to you. Mary Anderson Baker is our Secretary and she manages the data base. So, if you would like to make sure your information is shareable please notify Mary or myself. If via email please always put "ITAZUKE" in the subject of your mail. My email

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Respectfully,

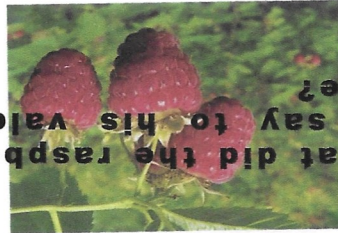
Dave Gibson
IAA President

TREASURER REPORT 01/31/23/23

Outstanding: None. Reunion account is inactive now. \$1,640.25 being transferred to Savings account

REUNION ACCOUNT

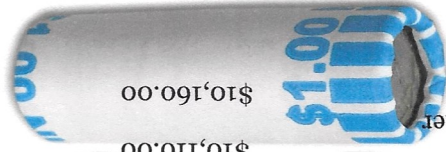
Date	Description	Running Bal.
10/31/22	Beginning balance	\$5,246.25
	Checks written	-106.00
1/31/23	Ending Balance	\$5140.25



What did the raspberries say to his valentine?

PhotoScan by Google Photos

Date	Description	Running Bal.
10/31/22	Beginning balance	\$10,110.00
11/08/22	Mobile Deposit by Janice Bloomer (\$50.))	\$10,160.00
1/31/23	Ending Balance	\$10,160.26



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Reunion
- Reports
- Remembrances
- Members Highlighted

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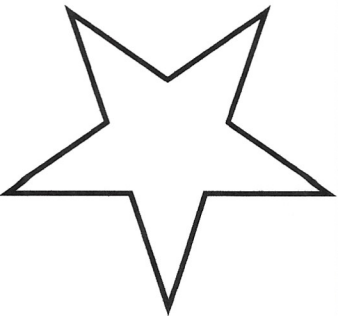
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WHO IS RON CASTILLE???

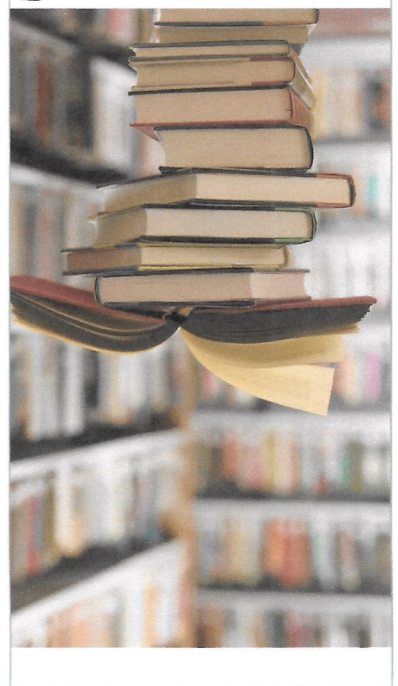
Ron Castille was born in Miami, Florida in 1944. His father, Hank Castille, was a career USAF officer who flew B-17s in WWII and troop transport planes in the Korean War, serving 28 years in the Air Force. Therefore, as most of us, he and his siblings were "BRATSI!"

Ron arrived at Itazuke Air Base in 1958, at the end of the 9th grade and graduated from Itazuke Dependents School (IDS) in 1961. During his time as a high school student Ron served as the Senior Class President; lettered in basketball, softball, and baseball. Ron also was voted as "Most Likely to Succeed."

Ron lived up to the prediction of his peers as "Most Likely to Succeed." After graduation from Auburn University in 1966, with a BS in Economics, he was commissioned as an officer in the US Marine Corps. Ron was medically retired in 1968 from injuries received in combat action in the Republic of Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V," two Purple Heart medals and the Combat Action Ribbon. Ron graduated from the University of Virginia Law School earning a law degree in 1971. He began his legal career in the Philadelphia District Attorney's office and served for 20 years with 6 years as the elected District Attorney. In January 2008 Ron was inducted as the 55th Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Chief Justice Castille reached the mandatory retirement age for Judges in Pennsylvania and retired December 31, 2014. Presently he serves as an appellate court consultant.

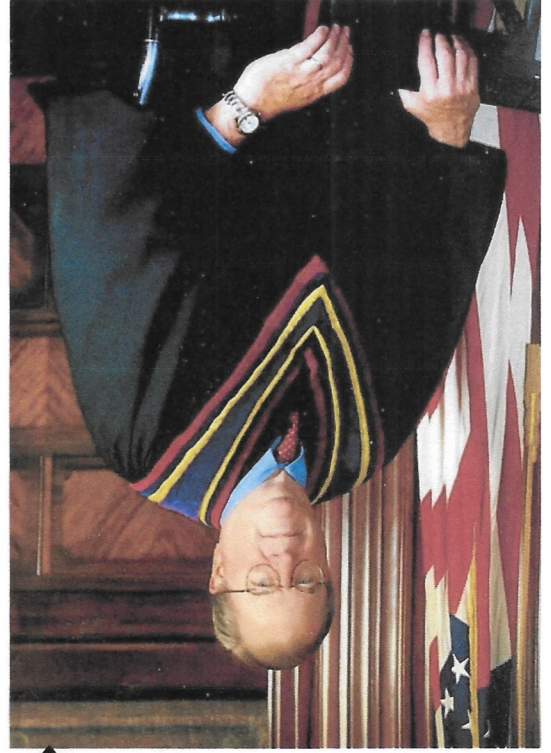
I think, Ron, we can all agree you outdid the prediction of your Senior year classmates at Itazuke Dependents School in 1961!
Ron is married with no children. He says he loved his schoolmates at "Zuke" but doesn't get to see them much and states "Not many from the Class of 1961."

Ron thank you for allowing the Itazuke Alumni Association Newsletter feature you in this edition.
Mary Anderson Baker

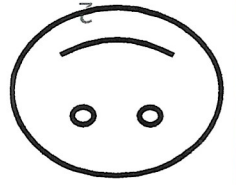


Answer;

I love you berry much.



No deaths reported.



Columbus, Georgia/Marriott
Location/travel: far western edge of middle Georgia
Weather: Cloudy, some precipitation; highs in upper 70's to low 80's, lows in 60's.
 A pleasant area, with trails, good walking along the Chattahoochee. Many restaurants, lots of chains, good price range. Many places to visit, including an art museum, a botanical garden, the Coca Cola Space Center, and on Ft. Benning, the Infantry Museum, Armor Museum, and Civil War Naval Museum.

Location/travel: northwest corner of Montana
Sept/Oct: Autumn, day time temps high 60's, nights 40's, maybe down into 30's. Mostly sunny. Gorgeous foliage.
 A beautiful area, close to Glacier National Park, if one wanted to extend a visit to the area. Several options for restaurants away from the hotel, mostly local non-chain; several breweries; good food price range. Area is noted for outdoor activities, but also several museums, a historic area, a casino in the hotel.

Location/travel: far western edge of Georgia.
 Kallispell, Montana/Hilton Garden

Here are snippets of the areas.



Oh Where will we choose????

decide the end result.

We have two GREAT OP-TIONS for the 2024 Reunion.
The Reunion Committee has sent the information to the Board. They will be sending out a Poll very soon for he Membership to



Stewart Nakabayashi
Written by Pam Shupe Lyden

Many of you know Stewart for his contribution to our reunions, and other fellow bandmates to relive the "Cobra" sound. His musical talent goes back to Itzuke when he was 14 years old. He had a special interest in drums and started playing in bands. We remember seeing him at the NCO club on Saturdays at 2:00 for a "Jam Session."

Stewart was born in Hawaii. His father was from Hawaii and his mother was from Japan. They met after WWII. Many people know his sister, Fran, who attends our reunions on a regular basis. The family traveled like so many of us did. He lived in New York, Ohio, and again in Hawaii before being shipped off to Itzuke. They arrived on base when he was in 6th grade and lived there until he graduated in 1970. Stewart feels fortunate that he was able to spend so much time at Itzuke, where his dad was an Air Traffic Controller.

While at Itzuke, Stewart was involved in various bands starting in 9th grade with the Green Arrows and the Noblemen. When he was a Junior and senior, he played drums for the Chevilles with Ken Tamura on guitar. This was a favorite high school memory for both guys. Ken Tamura is mentioned in this bio because so many people knew him. He was a musical mentor for so many people. After graduation in 1970, both guys made plans to attend college in Tokyo but things changed and they took off for California. They roomed together for a while. Stewart decided to continue his education, eventually graduating from Pepperdine University with a major in Business. At the same time, Ken went on to pursue his music and his own professional career.

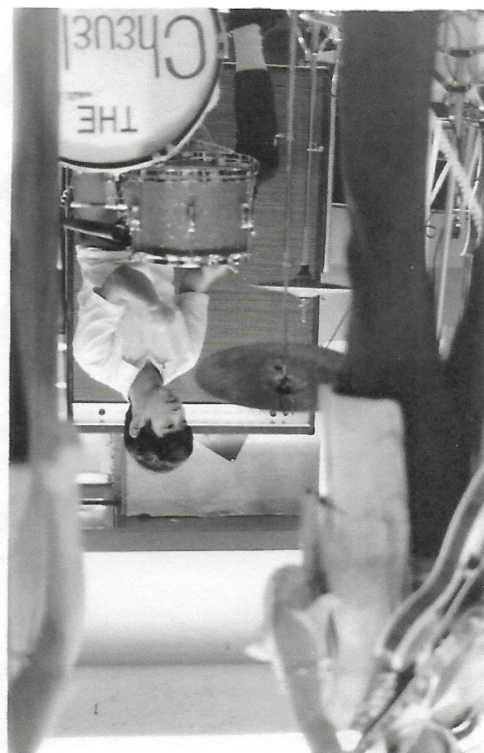
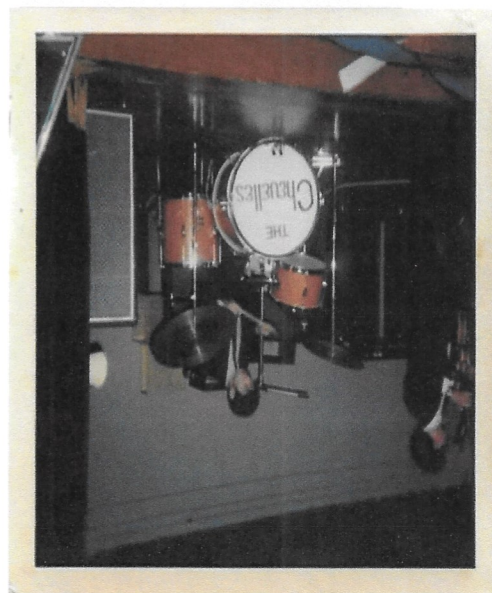
Stewart was Class President for three out of four years at Itzuke. Additionally, not only is he a talented musician, he is quite a sports enthusiast. He played baseball and basketball all 4 years in high school. Tokyo and Sasebo trips are special memories for him. As a side note, during the 1987 Houston reunion, Glynn Black set up a basketball game with a number of the guys who played ball at Itzuke. Stewart said, "It was like being back in high school—so much fun."

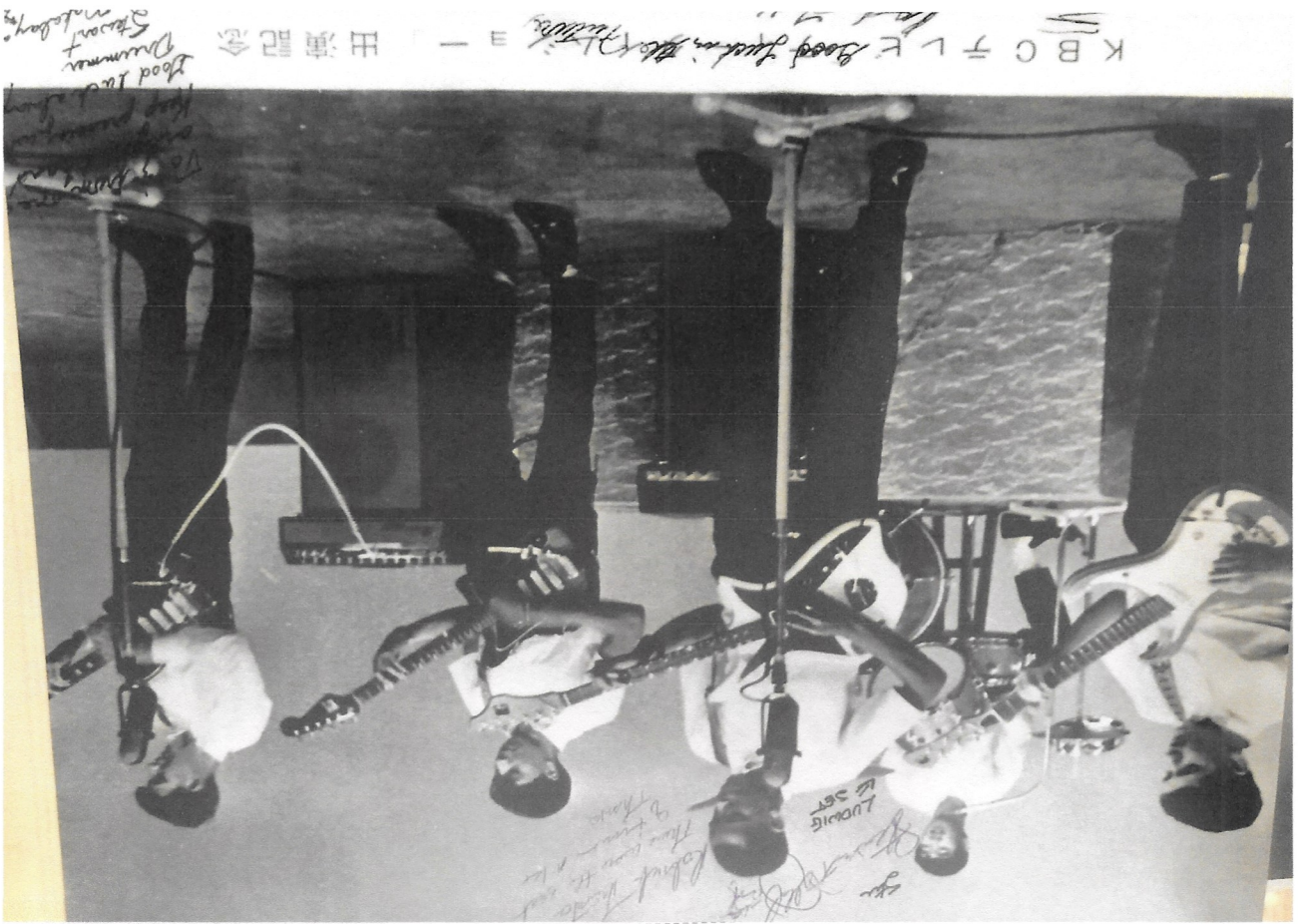
Stewart had long-term careers at Xerox and Northrup Grumman. His area of specialization was in Technical/Management training and Human Resource Management. During the early 90's in Los Angeles, in response to social riots and protests, former Major League Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth developed a program called "Rebuild L.A." Stewart was asked to deliver business training for the committee. This was one of the highlights of his professional career.

Because it's good to get a strike.



Why do baseball players love bowling?





HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

For 6 years in the late 70s and early 80s, Stewart took on a part-time job on the weekends as a radio announcer for KIQ and KFOX. In this role, he announced music, news, weather, and sports and developed ads. Stewart described it as a super fun job and a great opportunity that he thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to work, he joined a music worship team at his church as a drummer for about 20 years.

Stewart is now retired, volunteers at the Salvation Army to help homeless and low-income families, and resides in Los Angeles (Redondo Beach area). He loves the weather, beach, sporting events, and, of course, the amount of great music that comes to this area. His vinyl record collection is growing and he enjoys listening to the "warm" and sonically good sound they produce. UCLA is his favorite college basketball team. He also roots for the NY Yankees and San Francisco 49ers. Stewart has one son and one daughter with 2 grandchildren.



ALWAYS READ THE LABELS ON THE FOODS YOU BUY—NO MATTER WHAT THE FRONT OF THE BOX OR PACKAGE SAYS, TURN IT OVER AND READ THE BACK—CAREFULLY!
With all the food and pet products now coming from China, it is best to make sure you read label at the grocery store and especially Walmart when buying food products.
Many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the bar code to track its origin.
How to read Bar Codes interesting!
This may be useful to know when grocery shopping, if it's a concern to you.
GREAT WAY TO "BUY USA & CANADA " AND NOT FROM CHINA!!
The whole world is concerned about China-made "black hearted goods".
Can you differentiate which one is made in Taiwan or China ?

If the first 3 digits of the barcode are **690 691** or **692**, the product is **MADE IN CHINA**.

471 is Made in Taiwan .

This is our right to know, but the government and related departments never educate the public, therefore we have to **RESCUE** ourselves.

Nowadays, Chinese businessmen know that consumers do not prefer products "MADE IN CHINA", so they don't show from which country it is made.

However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

690-692 ... then it is MADE IN CHINA

00 - 09 .. USA & CANADA

30 - 37 FRANCE

40 - 44 GERMANY

471 ... Taiwan

49 ... JAPAN

50 .. UK

BUY U S A & CANADIAN MADE by watching for " **0** " at the beginning of the number.

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