


# ITAZUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## **FROM PRESIDENT BOB CLARK**

**IAA REGISTRATION - ATTENTION NEWLY FOUND NEW FINDEES AND MEMBERS WITH NEW INFORMATION**

It is important for us to maintain our membership database. New IAA by-laws will no longer require dues payment to be a voting member. The only requirement is that we have current information so you can receive the newsletter and voting ballots. Please help us maintain our records by informing the IAA Secretary, Joe Boling, of any changes in your

information. Newly found members should register to receive the newsletter and ballots.

To assist with updating your information or new registrations, you can cut and paste the following into an email addressed to Joe. Then just arrow down the list providing the needed information. Joe's email address is [joeboling@aol.com](mailto:joeboling@aol.com)

### New Registration information:

Full name used at Itazuke:  
H.S. Graduation class Year:  
Year arrived at Itazuke:  
Year departed Itazuke:  
Title (Mr, Mrs, Col, etc.):  
Full name used today:  
Mailing address:  
City:  
State:  
Zip code:  
Home phone number:  
Work phone number:

Cellular phone number:  
Fax number:  
Email address:  
Spouses name:

This information is private and shall only be used for IAA business.

### **By-Law Amendments - Electronic Ballots**

The Board of Officers recently approved amendments to the IAA By-Laws. Changes include electronic voting for elections and IAA business, identification of members and associate members, the addition of the Reunion Committee, and several administrative issues. The new by-laws are posted on Facebook on the IAA Information and Discussion group site and soon to be on the IAA web site.

Electronic voting represents a change in the way we vote on IAA business. Voting will now be done via an online balloting system. Hopefully, everyone can get online and participate. All that is needed is the same email address we use to distribute the Newsletter. If you get the Newsletter by email, you will get a ballot by email. For those who do not have an email address or would simply prefer, voting can also be by mail, proxy, or in person at the reunion meeting. Please pay attention to future notices in the newsletter if you plan to vote by mail, proxy, or in person because these methods will require manual entry into

the electronic system. Newsletters that are published just before the reunion will include ballot requests and proxy forms which you will have to mail to the Board. The votes will be tallied after the reunion meeting and announced at dinner. It sounds complicated but it is really easy and every member gets to vote.

Nominations for Board Officers and reunion venue will also be done by mail or email prior to the reunion meeting. Deadlines will be set to allow for mailing ballots and proxies to allow time for processing.

The Reunion Committee is hot and heavy on preparations for the 2018 Orlando reunion. We need a little feedback for the committee so I will try to get a survey out soon. I will be out of the country for about a month but I will get it out as soon as I can. Looking forward to seeing everyone, October 4 through 8, 2018.

Bob Clark '64  
bobclark@gmail.com or 903-814-9423

### **2018 REUNION UPDATE**

Our reunion is taking form now and will be held *October 4th – 8th 2018, at Orlando Airport Marriot Lakeside Hotel, in Orlando, Florida.* September 2017, we will be emailing registration forms, posting on Facebook and paying for postage for those who still do not have a email address. **It would save us postage if that information could be sent in a newsletter verses separate snail mail.**

As an incentive the first 50 people that register, for the reunion and hotel will be eligible to win one free night at the hotel.

Hey that is a WIN, WIN for one lucky person. Please DO NOT CALL the hotel prior to October 1, 2017 to register, as they will not be set up for our group.

There are many people that have not attended a reunion in years or possibly ever. Please reach out to your friends, and family and invite them. A personal touch goes a long way. It is a way to rekindle relationships from your youth. Include everyone; we are all too old for clicks.

Instead of a silent auction, perhaps we could have a white elephant event? No money required just your participation and donation. So everyone think of an object (s) or service (s) that connects to the Japanese culture that you can donate for prizes etc. Please let me know.

Jan Bloomer and I met for hours yesterday in Florida discussing options, ideas, timelines, and teamwork. Please let me know via email ([Just2TooNice@aol.com](mailto:Just2TooNice@aol.com)), Denwa (916) 730-4235 or Facebook what the Theme (Music etc) and year was of your prom.

We will update you from time to time on events as we make progress.

See you soon,  
David Gibson ('66)  
Reunion Chair

## **COME SAIL AWAY WITH ITAZUKE HIGH SCHOOL 2017**

The Next IAA Reunion is scheduled for October 2018, Orlando Florida, and if you can't wait that long to see some of your Itazuke Friends, please join us for a Cruise.

We have booked a 5 Day Western Caribbean Cruise with Carnival Lines, 9-14 SEP 2017, out of Galveston Texas. Upon departing Galveston enjoy a Fun Day at Sea with Stops in Cozumel Mexico and Yucatan Mexico. You then will have another Day at Sea prior to arriving back in Galveston.

You should have a current Passport. Also, consider purchasing the Insurance Option.

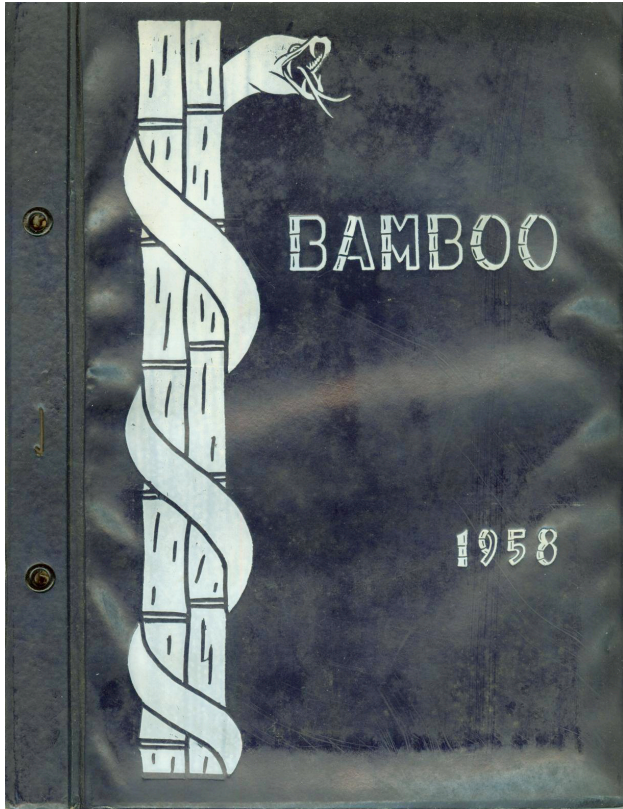
You can make your own Cabin Reservations through our Cruise Planner, Dawn Williams Crowe, 321.505.0213. Please E-Mail Jim Dwyer with Your Cabin Number and Deck Location ([Jim@JimDwyer.com](mailto:Jim@JimDwyer.com)). Should you have any question call Jim 714.425.1317. As of 22 MAR 2017 we have 10 People confirmed with 5 Cabins Reserved.

Don't miss the Fun and Excitement of a Cruise with Your Itazuke Classmates.

Thanks!

Jim Dwyer

## BAMBOO'S ON FACEBOOK



Our webmaster, John O'Brien has taken on a monumental task of reproducing each issue (that we have) of the BAMBOO yearbooks and posting them on our Facebook account. So far you can view editions from 1956, 1957, 1968 and 1970.

To see those uploaded to date, log in to the Itazuke Dependent School Facebook page. Navigate to Photos and select Albums. There are numerous other photos and photo albums where you can reminisce about your time at Itazuke. It's fun to look back on this memorable time in our lives!

## NEW BY-LAWS APPROVED

In March 2017 the IAA Board of Officers unanimously amended the by-laws for the organization. These changes addressed changes to membership, meetings, voting and the addition of proxies, plus formalizing the newly formed Reunion Committee.

### **Minutes of IAA board meeting 24 March 2017**

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Clark at 2018 hours CDT 24 March 2017. The following board members were present via Skype group call: president Clark, VP Jim Dwyer, editor Teresa Green, and secretary Joseph Boling. Treasurer Jeanne Brown was present via landline phone at Clark's location, audible to all through his Skype connection.

The purpose of the meeting was to adopt revised bylaws for the Itazuke Alumni Assn. Draft revisions had been distributed and discussed by email for two months. The third draft was addressed and a handful of minor revisions made during this meeting.

Moved and seconded (Boling/Dwyer) to adopt the revised bylaws as corrected above. Passed unanimously. President Clark said that the new bylaws will be available at the IAA Discussion and Information group on Facebook and on

the IAA website (Itazuke.org) for members to read.

Further discussion centered on administrative matters related to election procedures, proxy and ballot preparation for the next election, and recording of associate member data in the IAA membership database. No further motions were proposed.

The meeting adjourned about 2040 CDT.

### 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**

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that Itazuke Alumni Association has a Facebook page? You can find it by searching for Itazuke Dependents School on FB. 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 484 members in the group! It is

a great way to catch up with people you know from 'Zuke.

### MINI REUNION MOMENTS

A number of alumni met in Houston earlier this year to have an odd-year reunion. Obviously, every other year is just not often enough to stay in touch for some alumni. From reports from attendees, it seemed a lot like our biennial reunion – lots of food, talking about old times, and catching up on each other's lives.

In attendance were the following alumni and spouses:

- Bob Clark ('66) and Diane
- Jimmie Easley ('66)
- Newlyweds Barbara Blevins Yamashita ('68) and Terry Yamashita ('65)
- Nancy Ryan Keeling ('69) and Pete
- Mama Winegarden (parent)
- Gary Whiteley ('66) and Teri
- Fran Nakabayashi Wolf ('66)
- Liz Johnson Marshall ('68) and Jack
- Martha Blevins Black ('65)
- Evie Cowdell Martin ('64) and Ray
- Mary Anderson Baker ('68) and Ed
- Melanie Dell Young ('68)
- Jim Holden ('66) and Lesa
- Bob Martin ('68) and Tina

Nancy Ryan Keeling provided us a run down of the shenanigans at the reunion.



## HOUSTON MINI-REUNION 2017

### CARS

- When I got a buttload of us stuck in the drive thru lane at Jack in the Box on our way to pick Fran up at the airport
- When I miscalculated the number of riders coming back from Bob Martin's farewell party, and Jack Marshall had to ride in the trunk.
- Bob Clark's suburban – when along with his wife, Pete, me, Ed & Mary – loaded up to go to Ray & Evie's party, and a few blocks away the axle started making noises. As soon as Bob veered into a parking lot to investigate, there was this TESTOSTERONE surge as Pete & Ed – elbowed, scrambled & jumped out to give their opinions about the mechanical problem—the way only a bunch of MEN do. Geez, MALE bonding.
- When I asked Jack to unload supplies from COSTCO, and he went around handing each person their own roll of toilet paper.
- Driving Martha to WalMart at 1 a.m. to get ingredients for dessert she planned to make. I learned in Japan shopping is a very GROUNDING activity for Martha. Don't rush Martha. She loves to look. Then finding out she didn't have an oven in her kitchenette.
- Jim Holden treating Fran & Melanie to a shopping spree at Kroger grocery store.
- Jimmie Easley treating all the women to a Reflexology massage.

SONGS

- When Jimmie sang for me in Italian and Liz sang a Japanese lullaby.

KITCHEN

- When my OCD girls—Fran and Jim’s wife Lesa took over and told me to get out. Me coming in later to find that one of these “house elves” had mopped the floor!!

FOOD

- Martha’s éclair cake
- Liz’s crack (editor’s note: I hope she meant crock!)
- Bob’s fish casserole
- Jimmie’s spring rolls
- Nancy’s stir-fried asparagus and marinated carrots
- Making a Yamashita sandwich – Nancy, Terry & Liz.

HUMOR

- Dry, scatological, gross

STORIES - Liz always initiates the BEST dialogues when we have a mini. This time she asked us to share our best & worst events this year.

- Liz & Jack shared their joy of finding Liz’s house in Japan, and then their struggles with her Parkinson’s
- Yamashita’s only had best lovey-dovey events.
- My worst was in December when Pete has a breast cancer scare. My BEST was listening under the stars to this circle of friends as we talked about everything.

Lesla Holden wrote: “I’m not going to name everyone, but I have never felt so welcome and part of the group like y’all have made me feel. Thank you! It was so nice to spend one on one time with all the ladies. I have to mention the “LOVE BIRDS”, Barbara & Terry, congrats! And I am so glad I got to meet Mrs. Winegarden, what a beautiful and energetic woman! Rick was the first one that I had met after me and Jim were married, he is greatly missed! Oh, y’all know me I could go on forever!

But I just wanted to take this chance to tell EVERYONE Thank You for being the nicest and sweetest group of people I have had the privilege to meet and be around. I do have to mention Bob Martin, thanks for letting me in your kitchen to clean up and do dishes! We have to do it again SOON!”

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**REPORTED DECEASED**

The following individuals have been reported to IAA as having passed away since our last newsletter.

- Linda Faye May Cherry ’60
- Pat Pfeiffer (widow of Ted Pfeiffer ’59)
- Miss Jean Westfall teacher ’59-60
- Alvin Miyatake '66
- Jim Sconyers ’61
- Ernie Perkins ’60
- Terrie Lee Wildermuth ’67
- Eddie P. Antoine, II ’64

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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  
Treasurer ..... Jeanne Maxey Brown '61  
Editor/Publisher ..... Teresa Shea Green '69