


ITAZUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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ITAZUKE ALUMNI REUNION

Heads up everyone! 2016 is here and that means that it is the year for the Itazuke Alumni Association Reunion. As you will recall, at the last reunion, we voted to join the Overseas Brats reunion that is being held in Colorado Springs, CO. This reunion is being held earlier in the year than what we have done in the past, so it will come up quickly. Included in this newsletter is information about that gathering. Early Bird discounts are available if you register before February 15, 2016.

For the official word on the reunion, go to www.overseasbrats.com and then look for **Homecoming 2016**. You can also e-register for the reunion on that site and pay through PayPal.

OVERSEAS BRATS Homecoming 2016
Under the Shadow of the Rockies,
Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Colorado
August 4-7, 2016

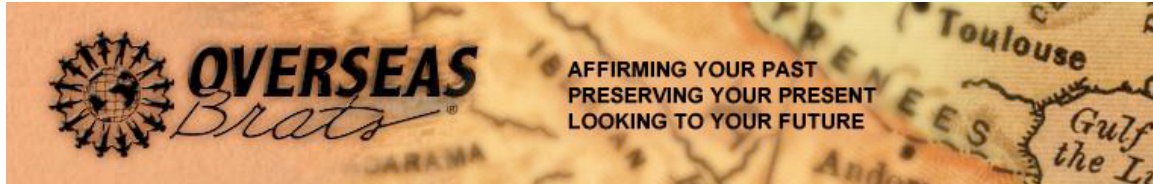
Plan to join us in Colorado Springs!

The more people who sign up, the better the

accommodations! Per Joe Condrill, the Overseas Brats President, each 10 people who register with Itazuke will get their own reserved table; 40 or more registered, Itazuke will have its own banquet room. And depending on how many hotel rooms gets booked for Homecoming 2016 and how many hospitality rooms the hotel gives us, if Itazuke has one of the larger numbers of registered - chances are excellent we will get our own hospitality space. Finally, above 50 registered, OVERSEAS BRATS will start compensating the Itazuke Alumni Assn. a dollar amount for all registered. This can be used to help purchase snacks for that hospitality space.

Thank You So Much!

About 80 alumni turned in the postcards that were mailed with the last newsletter. We also got a good response from Facebook members. This will save the association lots of money in printing and mailing costs. Joe Boling has added their email addresses to our Itazuke Alumni database, so this newsletter is being sent to them through email. We are now mailing about 500 (more or less). For those receiving a printed copy in the mail, another postcard is included. Please fill out the information, affix a postcard stamp (34 cents), and return to Joe Boling, the IAA Secretary.



OVERSEAS BRATS Homecoming 2016
Under the shadow of the Rockies,
at the Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Colorado
August 4-7, 2016

"The Gathering OSB" video by Rick Connell. See:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnNAmnE7Jt4>

OVERSEAS BRATS Homecoming 2016

Approximately every three years a special effort is made to involve as many alumni groups/schools/bases and Brats & Educators together for a BIG reunion called "Homecoming" hosted by OVERSEAS BRATS.

Since 1999 OVERSEAS BRATS has hosted six Homecomings that involved 200 to 1,611 Brats & Educators.

Benefits To You At Homecoming 2016

- *We'll be in Colorado!
- *Room rate is just \$99 a night, single/double occupancy!
- *Early/discount registration fees!
- *Great transportation options! (See below.)
- *Special mini-course sessions (TBA) will be offered!
- *FUN/PARTY/DANCE evening activities Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings!
- *OVERSEAS BRATS takes care of ALL arrangements, allowing Brats all the free time they need to have fun and party!

How to Join In:
Official Hotel

First things first! If you plan to join in, make your hotel reservation right away. The Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center, is offering us a special rate of \$99 single/double occupancy a night! This rate is applicable two days before and after the event. To reserve your hotel room call the hotel at: 1-719-576-5900. Mention "OVERSEAS BRATS Homecoming 2016" to get our special rate.

Make your hotel reservations as soon as you register, but no later than June 26, 2016. After that date or when our room block is exceeded, the special room rate is no longer available, and room availability can no longer be assured.

Homecoming Dress Attire

Thursday - Day & Night: Casual.

Friday - Day: Casual.

Friday Night - Dinner/dance is "casual-elegance" (polos, slacks, dresses. No shorts, No Jeans)

Saturday - Day: Casual.

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Sunday - Day: Casual.

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REGISTRATION FORM

TO REGISTER, PRINT THIS DOCUMENT (next two pages), and SEND to ADDRESS on second page

Your information:

Check here if you wish to exclude the following information from the list of attendees.

Name (include maiden name) _____

BILLING Address (include city, state & ZIP) _____

Phone numbers (Cell, Work, Home, etc.) _____

Email address (one please) _____

Overseas schools/bases/communities you were associated with and when:

Former students/alumni: What year did you graduate from high school? _____

Comprehensive Package Includes:

- *Registration packet containing name badge, list of attendees (as of July 2016), and Homecoming 2016 schedule.
- *Thursday night DJ party (not a food function).
- *Friday & Saturday night dinners & Sunday breakfast.
- *Friday & Saturday night dances.
- *Participation in the exhibition and mini-course sessions.
- *Payment for meeting and banquet space.
- *Pre-event planning, overhead and staffing costs.
- *Specially expanded December 2016 edition of OVERSEAS BRATS featuring Homecoming 2016.
- *Donation to the reunions happening at Homecoming 2016.

CHECK-MARK and CIRCLE the options, below, for which you are registering:

FULL HOMECOMING REGISTRATION (entire schedule, as described above, under

“comprehensive package”

Before February 15, 2016 options:

\$155/person. –OR

\$77.50 (50%) down now, with this registration form, and \$77.50 (50%) to be automatically charged on July 15, 2016, or send a check for the \$72.50 balance before July 15, 2016)

Before June 1, 2016: \$165/person.

Before July 15, 2016: \$175/person.

After July 15, 2016: \$185/person.

Pro-rated Fee Friday, August 5 (only) Includes:

- *Registration packet containing name badge, list of attendees (as of July 2016), and Homecoming 2016 schedule.
 - *Cost of the meal. *Participation in the exhibition and mini-course sessions.
 - *Program & dance.
 - *Pre-event planning, overhead and staffing costs.
 - *Donation to the reunions happening at Homecoming 2016.
- Before February 15, 2016: \$70/person.
Before June 1, 2016: \$75/person.
Before July 15, 2016: \$80/person.
After July 15, 2016: \$85/person.

Pro-rated Fee Saturday, August 6 (only) Includes:

- *Registration packet containing name badge, list of attendees (as of July 2016), and Homecoming 2016 schedule.
 - *Cost of the meal.
 - *Participation in the exhibition and mini-course sessions.
 - *Program & dance.
 - *Pre-event planning, overhead and staffing costs.
 - *Donation to the reunions happening at Homecoming 2016.
- Before February 15, 2016: \$70/person.

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Before June 1, 2016: ___\$75/person.
Before July 15, 2016: ___\$80/person.
After July 15, 2013: ___\$85/person.

Pro-rated Fee Sunday, August 7 (only) Includes:

*Cost of the meal.
*Pre-event planning, overhead and staffing costs.
Before February 15, 2016: ___\$25/person.
Before June 1, 2016: ___\$30/person.
Before July 15, 2016: ___\$35/person.
After July 15, 2016: ___\$40/person.

Cancellation insurance: Is \$15 per person and is available up until August 1, 2016. Should you purchase this option, the amount you paid for your registration fee (excluding the insurance fee shown here) will be returned to you in WHOLE PROVIDED you advise us you have to cancel before August 4, 2016.
Cancellation insurance (strictly optional): ___\$15/person.

Cancellation policy:

You have two options here.
If you don't purchase the cancellation insurance, you can cancel up to June 1, 2016 and receive the full fee refunded. Then up to July 1, 2016, 50% will be refunded. After July 1, 2016 no refunds will be available because after that date the various suppliers of Homecoming 2016 want their money paid in full.
If you purchase the cancellation insurance (\$15 per person) available up until July 23, 2016 and have to cancel, the entire fee minus the cancellation insurance will be refunded to you up until August 1, 2016.

Notice on Liability: Every effort has been made to make Homecoming 2016 hosted by OVERSEAS BRATS a safe and enjoyable experience for all involved. However, OVERSEAS BRATS does not and cannot accept liability for any accidents, injuries or losses held during the course of the Homecoming 2016 as a result of fire, theft, assault, recklessness or acts of God, war or nature. Those participating in the OVERSEAS BRATS "Homecoming 2016" do so at their own risk. In completing this form you accept this notice of liability.

Credit Card Information:

Your name (as it appears on the credit card): _____

___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

Home telephone number (include area code): _____

Amount Authorized: _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Checks payable to OVERSEAS BRATS): _____

To register, PRINT THIS DOCUMENT, complete it, and then send the entire document along with check, money order, or credit card information to:
OVERSEAS BRATS, P.O. Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201
Phone/FAX: tel: (316) 269-9610.
Email: joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net Web site: <http://www.overseasbrats.com>

Thank you!

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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

****Driving?***

The hotel is accessible off of I-25, Exit 138, South Circle Drive.

****Flying?***

-Colorado Springs Airport served by: Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier and United Airlines
-Non-stop flight connections from Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Phoenix-Mesa, Portland (OR), Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington-Dulles,

FREE hotel shuttle to/from Colorado Springs Airport.

SHUTTLE INFO

From Denver International Airport (DEN) or Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS)

“COLORADO SPRINGS SHUTTLE”

719-687-3456, Toll Free: 1-877-587-3456, www.coloradoshuttle.com

Flying into Denver International Airport (DEN):

Shuttle operates from 8:30am to 8:30pm – every 2 hours. Meet Shuttle in the East Terminal – Ground Transportation, Door #505 – Island #5

10% off round trips, 10% off couples, 10% off Seniors 65+, 10% off Military (Active/Retired)

One discount per trip!

Flying into Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS):

The Hotel offers a courtesy shuttle to/from the Airport. Use the courtesy phone in baggage claim to call the Hotel for pick up. Takes 10-15 minutes. Upon departure please schedule your return to the airport with the Front Desk. Shuttle runs 5am to 11pm.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, August 4

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 8-10 p.m. = Registration & Brats Store - Registration area in the Conference Center.

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. = Optional tour of Colorado Springs. (Separate payment required.)

Noon = Hospitality suites open.

Friday, August 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 5-7 p.m. = Registration & Brats Store - Registration area in the Conference Center.

All day – Hospitality rooms open.

9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. = Mini-course session: TBA.

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. = Exhibition & door prize competition.

1:30 - 3 p.m. – Mini-course session: Mini-course session: TBA.

6 p.m. - Midnight = Dinner/Dance.

Saturday, August 6

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 5-7 p.m. = Registration & Brats Store – Registration area in the Conference Center.

All day – Hospitality rooms open.

9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. = Mini-course session: TBA.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. = Mini-course session. (Optional box luncheon - separate payment required.)

6 p.m. - Midnight = Dinner/Dance.

Sunday, August 7

7 - 10 a.m. = Breakfast – Plaza Restaurant.

8 - 10 a.m. = Brats Store - Registration area in the Conference Center.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. = Optional tour to Pike's Peak. (Separate payment required.)

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Letter to Itazuke Alumni Association members:

Things are changing within the IAA.

On April 21, 2015, we achieved our first success when the Board approved the establishment of a full time Reunion Committee. This will be a major improvement over trying to conduct business every two years at the reunion business meeting and having no volunteers. Congratulations and thank you to the committee; Babs Manning Floto, Patti Paine Johnson, John O'Brien, Dave Gibson, Edith Gordon, Mary Anderson Baker, Kathleen Ohrt Kennedy, Judi Beard Castro, and Larry Jerden. They will begin research on venues for the 2018 IAA reunion, improving events at the reunions, possible IAA cruises, and assistance with regional mini-reunions.

I recently started an IAA Discussion and Information Group on Facebook. The general idea is to identify problems and fix them. We are currently 154 members and counting. I know there are privacy concerns about Facebook but Facebook is no less secure than anything else on the Internet if you select the correct privacy and notification settings. We have tried several other forums that have proven to be more difficult and less secure. One of my goals is to setup a help group for assisting members with online problems including setting up Facebook accounts.

Another goal is to develop an online voting system which, when combined with this discussion and information forum, will allow every IAA member to have a voice. I have already conducted several practice elections/surveys with the help of 47 online volunteers. Please understand that this system will also allow mail-in and proxy voting but it will be much easier and less expensive if everyone is online. **Only an email address is needed** to vote and receive information online.

Other issues include defining membership, issues pertaining to dues, and re-writing the bylaws.

I would like to invite everyone to join us on Facebook. If you are on Facebook and do not have access to the discussion group mentioned above, simply send me a Friend Request. You may also send me your email address, preferably the one you have on file with Joe Boling. **The IAA Discussion and Information group is private** (actually secret) which supposedly means you cannot even see it unless I, or an administrator, allows you to join the group. This allows us to discuss and talk freely without worrying about who might be reading it. Feel free to contact me at trprbob@yahoo.com or message me on Facebook. I can also be reached at 903-814-9423 if I am not traveling.

Bob Clark '66

In September, **John O'Brien ('60)** and **Jeanne Maxey Brown ('61)** successfully transferred our Itazuke website domain name over to a Go Daddy account and John has made a preliminary home page. You can visit it at Itazuke.org. If you have any suggestions, please send them to John by clicking on the email link that says "Send Comments to Webmaster". I know he would appreciate it.



In January 2015 several alumni held a mini-reunion (I believe it was in Florida). In attendance were Gail Browning Vann, **John Fowler ('62)**, Meg Fowler, **Jack Lewis ('63)**, **Dennis Trimble ('64)**, **Pat Archer Oliver Elliott ('62)**, **Sandy Fowler Beliakoff ('63)**, Dave Beliakoff, and **Becky Cauthen Doyle ('64)**.



Sorry there is little room for news in this issue. If you want to see what the alumni are doing, or just engage in conversation, I do recommend that you check out the Facebook page. There have been a couple of people who have returned to Japan this year and have posted many pictures of their travels. I am including one here to remind everyone how beautiful the place we lived was.

Hope to See You All in Colorado Springs!

There are so many things to see and do in Colorado Springs. OSB has some great excursions planned that you can join, or take off on your own to see the sights.

Trip Advisor: Top Things to Do in Colorado Springs!

- #1: Garden of the Gods
- #2: Pikes Peak
- #3: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- #4: United States Air Force Academy
- #5: National Museum of WWII Aviation
- #6: North Cheyenne Canon Park and Starsmore Discovery Center
- #7: Red Rock Canyon
- #8: Olympic Training Center
- #9: Helen Hunt Falls
- #10: Old Colorado City Historic District

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Please do not forward

Itazuke Dependents School 1952-1971

Return Service Requested

**We're from Itazuke don't you forget
Our hearts can't forget!**

Predecessors:

Hakata American School 1946

Fukuoka American School 1947-1952

Successor:

Hakata High School 1971

Closed physically in 1972:

"In our thoughts forever"

We've got the spirit and

we've got the pep.

We're from Itazuke

we won't forget

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