

ITAZUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Well, it has been one crazy year so far! We hope you all are well and staying out of harm's way. Your IAA Board members have been busy dealing with the "new normal" and determining if/how we would conduct a reunion this year with all the uncertainty. The Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas opened "with modifications" on June 8th and has been very accommodating to our Reunion Committee. Thus, the Board has voted to keep the reunion on the originally planned dates, October 20 through 23. More news on all this below. But do seriously consider coming, and if you have not registered, you will again find the registration form (p7) and other information in this newsletter.

REUNION UPDATES

Itazuke Newsflash of Apr 2020: The IAA Board created an email communication entitled, "Itazuke News Flash," which serves as a means to get important

information to you in a quicker manner. The "Itazuke News Flash" will be emailed by the IAA Board Secretary, Mary Anderson Baker; it does NOT replace the Itazuke Newsletter.

1. The biennial IAA business meeting in Las Vegas will be held at 7PM, Oct 20, 2020, which is the official start date of the reunion. This "News Flash" is being sent now to enable those alumni who plan to attend the meeting to make necessary travel arrangements. We request you arrive promptly to the meeting as we have an hour usage of the room allocated to us. The IAA Board looks forward to seeing all alumni at the meeting.

With online voting implemented, the meeting will go quickly. As the reunion date draws closer an agenda will be posted on Facebook, in an IAA News Flash or in your registration packs.

2. The IAA Registration Desk and Hospitality Suite will be open early on Oct 20th.
3. Committees in need of volunteers will be posting information, please contact the chairperson to volunteer.
4. T-shirts have been designed and are awaiting orders.
5. A bowling “tournament” is planned for Oct 21, 2020 at 1PM in the Orleans Hotel/Casino bowling alley. Cost is \$12.00, including shoes and 3 games. Mary Anderson Baker is handling the sign-up sheet.
6. The current situation the world is in with the Covid-19 pandemic is certainly very serious and we aren't certain what October 2020 will look like, but we have many months before the reunion to make decisions, should it become necessary. We are moving forward....

We hope you will be able to come to the reunion and enjoy yourself! Reunions are an opportunity to rekindle long ago friendships and make new friends too. We look forward to seeing you in October, be positive and be safe.

Facebook Post from Dave Gibson, IAA Vice President and Reunion Committee Liaison on Jun 17, 2020:

Hopefully, this will clarify any confusion from previous notifications and update you on recent changes. The hotel had

been closed and we were waiting for them to reopen and update us on any contractual changes in policy necessitated by the government or the hotel itself. They have made adjustments in the number of people at a table and also are going to serve us individually plated versus buffet style. They will not charge us extra for this service. A survey was taken, which reflected a majority of people who attended in Orlando also plan to attend this Fall in Vegas. So, with the above information, the board has decided to give the green light to the reunion committee to move ahead with planning to make this reunion fun for all. We, your IAA Board recognize your apprehensions but, please be assured that we are still assessing the situation, as is the hotel. You can submit your IAA reunion registration form (p7) and still have the option of cancelling and receive a **full** refund from the reunion up until **September 17, 2020** (Once the reunion committee pays the hotel for meals we are committed to that number). Individual hotel registration can still be cancelled (48 hrs. prior to the start) by **October 18, 2020** without penalties.

Unfortunately, we have had a change in events regarding the band. Gary Kruger the leader will not be able to attend. We will still have at least one night of music along with other activities. We regret having to make these changes at such a late date but the Board and the Reunion committee chose to look at the situation as being a bump in the planning. Maybe those budding musicians among us would like to perform, please contact me

if you wish to do so. We are still contracted for a DJ one night and are discussing our other choices. I assure you we will still have fun both nights with various activities.

Making Reservations

Please do not go online surfing for better deals. Some of the advertised prices do not include a \$35 per day resort fee nor taxes. We have already negotiated a great price.

As a reminder, the quickest way to confirm a reservation is on-line at <http://www.orleanscasino.com/groups>.

This page will ask for the Group Reservation ID or Group Code; please input AIA0C10 (these are zeroes, not the letter O). Your special rates will be available for the contracted dates only. Your guests may also call our Central Reservations Department toll free at 800-675-3267. They will need to reference this same ID: AIA0C10, to receive your special, discounted room rates.

Our reunion is officially from Tuesday Oct 20 through Friday Oct 23 (we will have breakfast on the 23rd). So, unless you want to come early or stay late please reserve your room for the 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

About The Orleans

The Orleans is taking extra precautions to ensure a safe environment including:

- Guest health screenings are being conducted on arrival. All guests are required to wear facial coverings.
- Hand sanitizer is available and complimentary for all guests.
- Guest spaces are cleaned and disinfected multiple times daily with EPA-approved products. This includes: slot machines, chairs, table games, restaurants, kitchens, restrooms, doors, handrails, counters, ATMs, kiosks, and Team Member areas.
- The frequency of air filter replacement and HVAC system cleaning has been increased.
- Slots, table games, and restaurant & bar seating is configured and limited to adhere to social distancing recommendations.
- Guest occupancy limits are followed in retail shops and banquet & meeting spaces.
- COVID-19 training, health screenings, and masks are provided to all Team Members.

For a full description of safety protocols in place at the hotel, you can go to:

https://static.boydgaming.net/boydgaming/media/downloads/344352Fnt_BoydClean_SafetySO_Ps_WEB.pdf

In addition, we have been told by their catering staff that our meals will all be plated, as opposed to buffet style, at no additional cost. Tables will be configured with 8 to a table instead of 12. There will be no valet parking available.

2020 IAA ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 1) The 2020 IAA elections will be conducted beginning on 9/20/2020, in conjunction with and concluding at the reunion business meeting on 10/20/2020.
- 2) IAA elections will be conducted using BallotBin.com, the online balloting system.
- 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 (p9) and ballot request forms (p8) can be found in this 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. A paper ballot will be mailed to you which you may return via mail or at the Business Meeting.
- 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. Ballot items that require discussion may be discussed online or at the Business Meeting.

8) Nominations may be submitted to any Board Officer during the 30-day nomination period between 8/20, and 9/20/2020.

9) Balloting will begin on 9/20/2020, 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 or Board President before 10/13/2020; one week before the reunion business meeting.

11) Balloting shall conclude following compilation of online votes, proxy and mail-in votes, and ballots received at the business meeting on 10/20/2020.

12) Results will be published during the reunion.

13) Nominations must have a first and second, plus acceptance by the nominee.

14) **IMPORTANT:** It is important to understand that any motions or nominations made at the Biennial Business Meeting (at the reunion) will be added to the next ballot, probably in 2022. Voting will be done by ballot only. There will be no verbal voting as at past reunions.

IAA BOARD MEETINGS

Your IAA Board has held several meetings over the course of this year to keep abreast of the changing situation. One of those changes is that we have conducted our meetings by Zoom fairly successfully. (Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks?!) The full minutes are too long to include in this newsletter so I will just hit the high points.

Feb 20, 2020: The Board approved having a bowling tournament as part of the reunion and also to allow the selling of 50/50 raffle tickets by the Reunion Committee. We also approved allowing the IAA Secretary to email "Itazuke Newsflashes" to disseminate important time-sensitive information in lieu of a newsletter. Recognizing the valuable memorabilia that we all enjoy at reunions, we agreed to ask Joe Boling to serve as the IAA Historian. He has graciously accepted the role. We voted to discontinue the Celebration of Life and Mary Jo Award. And finally, the Board changed the IAA By-Laws to allow voting to be recorded by electronic mail.

Jun 4, 2020: The Board approved changes to Article 5 Section 5 of the IAA By-Laws to clarify the use of a Reunion bank account; added an Article 5 Section 7 to clarify the two bank accounts used by IAA. We agreed that the Board does not need to vote each reunion to have a 50/50 raffle. The Reunion Committee can decide, **as long as it is legal in the state where the reunion is held.** The Board also approved using a Bulk Mail program

to send out the Itazuke Newsflashes and the Newsletter. The IAA Secretary will determine which free program works best for this purpose.

Jun 9, 2020: The Board approved to continue with the IAA Reunion as scheduled in Las Vegas after hearing of the steps the hotel has taken to mitigate risk of COVID-19, and ease our financial obligations regarding room reservations, or cancellations. President Bob Clark polled the current IAA Board members on whether they would run for re-election for the next two years. All current Board members agreed to run again.

ITAZUKE ALUMNI COOKBOOK

Jan Gilliland Wells ('64) and Patti Paine Johnson ('64) thought it would be a fun thing to create a cookbook with recipes from all who would like to contribute. The idea is that they would collect your favorite recipes and compile them into a document and then publish it at no cost to the IAA. It could be made available on our Facebook page so members could download it. Jan would appreciate someone with excellent grammar, punctuation and spelling skills to assist her as an editor.

Jan says, "The process would be: submit your recipe in a Word document attachment; no PDFs; no body of an email. My editor and I will review; I will cut, paste and format your recipe and return to you in PDF format to proof read one last time. Separating cookbook into sections is TBD. If you would like to add doodles and free clip art to your page,

please do so, but make certain it is in black and white. I would appreciate any suggestions as we work our way through our very first recipe book! Send recipes to Jan at itazukecookbook@yahoo.com.

REMINDERS

We will be having another silent auction at the reunion. Many alumni love this as it provides them an opportunity to acquire things from Japan and another time in their life. For those downsizing, it is a great way to pass on some of your Japanese memorabilia while raising some money for the IAA. Questions or coordination of donations should be directed to Melanie Dell Young ('68) by email: mellieruth@yahoo.com.



There will also be a drawing for this beautiful quilt that Pam Shupe Lyden ('74) has made. You will be able to buy

tickets for this drawing at the reunion for a chance to have this quilt for your very own. Ticket prices have not been established at this time.

REMEMBRANCES

Melanie Dell Young informed us that her brother, Tommy Dell, Class of '70, passed away from colon cancer 11/19/19. They were at Itazuke 7/65-7/67. Steve Dell (Melanie's oldest brother) also passed away June 24, 2020 (he went to the university in Tokyo).

Pam Rothwell Sansom, Class of '68 passed away March 11, 2020.

Carole Coady, Class of '63 passed away March 2020.

John O'Brien reported a death notification of Natalie Hume, Class of '60, who passed away Dec 2, 2011.

And we got a nice email from Martha Z. Ash, the sister of Nancy Zielinski Keller (Class of '64) who said, "I was wondering how to get in touch with ya'll when today I found the Itazuke Alumni newsletter. Unfortunately, it's with much sadness to tell you that Nancy passed away about a year ago on Dec. 31, 2018 from cancer. This Association was very dear to her heart...thank all of you who have kept this going for so many years...you have been greatly appreciated." ❤️

We send our sympathy out to friends and families of those remembered.

Itazuke Alumni Association Reunion Registration Form Las Vegas, Nevada – October 20-23, 2020

Full Registration includes Hospitality Room beginning on Tuesday evening, Social Gathering & Games on Wednesday evening, Banquet Dinner on Thursday evening, and Friday morning Continental Breakfast.

Itazuke attendee name _____

Name used at Itazuke _____

Graduation class year _____ Years at Itazuke from _____ to _____ Please include an old school photo.

Spouse or adult guest _____

Children (under 12 years) and ages _____

Additional Guests _____

Mailing address: Name _____ Email _____

Street address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Phone _____

Registration Fees per Adult (Alum, Spouse, or Guest)

Prior to August 01, 2020 _____ persons X \$165 = \$ _____

After August 01, 2020 prior to October 01, 2020 _____ persons X \$180 = \$ _____

After October 01, 2020 _____ X \$195 per person = \$ _____

Wednesday Night Social and Meal ticket for additional guests (adult) _____ @ \$50 each _____

Thursday evening Banquet and Meal ticket for additional guests (adult) _____ @ \$80 each _____

Friday Morning Breakfast Buffet for additional guests (adult) _____ @ \$35 each \$ _____

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

*Absolutely no refunds after September 17, 2020, due to hotel commitments.

**Meal tickets for children (12 and under) upon request.

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

Photographs: Please enclose your Itazuke era photo if available.

Pickup at the reunion: Order now. Please enter number desired for each size:

_____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL @ \$20 each

_____ XXL _____ XXXL @ \$25 each

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 an \$8 shipping fee for each T-shirt. Fill in the number and sizes above and complete your address information.

T-shirt orders must be received prior to October 1, 2020.

Ship to: Name and Address _____

Questions about registration? Email Jan Bloomer at jbuzzy45@gmail.com

Make check payable to: IAA or Itazuke Alumni Association

Mail this form with check to: Jan Bloomer, IAA Treasurer, 215 Willow Ave, Merritt Island, FL 32953

ITAZUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BALLOT REQUEST

(Please note, this form is not required if you are currently registered with IAA.)

This is a request for a ballot so I may vote in the 2020 IAA election and reunion venue selection. I understand that voting will be open from September 20, 2020, until the conclusion of the IAA business meeting on October 20, 2018. I certify that I am a member of the IAA or that I have included verifiable personal information for submission to the IAA Secretary as required for membership. I understand that dues are optional and not required to be a voting member of the IAA.

Mail Ballot request to: Robert Clark, 301 N. Bailey Street Hobart OK 73651.

I am requesting to vote by the following means:

By electronic ballot via Ballot Bin and I request that I receive my ballot instructions via my email address. (You will receive this ballot automatically if you are currently registered with IAA.)

By paper ballot via US Postal Service. I understand that my ballot must be received by an IAA board member prior to October 13, 2020.

By paper ballot at the IAA business meeting on October 20, 2020.

By paper ballot delivered by my proxy at the IAA business meeting on October 20, 2020. I have included my signed Proxy form which authorizes someone else to vote for me.

By other means (requires IAA board approval): _____

NAME:

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER:

YEARS YOU ATTENDED SCHOOL AT ITAZUKE:

GRADUATION YEAR OR CLASS:

Date: _____

To Board of Officers:

I hereby authorize _____ as proxy holder for the
Itazuke Alumni Association Business Meeting, Saturday, October 20, 2020,

to vote our interest, or refrain from voting, on any matters brought before the
membership or Board of Officers as he/she deems appropriate, or,

to cast my vote according to the attached written instructions.

Said voting may be conducted electronically.

Sincerely

Printed Name

Signature

Approval

**Itazuke Alumni Association
405 Hill St.
Capitola, CA 95010-3604**

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 2019 – 2020

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