



Messages from our Officers

Well it is raining as usual in Florida and some hail at times. Moving towards summer so I hope all of you will do something special in the upcoming months. Today a song came on the radio from the 60s called Live For Today by the Grass Roots... Then I thought of the song My Generation and the words hope I die before I get old and I laugh. Music can easily take me back in time and that is what I love about our interchanges with each other on Facebook and especially reunions.

A few weeks back I was on the internet and came across a female named Alice Hess. First thing came to mind was a friend Ken Hess at Itazuke. He was there 1962-1964. Realizing most women with children no longer go by their maiden name, I pondered what the odds would be that she could be the daughter of Ken.. Although an extreme long shot I sent her a message and asked if she knew Ken Hess and she replied back that he is her Father.. He is an artist living in Orlando Florida. Anyhow, although Ken does not seem to to social media, Alice has now joined our Itazuke Dependents School Group. I love it when a large world suddenly becomes small.

People are already working on planning our 2024 reunion in Columbus Georgia. Ironically I was born at Ft Benning (Now renamed Ft Moore) so I guess I will visit in while we are at the 2024 reunion. They have a large military museum there which I would like to see. Hope to see many of you there...

As most of you know, we did away with dues for membership of IAA and replaced it with a donation month which is coming up soon. I will let one of the other board members share those details..

Respectfully,
David Chenie Gibson IAA President

Heads up ... As David Gibson mentioned, the IAA mandatory dues were stopped several years ago. To minimize confusion throughout the year, the Board decided to designate the month of July as the time for anyone choosing to send donations of any amount. Please send checks Payable to IAA, and mail to Teresa Green, IAA Treasurer, 405 Hill St, Capitola, CA 95010-3604. **Remember to make checks payable to IAA and send them to the IAA Treasurer, Teresa Green.** Alternately, for those with accounts, funds can be transferred via PayPal or Zelle. Send to our IAA email address: itazukealumni@gmail.com. On all donations, please ensure you identify yourself so we can recognize your contribution.

Respectfully,
Tersea Shey Green

Hey Dad,

Do you know how to get a Squirrel out of a tree?



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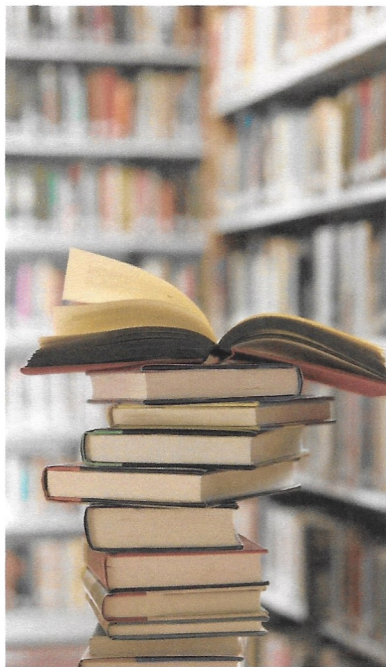
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Reunion
- Reports
- Remembrances
- Members Highlighted



E.J. Brown

We knew E.J. Brown as Errol while at Itazuke. He was always the friendly guy with a big memorable smile. He currently lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he has raised two children. Spending time with his children and 7 granddaughters along with camping, hiking, traveling, recording, singing, and performing live gigs are some of the fun things he likes to do.



Newly Married: Ron Williams and Cindy Day-Hair.

He was born in Waynesboro, Georgia and has 15 brothers and sisters! WOW! His natural father Charlie (Chinee) Johnson was a truck driver in the Army, and his stepfather (Israel McNair) was in Missile maintenance and an MWR specialist. Many of you might know Israel McNair because he was in a very popular band called the Dynamics while at Itazuke.

As a military dependent they lived at Vandenberg AFB-CA, Malstrom AFB, Great Falls-Montana, Itazuke AFB-Japan ('67-'71) and Dover AFB -Delaware where he graduated from high school in 1973 @ Dover Air. After high school, he joined the Air Force and traveled to several locations worldwide until 1992. His current occupation is with Allstate with an anticipated retirement date of July 31, 2023! He will have more time to pursue his love of music with his band called "Black, White, Blues Band". He also enjoys recording songs with various instruments in his home studio. Creating and writing his own music is a favorite pastime. Here is a portion of his bio that is used when securing gigs in the Cheyenne area:

"As an active member of approximately 15 bands, he has had the opportunity to play many styles of music including Funk, R&B, Jazz, Rock, and Blues. Some of the people E.J. has had the good fortune to work with are Pam Grier, Freda Payne, Dan Haggerty, Harry Blackstone and Tadoo from "Fantasy Island".

His bands have been opening acts for internationally known groups such as "Blood Sweat and Tears" and have also played for Gene Chandler, Tommy Roe and most recently, Sonny Geraci of the 60's group The Outsiders.

"After awhile I quit listening to folks telling me what I can't do. All that does is motivate me to do it."
Dusty Baker, 73 of the Houston Astros, who won his first World Series as Manager.

You pull down your pants and show them your nuts!

Courtesy of 8 year old Tyler





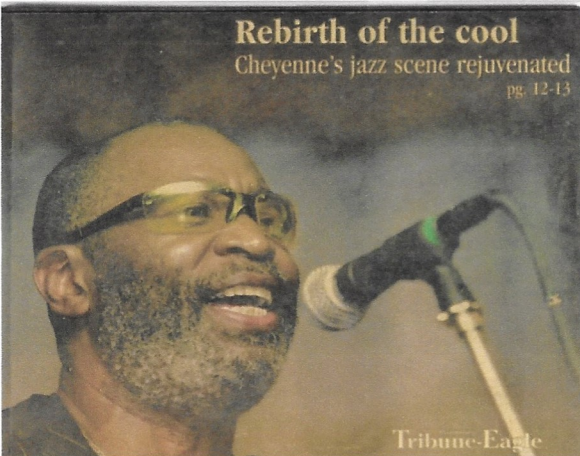
The Black, White, Blues Band, E.J.'s most recent project, has become very popular in and around Cheyenne with their unique blend of Jazz and Rock, combined with just the right mixture of 'Funk, Soul and down-home Blues.'

Out of all the places he has lived, Itazuke holds a very special place in his heart. These are his exact words about living in Japan:

"My favorite memories of Itazuke was being in the presence of an over abundant amount of beautiful and talented people of all nationalities. It was the best experience of my life, and I wouldn't trade it for nothing in the world. A great environment for the arts, specifically the music industry. At 12 years old I was a professional musician playing on top of Japanese high-rise buildings, on Japanese TV, and touring with famous comedians etc. Our band was one of the best teen bands on the island. We were called the "Inferno". The interesting fact about our band is our guitar player and leader of the band is, the great Jamie Moses of the band "Queen" and a host of other professional musicians in the industry. Google him!! My dad had a military band that was number one throughout the Far East: They were called the "Dynamics Band", my mentors! In essence, music permeated my entire life. My experiences in Japan were extraordinarily amazing for the most part and I still carry the values, morals, music, friends & family in my heart to this day."

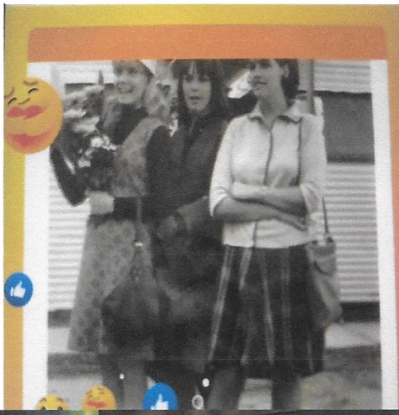


We wish E.J. the best as he ventures into retirement and spends more time with family and his love of music.



Remembrances:
William Foster Brashwell
DOD 1/31/23
Class of 1964

Guess Who It Is?



This Profile is unlike any other. I have known this person for 57 years, and I am not old, how can 69 be old?

When we first met it was through another close friend and High School where we were all forced to go and like one another or not. Over the years we have met again, and lost contact then reunited again.

This person was younger than I was and more sensitive to my personality than any other. Later in life I found that I was too factual and the words I said came out mean or, so it was thought to be. Or it was taken out of context.

But our friendship has held the hand of time.

This person graduated in 1968 at Itazuke as many of us did. The move back stateside brought the family to Montana. We got jobs, went to school, or got married, and joined the military (some of us just dropped out). This person did three, jobs, school, and marriage. The parents retired, however with the military blood beneath her feet, she traveled worldwide with her husband and 3 (yes three) children. Crazy huh, three children? If the military taught me anything it was less is better, but some people just don't get the message. When they decided to retire from the military, they moved right back to the Northwestern part of the United States. Where she continued to work at the local military base until she decided to TOTALLY retire. She and husband bought a home and a motor home so they could continue to travel. She is a grandmother times 3. She is not a boastful person and if she was in a crowd you may not notice her unless someone announced who she was. If you want more dirt, just ask her, she may tell you. She has a big heart and often takes on more responsibility than most of us would find manageable. She is a perfectionist!

Has anyone guessed to whom I am speaking of???

She has continued to be apart of IAA since 1987 and in the past several years has taken on a vital part of IAA. Who is she???

She is our very own Mary Anderson Baker, Secretary of IAA. Actually, it was not just the two of us, oh no it was the three of us, Mary Anderson Baker, Melanie Dell Young and me, Jan (Janice) Arbuckle Bloomer. So, see how the 3 (three) got embedded in her brain. So, this is an attestation that friendship lasts a lifetime, we are still friends, and we are all females.

Written by Jan Bloomer:

PS Yes, Dave I do shave my legs now, maybe every two weeks, maybe!

- How do Eskimos fix broken dishes? With igloo.
- Why did the belt go to jail? It held up a pair of pants.
- What's the downside to birthdays? Too many will kill you.
- What do you call a rude cow? Beef jerky.

WHY DO GOLFERS ALWAYS HAVE AN EXTRA PAIR OF PANTS? IN CASE THEY GET A HOLE IN ONE.

- Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Summer wasn't bad either.
- Why shouldn't you argue with a dinosaur? You'll get jurasskicked.
- What do you call a dad who falls through the ice? A pop-sicle.

WHO IS SANDY WILDERMUTH CLEMENT?

I know Sandy as one of my very best friends at Itazuke Air Base, Japan 1965-68. Sandy and I met in our sophomore year at Itazuke Dependents School. She was blonde, blue eyed, tall and most of all a good friend. Like most BRATS who lived in many places for a short period of time we savored our experiences, good and not so good, as we followed our military parent around the world and back again.

Sandy was born in Marietta, Ohio on August 13, 1950, where she joined her older sister, Terrie (IHS Class of '67), now deceased. Sandy has two much younger siblings, Debbie, was in grade school at IDS and Robert was a toddler.

The Wildermuth's arrived in Japan from Dallas, TX. Sandy enjoyed their 3 years at Itazuke and, like many of us, wasn't quite ready to go back to the "Land of the Big BX."

During her three years at Itazuke Sandy belonged to a few clubs at IDS; such as the Junior Red Cross and in her junior year she, along with Janice Arbuckle (Bloomer), went to the annual Red Cross Asia Convention at Oiso Academy. She thoroughly enjoyed that experience. One of Sandy's memories of IDS was the music teacher we had; I am pretty sure she is referring to Mr. Larry Retzack who was quite an interesting guy. Home Economics was one of her favorite classes too, undoubtedly Ms. Cathy Blocker was the teacher.

Sandy also was a cheerleader for the Itazuke AF football team (one of two teams; COMM or Group). She babysat quite a bit around the area of the base she lived in. Sandy also worked at the base library and at the Continuing Education Office as a secretary/clerk. However, like most teenagers at Itazuke, she spent most of her earnings on "vinyl" record albums which she wishes she had kept.

Like just about every teenager on Itazuke Air Base she loved going to the "Green Wave" cafeteria and meeting with all her friends. It was the "hang out" and a place to meet with our friends and make new friends.

Going back to the States for most of us was quite a culture shock! Sandy's dad was assigned to the Pentagon in 1968. She and Terrie shared an apartment and started college at the University of Maryland. Sandy moved to Tampa, Florida and transferred to the University of South Florida, graduating in 1973. That same year Sandy married her college boyfriend and moved to Miami. They were married for 7 years with no kids and decided to divorce. She currently lives in Clearwater, Florida.

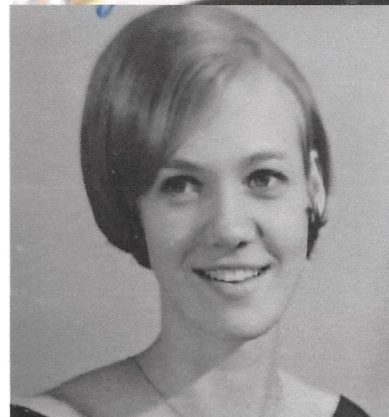
Looking forward to seeing you, Sandy, at the Georgia IAA reunion! We have a lot to catch up on after 50 plus years!

Written by Mary Anderson Baker

REUNION UPDATE

The IHS reunion is scheduled for October 1-2, 2024 in uptown Columbus, Ga. Tues, Wed. and Complimentary breakfast on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there.

We need volunteers to serve on our reunion committees. However, at this time we are looking for Committee Chairs to include; Registration Committee, Silent Auction Committee, Entertainment/ Photo Committee, Hospitality Committee, Raffle Com-



FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM ITAZUKE-Alumni Luncheon April 1, 2023 Orlando, Florida

While we enjoyed one another's company and conversation I asked what was some of the favorite memories each would like to share.

- Nancy Jones Russ – Hanging out at the Teen Club and Monkey Mountain.
- John Fowler -Meetings with VERN Kempton about graduation. (He needs to share that at a reunion)
- Steve Gibson – Playing Little League baseball.
- Monty (Robbie) Robinson – Having a dream of meeting an amazing woman.... Learning to play the guitar and Playing with the band “Chevelles.”
- Mary Farmer Brown – Competition Swimming
- Nancy Trout – K Bar Shopping
- Barry Trout – Dazaifu
- Fred Thomas – Teen Club and Vanilla Shakes and French Fries served at the Teen Club
- Dolores Thomas – Her parents always winning the contests at the Officers Club
- Sandy Wildermuth Clements – GreenWave, Library and Cheerleading
- Richard Hearver – Taking SNAKES to school and his teachers allowing him to release them on the school property. (Catch and Release ONLY IN FISHING, GUESS NOT)
- Jan Arbuckle Bloomer - Cheerleading, traveling to Tokyo, People (Alumni and GI's)



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