



Messages from our Officers

Dear IAA members,

As we enter the holiday season, on behalf of the current IAA board I sincerely wish all of you good health and happiness.

We seem to have a few people considering hosting our next reunion. In the past the board created a guideline for reunion hosts. Honestly, in my opinion the will to be open-minded, determined and listen to suggestions is important. At one time it seemed each reunion committee often reinvented the wheel and found some tasks overwhelming. Thus, I always encourage those hosting prior reunions to offer suggestions. If one of you decides to take on the task of hosting, I will support you all the way.

As attendance drops (for reasons of health and other issues) hotel activities can add up because hotels make money not just by renting individual rooms but also by charging for the rooms in which people have group activities. Creative thinking can produce ideas for community or smaller activities. The bowling tournament at the recent reunion is an example. For those that did not attend it did not cost others anything. One of my military groups always gives individuals options for local events be it touring a facility or even a local comedy show.

Our members are not growing any younger and often simple things such as the distance they have to walk can impact some significantly. With age many in our group have become diabetic so I would recommend also providing a variety of diet beverages, when possible, in hospitality suites. It is important that individuals offer suggestions but not make demands on those that have taken on the responsibility of hosting. Regardless of which path we take regarding future reunions (whether to hire others to plan, whether to merge with another organization such as Over Seas Brats, or to have our independently planned events), your individual creativity will be important.

Please laugh with me when I say some things on paper that might not work out. Somebody in the past had suggested a game of musical chairs, which seemed like a great idea for fun to some. Then I pointed out how injuries could easily occur when you have a bunch of senior citizens physically diving for chairs. :)

Respectfully,

David Chenie Gibson, IAA President

TREASURER REPORT 11/02/22

REUNION ACCOUNT

10/31/22 Ending balance \$5,246.25 (Approx profit of \$1500.00) With several checks to clear. Then the Reunion Account will be finalized. Reported by the Reunion Treasurer and IAA Treasurer

.SAVINGS ACCOUNT/OPERATING ACCOUNT

10/31/22

Ending balance \$10,110.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Green,

IAA Treasurer

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"I'd let you talk more, but you're not as interesting as me."



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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WHO IS JOE BOLING, PAST IAA SECRETARY AND

NEWSLETTER EDITOR???



"I would say my greatest accomplishments would be becoming a recognized specialist"

QUESTION:

Why were dancers in the '70s always sick ??????

Joseph Boling

My family was comprised of six children, Jack, Judy, Joe, Jean, Jim, John, we went to Itazuke in 1957 when I was just a sophomore. We lived in a rental in Kasugabaru, initially (1-2 months) and then moved to a larger house in Takamiya. My father was an OSI Agent, and our family was discouraged about socializing with other families who might later be involved with an investigation. Our family rotated back to the US in 1960 after I graduated. Jean finished her Senior year in Lompoc, Calif, where Dad was stationed at Vandenberg AFB. In the meantime, I went off to College at MIT. The family continued to travel to Europe until 1967 when my father retired at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon. I graduated from MIT in 1967 at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon. My degree was in materials science (semiconductors, super plasticity, and so forth), I have never worked in this field. In 1973, I received an MBA from the University of Washington, with dual majors in IT and administrative theory/organizational behavior. The Army made me an ADP specialist, also known Human Resources Specialist in layman's terms. I stayed on at UW for three years teaching ROTC and studying Japanese language and history. Based on that the Army also made me a Japan foreign area specialist. 1964, the day before I graduated MIT I married Louise, we divorced and remarried in 2005, now we are in our 17th year together. We have 3 children all in their 50's, Margaret (Indiana), David (New Mexico), Evan (Virginia). My military career ended during the post-Desert Storm drawdown. I do stay active by exercising daily. Louise and I continue to travel several weeks a year to numismatic conventions, to visit family, and to vacation. We also have attended many theatrical performances since 1998, seeing over 425 performances a year at my peak (2002-2003), and writing commentaries on all of them. We now are presently seeing 70-75 performances per year. Before the pandemic we were gone ten-fifteen weekends a year (usually 3-4 days each of those weekends). We are down too fewer, but if we can drive, we will be putting 15-25000 miles a year on our cars. Again, he says he is retired from many officer positions, and takes on new ones only reluctantly.

I would say my greatest accomplishments would be becoming a recognized specialist in two narrow aspects of numismatics - Japan and counterfeit paper. Professionally it would have to be achieving the grade of colonel. Developmentally, it would be learning how to love somebody else. I did not get much perceived love as a kid, and it took me a long time to learn how to do it as an adult.

Joe Boling and Quida Rendelman Pfeiffer



Melanie Dell Young





Faces and Facts Inside the Nazi Operation Bernhard Scheme

Continue Joe Boling

I still write books and edit books on numismatics. I teach paper money counterfeit detection two weeks a year in Colorado and now over Zoom, every few months.

I have been a columnist or newsletter editor for several publications. Most recently *Forging Secrets: Faces and Facts Inside the Nazi Operation Bernhard Scheme*.

It was published in August 2022. Op Bernhard was the German counterfeiting of Bank of England notes from £5 to £50 - millions of them. In the end they did not use them to try to bring down the British economy - they spent them (but many ended up at the bottom of an Austrian lake - they did not have time to spend all of them). Unfortunately, he sees the IAA as a withering organization. We have not added any new members for fifty years, unlike schools that continue in existence or only recently were closed. I see at best only ten more years of activity for the IAA. However, he enjoys the camaraderie of IAA and encourages all IAA members to do so, while they can.

He recently turned 80, and when his mother turned 80 Joe consciously designated her as an old woman. He thinks he is entering the door of old age. With all the things he still does and the travel he and Louise continues to do, the Itazuke Alumni doubt he is old, just entering a new phase of his life.

He failed to mention he was a long time Secretary and Newsletter Editor and now the Historian of IAA. He is one of the pillars that have stood the length of time for IAA.

We want to thank Joe Boling for allowing us to highlight him in this issue of our

Newsletter. Submitted: Jan Bloomer

IAA 2022 REUNION

How is a reunion "jump started" after four years of not having one? First you have a Reunion Committee made up of volunteers to get the "show on the road!" The 2022 Reunion Committee leaders were Terry Yamashita, Barbara Yamashita and Matsuo Kohler and their various committee chairpersons, as well as many others who stepped up to help the committees. These volunteers are the "heroes" of the Itazuke Alumni Association.

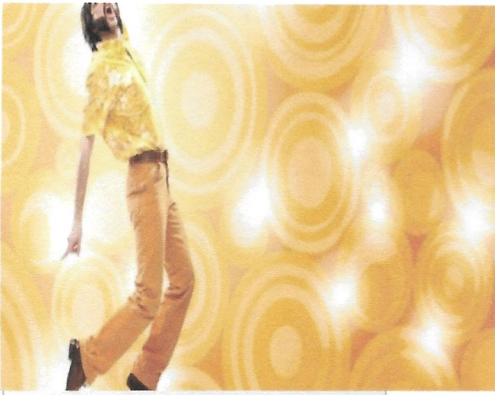
The reunion started on Tuesday, Sept 27th but many of our alumni started arriving a few days prior to the official start. Since many of us had not been mingling much with others, due to the pandemic, for nearly two years we were ready to start mingling a bit more. About 80 plus Itazuke Alumni Association members, including some friends and family members, gathered at the Orleans Casino and Hotel, a facility with many amenities, as a result only a few ventured out to find other entertainment.

During the day our hospitality room committee had snacks and beverages available. You could also find many alumni "hanging out" to catch up with other alumni, those they knew or wanted to get to know. Our Historian, Joe Boling, brought his many memorabilia items to share with all of us. Our silent auction items were placed so everyone could preview and make a bid offering hoping, they would not be out bid. Since it has been 4 years since our last reunion there were many items up for auction.

About 25 alumni bowled in the very large bowling alley on site! It was a blast with lots of laughter and good-natured teasing. Many of us had not bowled in many decades! Bragging rights went to Joe Easley for the Men and Jean Greene for the Women.

Terry Y. opened the reunion Tuesday evening and introduced his committee. He turned the mike over to Dave Gibson, President of IAA (he has never avoided a chance to talk into a mike). We had announcements and a moment of silence and remembrance for those we have lost.

WHO IS DANA ALLIN MINNIS...REALLY???



I had the distinct pleasure of interviewing Dana Allin Minnis for the Itazuke Alumni Association Newsletter (IAA). Dana is a fun person to interview for many reasons but particularly for her wonderful sense of humor, and all the interesting things she has done and experienced in her life. Plus she is an administrator of the Facebook Itazuke Dependents School (IDS) site.

Dana's parents were both from Coffeyville, Kansas. Coffeyville is a small town in the south-eastern region of the state of Kansas and is about one mile from South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Her dad started

his military career in the Calvary at Ft. Riley, Kansas and they rode mules. Her dad told her and her sister that "mules were smarter than horses" and he had a lot of experience with both. Dana is very proud of her dad's accomplishments in life, particularly the fact he went back to college, after retiring from active duty, to earn a degree in horticulture from Cal Poly. He served as a docent at the National Arboretum in Washington D.C. and later earned a degree in firefighting and taught classes on firefighting in Arkansas.

Dana entered the world at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, the Air Force "Bone Yard." She was her parents' first child. Her sister, Debbie, followed two years later at Paris, Illinois, where their dad was a recruiter. The family was also stationed at Eglin AFB, FL, located in the panhandle of the state. From Eglin AFB they moved across the country to George AFB, CA where they lived for nine years. During their time at George AFB Dana and Debbie's mom passed away from cancer in 1959. Dana's dad received orders to Itazuke Air Base, Japan from 1961 to 1964. They were reassigned to George AFB, CA where Dana graduated from high school in 1965. Post-graduation Dana enlisted in the US Navy. Boot camp was in Bainbridge, MD followed by an assignment to Corpus Christi, Texas where she met her husband Eddie Minnis, they've been married 54 years and have two sons Ed and Bill. Dana's sister, Debbie, also enlisted in the US Navy after graduation with Boot Camp at Bainbridge, MD and was assigned to Corpus Christi, Texas and met her husband there too. Dana and Eddie live in Arlington, TX, which is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She works at the Mansfield, TX library in the interlibrary loan department. Dana also volunteers at the Arlington Museum of Art for about 25/30 years for opening events. She is indeed a woman of many talents! But wait, there's more! Dana used to make stripper clothing (no sequins). I am certain there is a story or two about that adventure!

As many of you are aware Dana is a Frida Kahlo fan and is a collector of at least 50/60 Frida items which are not Frida's artwork but items that feature Frida. She also has three prints of Frida's self-portraits "hanging around." Dana says most of Frida's art is pretty dark but she is an interesting and talented person. Dana states she is NOT in the market for any more Frida memorabilia.

In her "spare time" Dana loves to go thrift shopping and has found many treasures. She used to make her own clothing as well as for family and friends.

This interview was one of the highlights of the Itazuke Alumni Association 2022 reunion and I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to learn more about Dana! Thank you!

ANSWER

They all have boogie fever. (Smile I know you can)

NEW MEMBERS OF IAA

David Proctor, Graduated 1974

Melody Venable, Terry Woods's daughter

REMEMBRANCES

Dennis Trimble
October 2022

Georgianne Small Myler
Nov ember 2022

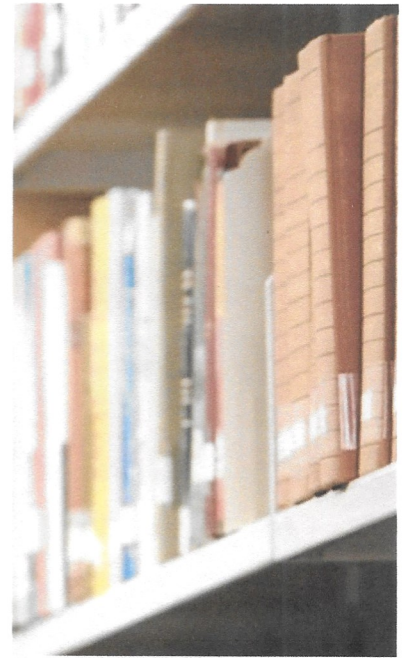
CONTINUE 2022 REUNION

Entertainment with Mike Fox, DJ, the first evening and played a couple of games to get the evening started and of course gambling on your way to your room.

Wednesday was our alumni banquet and music played by Gary Krueger's (class of '68) band, comprised of mostly Itazuke Alumni. There was some reluctance to dance at first both nights but by Wednesday About 25 alumni bowled in the very large bowling alley on site! It was a blast with lots of laughter and good-natured teasing. There were many on the dance floor. The food was delicious and abundant!

Thursday morning was the farewell buffet breakfast, which was scrumptious! Most of the attendees left to return home Thursday, with some staying until Friday. The hardest part was saying, "See you later!"

to our old friends and our new ones. We all hope we will see each other in 2024! Now is the time to get started on that 2024 reunion! Who's in to start planning?



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Dana Minnis and Bob Dwyer



Class of 1966



IAA is an Association that was established in 1987 by many dedicated members past and present. The only way we can survive the future is younger Alumni taking an active part in the Association, i.e , Officers of the Association and Reunion Committees, Newsletter Staff. I know many are retiring now and may want to devote some of their spare time to help continue this Association. Just ask and no one will be offended that you have volunteered, as we all share a unique experience in life...ITAZUKE.



Class of 1965

Ron and Cindy



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