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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/when 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 Aug 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.

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USE FORM ON PAGE 6 TO UPDATE YOUR DATA IN THE IAA DATABASE

Ballots were sent to all active members (524) in the IAA database – most by email, and a few by regular mail. Balloting opened on October 9th and closed on November 9th. During that time, 95 members (18%) voted. We then conducted our Biennial business meeting with Zoom on November 11th, where we shared the results of the election. Results of the voting were:

President	Dave Gibson ('66)
Vice President	Monty (Robbie) Robinson ('69)
Treasurer	Janice Arbuckle Bloomer ('67)
Secretary	Mary Anderson Baker ('68)
Newsletter Editor	Teresa Shea Green ('69)
Reunion Venue '22'	Seattle
Board Liaison?	Yes

  We had no incidents of election fraud reported!  

At the Business meeting, Robbie Robinson volunteered to be the member of the Board who will act as the liaison to the Reunion Committee. Thanks to Robbie for stepping up for this.

2022 Reunion

The Board approved the Reunion Committee members. Barbara Blevins Morris-Yamashita ('68), Terry Yamashita ('65) and Matt Kohler ('66) have volunteered to conduct the IAA Reunion in 2022. Originally, it was to be held in Seattle, but the Reunion Committee asked that it be changed to Las Vegas again so we could capitalize on the work that had already been done for the 2020 reunion. The Board agreed to this change in venue.



Reservations can be made directly at (800) 675-3267. Be sure to use the IAA Group ID: **AIA2C10** when you make your reservations. Room rates will be:

- Mon thru Thu \$40 per room
- Fri , Sat, Sun \$79 per room

Terry Yamashita says, “A registration form will be put out later this summer along with more information about the reunion and also I will be asking for

volunteers to help out for different committees. Hopefully we can get some of you who were working with a committee for the 2020 reunion to volunteer again and make it easier to carry everything you had done over to 2022.”

Several alumni expressed a desire to have the reunion in 2021 instead of next year, as they did not want to wait another year to see their friends. This idea had lots of merit and was discussed vigorously. Ultimately, there was not enough confidence that 2021 would be significantly improved to set this effort in motion. So it was decided that the official Biennial IAA Reunion will remain in 2022 in Las Vegas, NV.

Having decided that, the Board also wanted to suggest a couple of options for those of you who do not want to wait.

1. You can organize your own mini-reunions with a few of your best friends. This has been done several times in the past, and is a way to get together on a smaller scale than the official reunion. It takes minimal planning and still lets you catch up on what’s been happening with them.
2. A group of you could join on your own the Overseas Brats reunion in 2021. You may recall we actually had the IAA Reunion with that organization in Colorado Springs, CO in 2016. This year Overseas Brats is hopeful to have a San Antonio Gathering October 28 – 31, 2021. Our understanding is that anyone can sign up for the gathering without needing to be a member of Overseas Brats. If you are interested in this option, continue to follow their decisions on their website www.overseasbrats.com.

By-Laws Revisions

The Board has continued to tweak the IAA By-Laws to make them more readable and to capture our changing environment for meetings, voting, and reunions. Here are some of the significant changes.

- Clarified that IAA is a corporation registered in Nevada, that we maintain a physical address there, and a registered agent who files our corporate tax filings and documents.
- Membership will lapse if we can no longer contact a member by postal or electronic mail, or by telephone.

- Removed election voting at the reunion business meeting. Voting will be opened online and completed prior to the meeting.
- Clarified Secretary and Editor roles in newsletter mailings.
- Modified Reunion Committee to be 2-3 people instead of 5-10. They then choose committee support personnel. Incorporated communication between the Reunion Committee and the new Board Liaison. Identified that committee acts as an extension of the Board but is independent of it.
- Removed the sentence that stated the Reunion Treasurer maintains the Reunion Bank Account until the next reunion. The IAA Treasurer monitors that account.
- Added that electronic balloting can be voted and approved by the Board of Officers. This can be done prior to the next business meeting if necessary.
- Specifies that electronic voting by email is valid.
- Changes Proxy Voting so it is only valid for the meeting it is intended for, rather than for 11 months.

The latest By-Laws have been uploaded to the Itazuke Dependents School Facebook page. Look under the Files section.

IAA Database

This is a reminder that the official IAA Database is maintained by our Secretary, Mary Anderson Baker. To keep it viable, she needs your input when there are changes. To that effect, she has a form for people to fill out to provide their current personal information.

Keep in mind that the membership in IAA is not the same as membership to our Facebook page. Membership in IAA is governed by our By-Laws which state that in order to join the association, a person would be expected to be a former student, faculty member, or employee of Itazuke Dependents School. Facebook membership is more open to those who have ties to Itazuke, but perhaps did not attend school there. Facebook membership does not automatically register a person as an IAA Alumni Association member. You have to fill out the above

form to become a member of the association. This form is also available electronically on the Itazuke Dependents School Facebook page, under the Files section.

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INITIATE/UPDATE IAA MEMBERSHIP and CONTACT INFORMATION

This form is used to UPDATE your contact information or ADD a new registration. Please email or send via regular mail to the IAA Secretary, Mary Anderson Baker, at: chapperb1@gmail.com or: 3001 Pheasant Street, Cheney, WA 99004.

Full name at Itazuke: _____

Graduating class year: _____

Graduate IHS?: ____ YES/NO ____

Year arrived at Itazuke: _____

Year departed Itazuke: _____

Current full name (if different from name used at Itazuke):

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home _____ Cell

Spouse/Significant Other: _____

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

** Do you wish to give permission to the IAA Secretary to release your contact information to other IAA members? YES ____ NO ____

****Please be aware if we cannot reach you, after several attempts, by phone, email or US mail you will be removed from the IAA database.*

REMEMBRANCES

Sadly, we have heard about or lost so many members of the IAA in the past 9 months. We send our sympathy out to friends and families of those remembered.

- Mary Anderson Baker passes this along: “Received a very nice email from the daughter of the young black man in this picture. The young man is Eddie Antoine who was in the Itazuke HS class of '64 but did not graduate at Itazuke. Eddie's dad PCS'd back to the USA in '63. This picture is of the Letterman Club at IHS. Anyway, his daughter, Aerica Williams, asked me if his picture could be posted in a newsletter at some point. I did a little research, via Facebook, Eddie's page is still open and he was friend to many of our alumni. Eddie passed in 2016 and attended the reunion in San Antonio in 2012.



- Dave Gibson reported: “This is one of those rare moments in life that words do not come easy for me.. We have lost one of our alumni family today July 23, 2020. Terry Shupe (’71) the brother of Pam Shupe Lyden has passed. He was in elementary school for a while in Japan but again at Itazuke High School from 1967-1971 where he graduated.”
- From Gregg Templin: “It is with much sadness I report my big brother Bruce passed away Saturday 25 July 2020 at the age of 72. We were at Itazuke from 1960-63. His graduate year was 66.”
- From George Doty: “Some of you may have known my older brother, Erceal Doty. His HS graduation year was 1965 and attended Itazuke schools in 1959-1962. He passed in 2012 after retirement from GTE, living in the Denton, Texas area. We thoroughly enjoyed our three years at Itazuke and I would go back in a heartbeat.”
- Obituary Tell City, Indiana: Steven Anthony “Tony” Scarpa, 71, passed away August 29, 2020 at his home. He was born in Evansville, Indiana on August 17, 1949, son of the late Joseph and Mary Jo (Bender) Scarpa. Also preceding him in death was his son, Joseph Scarpa and brother Michael Scarpa. While his father was in the Army, Tony graduated from Ekajamoka High School in Japan. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era, where he earned a degree in culinary arts. Tony retired from The Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis where he was a chef. He enjoyed fishing, riding his Victory King Pin motorcycle, cooking, and was as a collector.... of everything. (*Editor’s Note: I believe the obituary is wrong. Our database shows he graduated from Itazuke H.S. in 1969.*)
- From Barbara Manning Floto: “My lifelong forever friend, Susan Buchanan (’64) passed away from Cancer July 9, 2020 age 74. Our friendship of 60 years was a blessing in my life. I share this with our Itazuke Group as many of you would remember how splendid a human being Susan was and shared the joy of living at Itazuke from 1960-64. I will love and miss her always.”
- From Hope Smith Matthews: “Our father, Chaplain Don Smith, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2020, in South Texas. We lived at Itazuke from 1965-68. Faith, Hope and Mark Smith.”

- I was just checking my mom's gmail account for any other bills and noticed your email. Carole Coady Faulkner ('63) passed away on March 10th (cancer). It was quick, she passed 3 weeks after diagnosis. Her son, Tim Faulkner
- Regret to inform you that Barbara Manning Floto passed away early October .. IHS graduate 1964 .. I haven't heard from her in days so unlike her, phone cut off with one ring, no messages answered from FB, I called her assisted living in reno and they sent me an E-mail notifying me of her death.. She has a daughter Annie and son Joey that both live in Reno, but I have no idea how to reach them .. If anyone has their phone numbers and or information please notify me on my FB message .. Thank You Dee Kottal
- From Lumi Louden on Facebook: I have sad news to report...Ken Tamura ('70) passed away on Dec 31, 2020. I have no details but just read about his passing in a comment on one of his albums, Light Ace, from 1981 but rediscovered last year. Sweet album. I was sad to discover his works only afterwards. RIP Ken.
- And from me: I am so sad to tell you that my younger brother Michael Shea ('70) passed away on Jan 11, 2021. He had fought through a second round of chemo and radiation for lung cancer this time, but in his weakened state got pneumonia and could not battle it. I will always remember the great times he and I had at Itazuke and his wonderful humor. His absence will always be felt.

Thanks to everyone who provided information on those who have passed away. We try to keep our database up-to-date and this data is valuable to us. Please let us know if we have omitted anyone.

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Our hearts can't forget!**

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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.
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