

# ITAZUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### ***2018 IAA Election Procedures***

1) The 2018 IAA elections will be conducted beginning on September 5, 2018, in conjunction with and concluding at the reunion business meeting on October 6, 2018.

2) IAA elections will be conducted using the online balloting system, BallotBin.com.

3) Any member may vote by mail, by proxy, online, or at the reunion business meeting.

4) Ballot Bin ballots will be configured so election results cannot be monitored until the close of the election. Ballot Bin provides the results of the online voting after the close of balloting.

5) Notice of the election, proxy forms and ballot request forms will be printed in the July 2018 IAA Newsletter.

6) Mail-in ballots will be mailed to members upon request. Please send a self addressed, stamped envelope and Ballot Request form to the address on the form.

7) Nominations for Board of Officers and other ballot items shall be open for 30 days prior to the first day of balloting. (See item #8). Please provide contact information for nominees so their willingness to serve can be verified. Two nominations for the same person will be considered as nominated and seconded. Two motions for the same subject may be added to the ballot with

Board approval. Ballot items that require discussion will be tabled for a subsequent election.

8) Nominations may be submitted to any Board Officer during the 30-day nomination period between August 5 and September 4, 2018.

9) Balloting will begin on September 5, 2018, which is 30 days prior to the beginning of the primary reunion.

10) Mail-in ballots and proxies must be received by the Board Secretary before September 25, 2018, which is 10 days prior to the primary reunion business meeting.

11) Balloting shall conclude following compilation of online votes, proxy and mail in votes, and votes by members present at the business meeting on October 6, 2018.

12) Results will be published during the reunion.

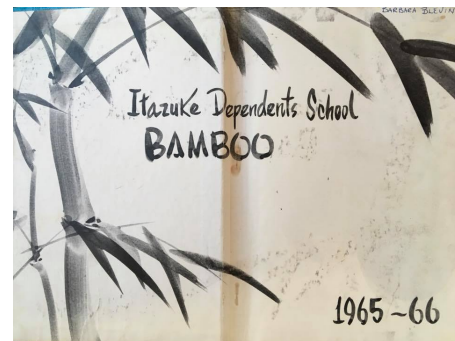
13) For consideration of 2020 Reunion venues, please contact the IAA Reunion Committee.

14) Necessary addresses will be provided on Ballot forms and Proxy forms.

If you have questions about this procedure, please contact the IAA President, Bob Clark at (903) 814-9423, or [bobclark@gmail.com](mailto:bobclark@gmail.com).

## PAYING YOUR DUES

Our alumni association does not require much, but it does rely on members paying dues to function. Dues are voluntary and help cover the cost of this newsletter and provide advance funds for reunion costs. **If you have not paid your dues recently, they are \$20/year or \$50 for 3 years. Pay dues to our Treasurer, Jeanne Maxey Brown, PO Box 1412, Tomball, TX 77377**



## BAMBOOs ON FACEBOOK

Several more BAMBOO yearbooks have been posted on our Facebook account. You can view editions from 1956, 1957, 1958, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1970. To see those uploaded to date, log in to the Itazuke Dependent School Facebook page. Navigate to Photos and select Albums.

**Dana Allin Minnis** ('65) says, "I've scanned the only 2 albums that I have, I will encourage anyone else to scan and add their albums to our collection. It is a time-consuming job but it can be done. I scanned them to a memory card and then downloaded them on my computer. It is a labor of love."

## 2018 REUNION IN ORLANDO, FL

Minasama,

Registration for our 2018 reunion is now open. The Itazuke Reunion begins Thursday, October 4-7, 2018. The Registration Desk and Hospitality Suite will be open that date. Our business meeting will be held Saturday morning. Our plans are to have speakers (workshops) in the hospitality suite on Friday and Saturday on various subjects applicable to our ages and needs.

Please review the form and complete your registration. When viewing the cost of the registration please note that it will include a meal Saturday Evening and one Sunday for breakfast. Friday evening Celebration of Life cocktail party will be serving hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, with music.

The first forty (40) registrants for the reunion will be placed into a drawing and have the opportunity to win one free night at the hotel.

There are many things to do in the Orlando area and the reunion committee is taking on the task of looking into options. If you would like to come early or leave late that is another option. The hotel said they would honor that price for a couple of extra days.

If you are driving you will be receiving free parking for the reunion. If you would like a ride from the airport then the hotel will provide that also.

Please communicate with us any additional travel needs you may need via Facebook, Itazuke Dependents School or email.

As time marches on, we will update information as frequently as possible. We have a lot of fun on Itazuke Dependents School, Facebook page sharing current activities and also memories and photos of Itazuke. So, visit often to receive updated information. We will do our best to update you as we finalize information.

Ironically, this specific reunion will mark two decades since my first attendance, which happened to also be in Orlando. It was also held on my birthday and to think that I thought I was old then.

You are also welcome to email me, or Jan Arbuckle Bloomer directly with questions or suggestions. When doing so please put Itazuke into the subject line of your email so we can recognize you as a member of Itazuke HS.

At a later time we will send out a tentative schedule allowing you to pick a Workshop that you would like to attend or other activities that are available to you in our area.

Respectfully,

Dave Gibson, Chairperson Reunion committee  
[Just2toonice@aol.com](mailto:Just2toonice@aol.com)

Jan Bloomer  
[beginnings01@att.net](mailto:beginnings01@att.net)

**Itazuke Dependent School Reunion  
Orlando, Florida – October 4-7, 2018  
Registration Form**

**Questions about the reunion?**

Email (Preferred) at [Just2Toonice@AOL.com](mailto:Just2Toonice@AOL.com), Dave Gibson @ 916-730-4235

Mail this form with check payable to: **IAA or Itazuke Alumni Association**

C/O Dave Gibson, Reunion Coordinator, 3758 Eagle Isle Circle, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Full Registration includes Friday Night “Celebration of Life” and Cocktail Party, Saturday Night Banquet Dinner, and Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast Buffet.

**Itazuke attendee name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name used at Itazuke** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation class year** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years at Itazuke from** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please include an old school photo.**

**PLEASE INDICATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO (IF YOUR PERSONAL INFO MAY BE SHARED WITH OTHER ITAZUKE ALUMNI)**

**Spouse or adult guest's**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (under 12 years of age) attending and ages** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address: Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees per Adult (Alum or Guest)**

**Advance Registration**

\$150 by July 01, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ persons x \$150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$175 after July 01-September 01, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ persons x \$175 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**At the door: \$190 per person**

Meal tickets for additional guests (adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night @ \$37 each; \_\_\_\_\_

Meal tickets for additional guests (adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$55 each; \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Meal tickets for children (12 and under), **please make a request.**

\*\*All meals have taken most eating habits into consideration, however if you need to have special meals, **please make a request.**

Total amount for all Reunion Registration and T-shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to enclose your Itazuke era photo if available**

**Have your T-shirts waiting for you, order now**

Please indicate size(s) and number desired (\$15 each for S, M, L, XL, \$20 each for XXL, XXXL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL @ \$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_

Hold under the name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If you don't plan to attend the reunion but still want a T-shirt**, you may order them to be mailed to you for a small shipping fee of \$5 each for T-shirts. Fill in the number and sizes desired and complete the address information below and send with a check made payable to IAA or Itazuke Alumni Association, C/O David Gibson, Reunion Coordinator, 3758 Eagle Isle Circle, Kissimmee, FL 34746  
Please ship the number of T-shirts shown above to:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ (Be sure to include your check for T-shirts and shipping)

**Marriott Orlando Airport, Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando FL 32822**

Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside

ITAZUKE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL

Start date: 10/4/18

End date: 10/7/18

Last day to book: 9/20/18

Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

**Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside** for 129.00 USD per night

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ITAZUKE%202018%20HIGH%20SCHOOL%5Emcoap%60IHSIHA%60129.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/4/18%6010/7/18%609/20/18&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ITAZUKE%202018%20HIGH%20SCHOOL%5Emcoap%60IHSIHA%60129.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/4/18%6010/7/18%609/20/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

When you copy and paste the above link into your browser it will bring you into the hotel registration page

Otherwise you will need to call the phone numbers listed below to make your reservation.

- Phone: +1-407-851-9000
- Fax: +1-407-857-6211
- Toll-Free Reservation Center: 1-800-380-6751

On that page it does say we will be charged for parking however that is a default on the web page for Marriott. If you are driving your parking is FREE. If you are flying you can call the hotel and they will provide pickup when you arrive and drop off when you leave.

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Can you recognize these alumni from the 1998 Orlando Reunion?



You may want to take Dave's recommendation and stay a couple of extra days. There is so much to do around the Orlando area.

Do you know the #1 attraction according to TripAdvisor is The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios? Universal Orlando Resort features two theme parks, Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure.

And do not forget Walt Disney World Resort. This world-famous resort consists of four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, MGM Studios, Animal Kingdom), three water parks, eight golf courses and a myriad of attractions.

Sea World Orlando offers aquatic pleasures with killer whales, dolphins, sea lions, and penguins. There is also Orlando's new tallest, fastest and longest roller coaster, Mako.

You might want to experience the Coca-Cola Orlando Eye Ferris Wheel and a Ripley's Believe It or Not. Or thrill yourself with go-karts at the Orlando Cart Center.

Shopping? Try both the International Premium Outlets and the Orlando Premium Outlets on for size.

For a more tranquil experience, you might want to visit the Harry P Liu Botanical Gardens, which feature a tropical rain forest, Florida's largest formal Rose garden, and a butterfly garden.

And just 50 minutes away is the Kennedy Space Center where you can explore our nations accomplishments in space. You just might be able to see the launch of a rocket from Cape Canaveral.

So make your plans for your stay and the 2018 Itazuke H.S. reunion.

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## **BALLOTBIN SURVEY RESULTS**

Last September, Bob Clark sent out a trial survey using BallotBin in order to gauge interest in the Orlando reunion, solicit ideas for activities that would be of interest to the attendees, and gather suggestions for the 2020 reunion venue. Notification was sent to 521 members via email – that is the number of members who have provided the IAA with a valid email address. Of those, 110 members (21%) voted online.

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When the voting deadline came, the results were available online to those who voted.

You can now view the entire survey on the Itazuke Dependents School Facebook page under Files.

Here is a summary of the results. Remember this was only a survey and should not be considered binding on the committee.

Questions:

**Are you planning to attend the Orlando reunion in 2018?** 66% (75 people) responded YES. Of those, 51% (47) were coming by themselves, and the remainder bringing 1 or 2 others.

**Will you be there for the Thursday, October 4, afternoon reception and gathering? Will you attend the Friday, October 5, business meeting?** About 40% (46/45) responded YES to both of these questions.

**Will you be attending the Friday, October 5, evening festivities?** 60% (68) said YES

**Will you be attending the Saturday, October 6, dinner and dance?** 62% (71) said YES

**Would you attend the farewell breakfast on Sunday, October 7?** 53% (60) said YES



Itazuke Alumni meet Nov 2017 in FL

**Are you interested in attending informational meetings during the afternoons?** 82% (93) replied YES

**Are you interested in any outside activities? (going shopping, theme parks, golf, etc)** Many people responded they were not interested. Most say they come to spend time with their friends so they stay at the reunion. Others were interested in shopping, golf, theme parks, and some sightseeing.

**Where should the 2020 reunion be held?** Options chosen were Las Vegas (29%), Seattle (19%), Atlanta (12%), Washington DC (10%) and Houston (9%).

Other places suggested outside of these given options were Fort Worth, Tampa, San Francisco, Denver, Boston, Branson, MO, Honolulu, San Diego, Nashville, Chicago, Dallas, San Antonio, and Charlotte, NC.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

Want to socialize with Itazuke classmates? Search for the Itazuke Dependents School page on Facebook. Here is a link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/47789233578/>. It is a closed group and you will have to request to join. **Dana Allin Minnis ('65)** manages the group account. We have 514 members in the group! It is a great way to catch up with people you know from 'Zuke.

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**405 Hill St.**  
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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**

**IAA Officers for 2016 – 2018**

President ..... Robert Clark '66  
Vice President ..... Jim Dwyer '65  
Secretary ..... Joseph Boling '60  
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