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2012 Lago/Aruba Reunion on "THE ROCK" June 16 - June 23

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Funds needed for the Chronicle!

This issue will not be mailed to everyone because the bank account is not sufficiently healthy. We are mailing to those we have heard from in the last 25 years. That means that we are mailing to 954 instead of 1319. The 365 not receiving this Chronicle will receive a postcard within the next week which will explain what has happened. We realize the database may not be entirely accurate regarding when we've heard from you. There are times we forget to update a person's record and we have actually heard from them recently. Also there are times a family member may have donated with the intent of covering mailings to several family members and we weren't aware of it.

We sincerely thank those who have not only donated over the years but have done so generously. We have made a sincere effort to make this a 'family' newsletter, and tried to ensure we keep in touch with the entire 'family' and your generous donations have made this possible.

Many have suggested we use e-mail but computer limitations of many of you make this difficult. We are seriously considering using a password protected web site for those with the ability and mailing to the rest but this raises some privacy concerns we're still working on. Once resolved, Larry Riggs would notify recipients of the Lago Bulletin Board when an issue is available and we'd mail to everyone else.

Thank you for your patience.

Looking for a place to stay when visiting Aruba?

<http://www.aruba.com> has extensive information about places to stay. The below sites have been recommended by our readers, enjoyed because of the local flavor.

- (1) Tropical Haven: <http://www.buffamstropicalhaven.com.me>
- (2) SeaBreeze: seabreeze@setarnet.aw
- (3) Vistamar Apartments: (<http://www.arubavistamar.com>)
- (4) Lago Colony - <http://www.vrbo.com/281449>

And while on the 'Rock' go to the Balashi Beer plant for lunch in the beer garden, which is open to the public without an admission fee. One specific meal is offered each day and they include items like goat and grouper.

<http://crm.aruba.com/specials/i>

Remember to send in the years you were in Aruba – the year you arrived and the year you left! And make sure we have the same info for your parents if you were a Lago 'kid', even if they are deceased. If you see [___ - ___] above your name on your address label then we don't have your information. Some day we hope to have a complete list.

Anna (Tinkle) Silverstein ('72), daughter of **James Edward and Pandora Tinkle** [69-71], recently got in touch with the Chronicle. Anna spent the summer of 1970 and the period from December 1970 thru May 1971 in the colony with her parents; during the 1971 period she took correspondence courses. Her dad worked for Parsons. Anna's mom is now Pandora Brooke and is living in Beaumont TX. Her dad is in Snellville GA. Anna is living in Beaumont TX. She's gotten in touch with several Aruba friends recently, including **Nora (Whitlock)** Mullen ('72)[63-70], **LeRoy Johnston III** ('72)[69-72] and **Jan Meurs** [___ - ___].

John and Janette Mosley [72-75] are feeling the pains of 'old age'. She has diabetes and a broken foot with 9 screws. John has Parkinson and needs a lot of care. Their son **Michael** ('79) has moved back home (San Antonio TX) to help out and daughter **Kimberly** ('85) and her family are also living with them. Their oldest son, **Rusty** ('76), his wife Donna and their daughter Abigail are in Saudi Arabia. **David** ('80) and his family are living in TN. **Victoria** ('87) and her family live in AK.

In July of this year, **Liz (Kendall)** Starcke ('62) [55-59] sold her home in Leeds, AL, and moved to Canada. She is in the process of applying for permanent residency; the paper work is in and she's now playing the 'waiting game.'

Peter DeMay [70-72] is living in Palm Desert CA. His wife, **Olga**, passed away in 2005. The DeMays were in the colony from 1970 to 1972 while he was working on the desulphurization project. Their children, **Darren and DeAnna** were there also, taking correspondence courses since the high school had closed. DeAnna has since passed away. Darren is living in Hungtinton Beach CA but is planning to join his father in Palm Desert eventually. After leaving Aruba, Peter was the project manager of the transatlantic pipeline project in Alaska. He and Olga were then in Tulsa where he was president of Williams Brothers Engineering. From there he went with Fluor Corporation where he was senior vice president, working out of Hong Kong for several years on projects throughout Asia. He retired in 1988 and did consulting for a couple years before going back to Alaska in 1990 to be responsible for the building of a liquefied natural gas facility – but after 5 years there were still problems getting access to the gas and the project died. Returning to the US in 1995 he consulted for several more years, retiring again about 2000.

Cliff and Alice (Kenney) Terry (66-71) enjoyed an Aruba stop during a 10 day cruise in April. They were met by **Katy (Boeke) Yarzagary** who, with husband **Alby**, owns and operates the Vistamar Apartments, one of the few places to stay that is run by native Aruban residents and also offers auto transportation with vacation rentals. "It was so convenient when Katy gave us their car to use for the day as traveling with us were Alice's brother Allan and his fiancé Sherry and we wanted to drive them around the Island." Allan brought his family to Aruba in 1971 when Alice and Cliff were married in the Seroe Colorado church. Alice and Katy were teachers in the Seroe Colorado school; Cliff was the Ledeen Company field program manager for the installation of the hydrostatic valve actuators that automated the opening and closing of more than 3,000 valves in the refinery. After they were married they lived on Isaacwagemakerstraat, in San Nicholas until they left the Island. They built a home on top of a hill in Saugus CA, near the Hydraulic Research plant in Valencia where he worked until retirement in 1990. For a while Alice taught at a private school in Newhall CA. Then they moved to a new house in Venice Golf and Country Club in FL. After ten years in FL, hurricane Charlie and the humidity ("the two H's") chased them out to look for dry country that was found in the desert of NM (Las Cruces) where they are now. Alice is doing artistic work with oils on canvas and is a recognized local artist, having displayed art works in several galleries in NM, and is on permanent display in the Dona Ana County building as well as the Cities Cultural Art Center. She loves to do large canvas work which goes well with the high ceilinged homes in the territory. Cliff has a small work center to fabricate the museum wrap frames, stretch canvas and other finished frames for normal size canvas. They found the Colony a sad appearance with overgrown plants and homes worn by the inclement weather over all these years but the church stands proudly and still looks beautiful. On another cruise through the Panama Canal 3 years ago Katy again picked them up and had the key to the church; they walked the aisle to the alter where they embraced as they had 38 years earlier. They have fond memories of Aruba and say it was nice to again feel the freshness of the air, have lunch at the Talk of the Town and see the many new stores, hotels, Island improvements and to be with Katy and Alby. Cliff went to Aruba in 1966 as the supplier of valve actuators from Ledeen in CA for the refinery automation project. Alice went as a teacher in 1967; they were married in 1971 with a Civil service in Oranjestad and a wedding book that could record 13 children (a new book free if filled which made the Terry's wonder about Hugh Gums at the Strand); the Lago church was filled and people peered through the windows from outside. At the reception at the "club" they opened an extra room for a display of the gifts. **Brenda McCarthy** and Katy Boeke were bridesmaids and **Errol Bardoulie**, a Lago engineer, was best man.

Frank Bergfield ('70) was planning an early retirement in June, with a move from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia to Conroe TX. He was with Aramco for almost 37 years. His folks, Rudy and Pat, were in Aruba from 1954-65 and again from 1972-74. Frank's brother **Kevin** ('71)[54-65] just started his 36th year with Saudi Aramco. The Bergfields were all getting together to celebrate Rudy and Pat's 60th wedding anniversary in July (the earliest convenient date for most children, grandchildren, and the first great grandchild). In July Frank was also to be umpiring two Little League regional tournaments in Kutno, Poland (Headquarters for the Europe, Middle East and Africa Region) and was to be one of the umpires at the Little League World Series in Williamsport PA in August. "I recall playing LL at the ball field across from the Club/Movie theater in Aruba in the early 1960s and was pleased to be able to "participate" with LL in Dhahran – I have been umpiring here since 1982."

Patsy Engelking [41-52], widow of **Larry Engelking**, is the niece of **Harriett Baldwin and her husband Leo**, the folks who started the magazine business in the Colony, and also **Peggy Raymond and her husband Cal**. The Baldwins and the Raymonds were in Aruba from 1929 or 1930 until 1943. During the years Patsy was there she worked in the magazine business and during the war years she worked in the "In" transportation section of the Personnel department; one of her assignments was to arrange interviews and housing for new employees. At that time she knew almost every one of the families that lived in the Colony.

Naomi Rosborough, wife of **Jim Rosborough** ('53) and a professional artist, has wonderful pictures of Aruba you can view at <http://www.pbase.com/scsnapper/aruban> (organized by subject within year). Her best pictures are for sale at <http://www.pbase.com/scsnapper/image/139552197> and note cards at <http://www.pbase.com/scsnapper/image/139552248>.

Letty (Ward) Janecek [46-55] lives in an assisted living community in Basking Ridge NJ; another resident there is **Kay Ayers**, a Canadian nurse at Lago Hospital and widow of **Al Ayers**, an Esso controller in the 40's. Letty is the sister of **Colin Ward** [35-__] and **Addi Ward** [43-54]. Addi, known as Pud by her Aruba friends, married **Reginald Storie** [33-54], a Lake Fleet Captain. Their son is **Peter Storie** ('62), who lives in PA. Both Reginald and Pud are now deceased. Letty married Lagoite **Rudy Janecek**. Colin Ward, of course, was known by his Aruba friends as Red; he married **Trudi** and they had three children: **Ginger** ('59), **Carole** ('62) and **Tom**. ('64). Such a small world for some of our Lago friends.

Dufi Koch suggests the following for those interested in WWII U-Boat activity. <http://www.ww2talk.com/forum/theatres-war/14302-german-uboats-caribbean-2.html>

Pam (Smith)('61) and husband Ian Butler spent 4 months in Paris this fall. Ian is with the Chemistry Department at McGill U in Montreal, Quebec.

Planning a vacation on Aruba? Here's some info you might be interested in. **Bill "Smitty" Smith** ('56) owns multiple timeshare units at Costa Linda Beach Resort on Eagle Beach that he bought for personal use. As it turns out he will not be able to use several of those weeks and is offering them to Lago friends. His units are during the months of January, May, June, July, August, October, November and December. If you plan a visit to the Rock during any of those months contact Smitty at cwsmith@yahoo.com (note the 2 h's in his email address) for availability and details.

Phil Denton ('68)[49-65] reported he climbed Hooiberg December 20 "and from above it was clear that Aruba has become an island of lakes!! Big lakes around the edges which once were mudflats, deep ones inland which used to be dry retention ponds. An island of babbling brooks and running creeks; herons and not sea gulls. The vegetation which once was scrub is now over my head; and mowers mow the grasses out to the beach front. An Emerald Island has been born. Truly it has been amazing to see where we once thought the goats were over grazing the cunucu; the cunucu meadows bloom with periwinkles and lush grass. Frankly I have never before seen herds of goats grazing like antelope on the plains. It has been a wonderful trip. We have stayed at Rick and Sherry's Tropical Haven off Eagle Beach and had a great visit. Every morning we did our run out by Malmok and the Lighthouse sand dunes. That area at the north end has become a dog park for unleashed dogs and their owners. Watch-out! We joined a local gym for a week which is up 3 floors next to the Super Foods and Certified Grocery near the harbor. That has been fun. Did lots of touring in our Hertz Rental Car and enjoyed dining esp. at the Aruba Chef, Lee's Chinese, and the best deal by far, the Sunday BBQ at the WeiTai in Noord. Always interesting to look around the Colony and swim at Baby Beach--amazed to see how the reefs have changed/moved and what is now underwater, ie: the baseball park. Always sad to see the deterioration of what once was. Coral and I had a great visit with Sarah Putnam of the International School of Aruba. She is the Head of School and is very interested in connecting with the Lago School's past. She has quite a collection of past year books etc. The 85 year anniversary is in 4 years. Perhaps a meeting can be arranged with her for some time during the 2012 June Reunion?

Returned Chronicles: we need your help!!!!	
Bernie Yurash , Fort Collins CO	53-57
Ingrid Frolunde , Odense, Denmark ('??)	__-__
McMurdo Dunne , Natall, South Africa	__-__

"U156 Beginning to Das Ende" - Stan Norcom ('54) put in considerable time editing this book and is now offering it to you. It's the incredible story of the attack on Aruba by U-boat 156 during WWII and should be part of your library. The book covers the boat from the time it was commissioned to its 5th patrol when it was sunk, March 1943, east of Barbados. Cost is \$25.00 which includes US postage. Folks in other countries should contact Stan re postage. Send check and mailing info to Stan at 702 Pine Oak Dr, Edmond, OK 73034. Contact info is smnorcom.bonbini@att.net and (405) 340-6555

Aruban Cunucu dogs are in need of forever families, off the island. The group that rescues dogs and that provided the Flahertys and John Turner with their own Aruba dogs has been taking care of some of these dogs. John adopted his second dog recently. Animal Rights Aruba is under new leadership with a group of dedicated volunteers with fresh energy; they hope things will begin to change although change takes time on Aruba, and it takes money to spay/neuter and care for the dogs and cats until they can find homes.

Hello from:

Cisca (van der Linden) Taft, Cape Coral FL ('57)	40-57
Trevor & Carol Rhydderch , Burlington, Ontario	62-78 62-78
Letty (Ward) Janecek , Basking Ridge NJ	46-55
Gleb Aulow, Olalla WA ('51	38-51
Dana (Cole) Vincil, Flagstaff/Tucson AZ	56-61
George Cvejanovich, Bryan TX	48-79
Paul Crismon, Norwalk CA ('64)	47-55
Judy (Ballard) Ellsworth, San Antonio TX ('61)	___-61

Jane (Hochstuhl) Getty ('64) provided a family update in June. "This has been a tough month. My grandson Jake, my son Matthew's son, was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia Bcell in May and my mother Eileen suffered a stroke 3 weeks ago. Jake is four and is an out patient at a children's hospital in St. Petersburg FL. The prognosis/cure rate is excellent but the process is awful. My mother came home yesterday and is doing remarkably well. She and Dad are 88 and have enjoyed an amazing life together void of bumps in the road. Knowing my Mom, I will almost make book she and dad will be on the golf course before the end of the year. I am praying this bump can be overcome. My dad is doing well although both are understandably nervous about their future. They both are very independent, which is wonderful, however it does make my sisters' and my job just a little bit more delicate! We are incredibly blessed as my sister Jill is an OT and has been indispensable since all of this happened.

Mattie Jones's {__-__} niece wrote that Mattie is in a nursing home with Alzheimers. Mattie is the widow of **Sam Jones**; they were married July 15, 1948.

Mary-Louise (Hershberger) Walker [48-49], widow of **Charles W.G. Walker** [__-49] has been residing at Westminster Canterbury, Winchester, VA since May of 2011. She has a 1 bedroom apartment with a balcony. "Coincidence of coincidences, **Betty (Binnion)** Burkholder ('48) lives just 2 apartments down the hall. We have had several good sessions talking about Aruba. They find life there very enjoyable and the people are friendly. Mary Louise's son lives 35 miles away in Middleburg. She taught Spanish to 3rd- 6th graders from 1948 to 1949. Lago friends included **Ruth (Jelstrom) Collins** [47-65], **Adriana (Pannevis)** Orr [48-53], **Ruby (MacLean)** Swenson [45-56], **Lyda (Varney) Lilly** [__-__] and **Fran Calwell** [44-55]. All are now deceased except Ruby with whom she is still in touch. Mary Louise has her Aruba map (in brown) hanging in her apartment.

Dave and Barbara Price [58-62] are still in England. Last November they moved from their home of 36 years to an apartment 10 minutes away. Both keep well and enjoy life. After returning from a couple months in their condo in FL they awaited the arrival of their daughter, Debbie, (born Largo Oct. 1, 1961- 50 years this year!!!) and her partner Peter from NZ where they live. They had a couple of weeks in England and then we all headed to Catalonia along with 2nd daughter Susie (who lives in the Whistler, BC area). We were met in Barcelona by Sue's partner who flew in directly from BC and the six of us had a great week cycling in the area of Girona and the surrounding hills. It was wonderful having them all around at the same time; we hope it won't be a 1-time thing. The latest Chronicle made us very keen to see Aruba again. Can't imagine it being green - so different from our time living there and when we last visited 14 years ago. Thanks to everyone for helping to keep the memories alive.

Muriel Horacek [51-56] still loves to travel. Recent trips include Long Island NY to visit her brother, Great Fall MT to visit a daughter and attend a granddaughter's wedding. Her oldest granddaughter visited from Albuquerque with her 3 and 5 year olds. Muriel took them to the Los Angeles Zoo, where she is a Docent, and they loved going behind the scenes to see the gorillas and orangutans close-up. Muriel's grandson and wife are living & working in Cambodia and will visit her over Christmas and they'll all go to MT.

Charles Drew ('60)[47-55] reports 2010 was a good year! He retired from his orthodontic practice June 30, 2010 and moved into a brand new home a week earlier. Their 4th grandchild arrived August 18, Charles Christopher Engle, 2nd son of Sarah and Scott. The year was topped off by the marriage of Charles G Drew III to Kristin Long in Chicago on December 31. Charles' other grandchildren, Will (17) and Katie (13) Bucklin had a great year as well in their various sports. Will finished 4th in the state HS Gold Championship! [Nice going]

Malcolm Murray [52-72] commented on **Sally (Locker)** Link's note in the May 2011 Chronicle. Sally ('58) reported that the Lago maple furniture was Heywood-Wakefield. Malcolm says this is (or was) a well-known brand and he believes she was correct. His 2004 Thomas Register of American Manufacturers does not show a listing for them, so they may have gone out of business or been absorbed into another company. He isn't sure what furniture was provided for the 1500 houses but for the older houses, the maple furniture came from the Thomas Beals Furniture Company in Portland ME. They are also not in the 2004 register. He knows they were still in business in 1973 when he corresponded with them, trying unsuccessfully to get a replacement part for one of their chairs.

Betsy Frazier [52-65] shares some Christmas nostalgia in old Lago Colony ... "Christmas in foreign countries, wherever you are from originally, is always a bit different. Lago went all out to encourage the seasonal spirit and as an example decorated the catalytic cracking unit with strings of colored lights, topping it with a 20 foot revolving star. The result, at least at night, looked like a gigantic 16 story Christmas tree. In September we signed up for cut trees and they came from the States as deck cargo on a tanker in mid December. The first few years we were there, a truck came by delivering them and it was sort of pot luck. You could take what was handed you, or perhaps could look at the top two or three, but you couldn't expect them to unload the whole truck for your choice. In later years they were piled on the dance floor at the Esso Club or at the tennis court. This gave a better opportunity to make a selection, but it was something of a mob scene when the doors opened. Most people enjoyed their turkey dinner on Christmas Eve and many went to the Community Church afterwards. There was a living tableau on the Church lawn. One Christmas the sheep got loose and the pastor spent a strenuous morning trying to round up his flock. Christmas Day was for calling on friends and so was Boxing Day. If you didn't find them home one day, try the next. There were many Christmas parties. Santa Claus came to the preschool children's party at the club, and later visited the hospital patients. As we had a convertible it was my pleasant task for several years to drive this celebrity through the colony waving as we went, and then accompany him through the hospital. There was always an excellent Christmas choir concert directed by **Doris Thompson** [51-77] which frequently involved over a hundred voices, a high point of the season. After many Christmases in many countries, I still look back on those as the happiest.

Anna (Tinkle) Silverstein writes with pride about her father. "Aruba was a very beautiful and magical place for me as a teenager. My dad and I still talk about Aruba often. I have many photos of the addition of the desulfurization unit and hydrodesulfurization unit to Lago built between 1968 and June of 1971. My father, **James Edward Tinkle** (Ed), worked for Parsons Corporation at Esso Oil Company and Lago Oil and Transport Refinery from February 1970 through May 1971. This is when the desulfurization or extraction of sulfur from crude oil was begun. This process was started to remove the sulfur from crude oil due to the problem of smog in big cities. Without sulfur, the fuel oil, kerosene, diesel fuel, and gasoline would produce a cleaner product, plus the sulfur could be sold as a commodity. My father was hired as a material engineer. When he arrived in Aruba, the job had been going on for six months and was only 10% complete. The job was waiting for a person who knew how to receive the necessary material. There was just one warehouse 20' x 40' and 14 people, including 6 office workers, the field buyer, and the office manager, and 8 warehouse workers. All of the small fittings and dry insulation were stored in the warehouse, plus the first aid station with a full time nurse. Before he left, that had grown to four warehouses with a total of 60 workers. The 20' x 40' warehouse was increased to a 40' x 80' with an office 20' x 40' inside the warehouse, plus a receiving office where materials were received and dispersed. The second warehouse was a tool room, the third was dry storage that housed 1,000 bags of cement for fire proofing and foundations, and the fourth warehouse was used for the hydrodesulfurization (HDS) plant being built at the same time as the desulfurization unit. Sand and gravel had to be barged in from Venezuela because the sand on Aruba came from coral and wasn't suitable for mixing with cement. There was also a 3 acre pipe yard called the lay down yard. The inventory there included small, medium and big bore pipe, over 1,000 pieces; all types of valves and fittings; hundreds of pieces stacked like bananas on pallets; everything needed to build a plant. When my dad left Aruba in May 1971, the plant was 60% complete and was not yet making the desired product, sulfur, in full production. I was in Aruba the summer of 1970 and from January to May of 1971. I was too old to attend the school in the colony, which, I believe, at that time was 1st through 8th grades. Many of the teenagers went away to private schools, however, I and a few others took correspondence courses."

Dottie (Rynalski) Manser ('45[32-41] still enjoys the Chronicle, although she doesn't recognize many names any more. She especially liked the recent article on Papiamentu.

Shirley (Hewlett) Barton ('54) is still in San Antonio TX but with much of her growing family in MI a move is tempting. She has 3 sons and their wives, 5 grands and 3 great grands plus the in-laws that go with them.

What does [_ - _] after a person's name mean? In order to help identify folks we include the years they were in Aruba in brackets in the news articles; for the 'kids' we give the class they belonged to in parentheses. If you see [_ - _] it means we need help! It is our desire to eventually have the name of everyone who lived in Lago Colony and the years they were there. Lots of you are mentioned in this issue with the [_ - _].

David Sorensen ('72)[57-64] held his special exhibition of "The Sorensen Collection: A Personal Journey Through Art" at the Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, in Hampton VA on September 3 - Oct 16. The exhibition was a personal look at over 40 years of his own artwork and his family collection of international art. It included approximately 500 works -- paintings, drawings, graphics, sculpture, ceramics, crafts, and photographs across a spectrum of realistic, contemporary, and indigenous genre. The show focused on Dave's connections with the Caribbean (Aruba and Curacao), his ancestral roots and close friendships with Danish artists, his love for the Australian outback, various artistic family members, and his recent life in Hampton Roads. It was named one of the "Top 10 Visual Arts" events by Veer Magazine. Over 40 works related to the Netherlands and Netherlands Antilles were on display to include works by former Lago residents **Paul G. Sorensen** [57-64], **John Stritch** [_ - _], **Dodie Finlayson** [_ - _], and **Bob Dorwart** [[30-32][37-64]. Dave's sister **Lisa**, who was born on Aruba, is a professional photographer and several of her photos were included as well. The show premiered several original illustrations from Dave's unpublished children's book, "The Long White Staircase" (by the Lago tennis courts). The Dutch Embassy was invited and Ms. Jocelyne Croes, Minister Plenipotentiary for Aruba in the US, had originally hoped to attend. Several Lagoites were part of the 1600+ visitors, including Jacques van Montfrans ('62) and Hans Wagemaker ('66).

It's always good to hear from **Penny Stout** [40-45]. The daughter of **Bill** [36-45] and **Kay** [37-45] **Stout**, Penny left Aruba as a very young child but has remained a faithful contributor to the Chronicle. Her folks both died in 1989.

Dufi Kock and the rest of Aruba are very proud of Dr Edward Cheung who played a role in the historic last launching this year of the Space Shuttle Atlantis. Dr. Cheung was decorated with the highest rank this year by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. He was born in Aruba of Chinese parents. He went to school in Aruba then completed his BS, Masters and Doctorate in Electrical Engineering. He is married to an Aruban and they have a daughter and a son. Dufi visited NASA twice some years ago and met several astronauts there as the result of a friendship with a VIP there. Dufi also passed on his regards to **Carl Beyer** ('61)[43-61] – they both worked in the Light Oils (LOF) department at one time.

Susan (Gravendijk) Wirth ('62) shared some memories. "The "new hotel" will be new all over, again! When I was staying at La Cabana in 2005, there was a message delivered by a perplexed service manager who hoped that I understood it, because she did not! 'Meet me at the 'new hotel' for brunch after church. Your babysitter.' I knew exactly what every word meant: Meet me at the old Aruba Caribbean, Sunday, after church at Alta Vista. Dorothy Stuart DeBooij ('48), who had been my babysitter as well as working in the Cashier's Office with **Fred Beaujon** and my father, **Arie Gravendijk**. So, every time I see the 'new hotel' in any rendition it brings back memories of my beloved Dorothy, the first British baby born in Aruba and who was also fluent in Dutch as she lived in Holland for decades with the love of her life...I miss her."

Joe Shaver [49-62], San Antonio TX, retired from his 2nd career in November 2009 after 60 years in the work force: 34 with Exxon, 26 with his son, Neal, in Eurotex Diamond Corp. In 2008 he had successful colon cancer surgery but in December 2009 scar tissue blocked an intestine, so more surgery was necessary. He developed acute pneumonia and was unconscious for 3 weeks. After 5 months of rehab, he went home on Memorial Day and is almost back to normal. Joe's wife **Bee** passed away in November 2003. Joe recently took his twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl age 19, to Aruba to see where their mom grew up. **Susan (Shaver)** and husband Walter also went. Joe liked being able to clear US Immigration and Customs before departing from Aruba. His grandson went out pretty far snorkeling at Baby Beach, but did not find the lady that was reported missing there. Joe especially enjoyed visiting people at the Church of Christ on Pastoor Hendrikstraat in San Nicolas that he and a few other couples built in July 1960. All three of Joe's kids - Cynthia, Susan, and Neal - were born in Aruba. Susan lived there from birth in August 1952 until Joe transferred to New York City in 1962.

Dick Busacker [48-61], son **Rich**, daughter **Kim** and their spouses spent 2 weeks in Maui last fall. He had Christmas with Rich and Renee in San Francisco and met them again in Washington DC for a week in the spring. He will also be spending Thanksgiving with them this year. Kim and her husband will be joining him in a New England cruise this fall. Rich and Renee can't join them because they will be spending a couple of weeks in Rome at the same time. Dick also sees **Jack and Jean Sills** [49/53-67] regularly.

Hello from:	
Bill Orr Jr , Denver CO ('57)	__-55
Merlin Fisk , Southbury CT	42-64
Bob Riggs , Memphis TN ('58)	40-52
Gloria and Jim Kirkman , Pascagoula MS ('62)	__-__
Roberta Boyack , Miami FL ('72)	54-72

2011 Florida Reunion: A good time was had by all who attended, even the mosquitos!

Class of 1950: **Don MacEachern**,

Class of 1952: **Mary Lou (Morris)** Kolackovsky, **Lura (Fields)** Ward, **Phyllis (Taylor)** Hall, **Millie (Anderson) MacEachern**, Bob and **Dotty (Learned)** Dill, **Dick Greene**, **Dom Macrini**, **Carla (Massey) van den Heuvel**,

Class of 1953 **Al Leak**, Bob and **Gerda (Sanberg)** Jones, Hank and **Evie (Hagendoorn)** van Deutekom, Sandy and **Skipper Goodwin**,

Class of 1954: **Bob Griffin**, **Buddy Berrisford** and Dee, **Dave Barnes**,

Class of 1955 **Jerry Barnes**, Al and **Noel (Coakley)** Tortorelli, **Gene Keesler**, Ed and **Vivian (MacEachern)** Ruiz, **Danny Brewer**, **Brenda (Engle)** Wilmes,

Class of 1956: **Paula (Massey)** Armstrong & friend Jerry Cantini, John and **Nolia (Greene)** Stephan,

Class of 1957: **Ann (Nixon) Leak**, **Cisca (van der Linden)** Taft, **Johnny Morris**

Class of 1959: **Liz (Greene)** McWilliams, **John Opdyke**,

Class of 1961: **Tommy Kester**, **Carl Beyer**,

Class of 1962: **Baxie Mathews** ('62), **Roger Evans**

Class of 1963: **Lisa (Chod) Gray**,

Class of 1964: **Carol Evans**

Class of 1965: **Richie Mathews** and Sheila,)

Class of 1983: **Terry Schroth**.

Ko van Deutekom and Nell, **Ed Hillstead** [31-60] and friend Dollie Kinney, **Kay Evans** [46-63](widow of Rev. Evans),

Margo (Honey) ('61) couldn't attend as she was recovering from knee surgery. Apparently the largest group attending were the mosquitos. Terry Schroth (83) sold Esso Club T-shirts at \$15.00 each. Barb and **Dick Faunce** ('53) were missed by everyone; Dick was in the hospital. Hetty Barnes, Dave's wife, enjoyed visiting at the motel but couldn't make it to the picnic grounds.

Beth (Groom) Andrews ('61) was in Houston in early October, visiting her younger son, his wife and their 5 children. When she got back home to Charlotte NC, her husband Bob was going to make the same visit. They can't travel together because Bob's mother lives with them and needs considerable care. Beth has been in touch with classmate **Melissa (Fuller)** Taylor, who left Houston for Virginia the very day Beth arrived in Houston so they couldn't visit this time.

Carol Ann Leonard ('64) had full knee replacement surgery in November. While at the rehap center she had several calls from **Stephanie (Chod)** Whitcomb ('64) who is planning to visit her in February and also visits from **Lisa (Chod) Gray** ('63). As of mid December she was home, anticipating a visit from Carol Even ('64) after Christmas - Carol has the week off from teaching and will keep an eye on Carol Ann.

Nancy and **Denny Dodge** ('53) enjoy having their family close. In June 2011 they wrote: "We are always going and doing something with them. The grand kids are sure growing with one just out of Purdue and working, to the 8th grader. The only problem is their academics are so good they are going off to college and will take us up on the offer to help. Since I have given up my sailing hobby, I have much more time (and the green stuff) to do other things. Still can hitch rides as needed. All the brothers and sister are retired now. Visit with **Steve** ('66) and wife in Milwaukee area and **Barbara** ('61) in FL but haven't seen **Dave** ('55) and wife in CT in a while. Dave visited Aruba this year for the first time in many years and found changes were pretty dynamic. Nancy and I visited **Jim Rosborough** ('53) and wife for part of a day in downtown Chicago. He is another one who is constantly going. Sure enjoy **Larry Rigg's** ('56) "Lago Bulletin Board" to keep up with everyone and things. The pictures are great but the captions help. And the "Aruba Chronicle" also continues to be great. I miss not being able to go to my mother to help me with some of the people who came after I left. One of my projects which never seems to get finished is to digitize all of my pictures. The hardest ones are the older black and white of many sizes and of course those are the ones you want the most. We are still doing some traveling. Nancy and I are going to Door County in upper WI in a couple weeks to get away from the big city. We will be going on a tour of New England the first week in October to take in the fall colors. Then we usually do a January trip to FL. Maybe this year we can combine it with a cruise."

Babs (Amman) Wood ('61), now living in Aruba, was spending time this fall back in WY where she had hand surgery. Once recuperated she was heading back to Aruba.

On October 20 there was a small Aruba reunion a casino in the Seminole Indian Reservation in the Brighton FL area (the middle of nowhere, on the west side of Lake Okeechobee) and had a few drinks, lunch and lots of chatting. The reason for the get-together was that **Bill McMasters** ('53) was over from England visiting family in FL and traveling around the US. Others attending were Dee and **Buddy Berrisford** ('54), **Lisa (Chod) Gray** ('63), **Bob Griffin** ('54) and Bill's cousin and wife, Vic and Kathy Strahan.

Iris Rozencwajg ('61) is teaching English and Humanities at Houston Community College and loves it.

The International School of Aruba (ISA) will mark its 85th Anniversary in the school year 2013-14. If you have been a part of Lago School, Seroe Colorado School, or the International School of Aruba, drop them a note at business@isaruba.com. "We want to hear from all of you! Please tell us a little about how ISA has affected your life and briefly describe what you have done since leaving the school."

Reg Turner ('58) had a terrific 70th birthday trip focused on visiting with as many Lago school friends as possible. Reg and his family lived in Bungalow 471. "The long flight from Auckland NZ o LAX, and on to Fort Lauderdale FL was well justified by the open home welcome given by **Cynthia (Mundt) Wood** ('60), who offered me the hospitality of her home, as a driver, great cooking (thanks to being a home economics and science teacher) and a base to plan my trips, not forgetting her secretarial services in keeping me on track with airport connections. Was able to get to the Norton Museum of Art in Palm Beach to see an original Jackson Pollock which was wonderful! Rented a car and drove over to Sarasota to stay with Dr. Edee Fiore, a dear friend, and had lunch with Gene Kessler and shared his photo album of Aruba days, these visits were some highlights of my visit. A visit to the Dali Museum, I rate Dali higher than Picasso as an artist, then a drive back across Alligator Alley for a short stay with **Shirley (Rimmer) Wade** ('56) and her husband in Port St Lucie. Shared her photo albums of our youth and sadly heard about **Dale** ('58) and his passing. As kids we were best buddies in Aruba. Spoke to **Mark** ('62) on the phone, but missed **Wayne** ('59). Back down to Cynthia's for a few days and on to Aruba. On arrival, **Babs (Ammann) Wood** ('62) met me at the airport where I rented a car and, being unable to get a reservation at Buffan's Tropical Haven, followed her to Carol Francis' house where I rented her guest apartment. Well like a fighter pilot, I stuck to the tail of Babs' car as she guided me through the crazy driving of the natives! You can imagine coming from New Zealand where one drives on the left hand side and there's never a vehicle for hundreds of miles, to suddenly trying to multi-task on the right hand side, avoiding the speeding natives, who do not signal, cut in if you hesitate for a second and ignore you if you stop to think!!! Well it was decided that the best thing to do was return the car and Babs would be my hostess and driver for the rest of my visit. Babs and **George Janson** ('63) were great in looking after me. Babs took me all over the island, especially to visit where our bungalow used to be, now cactus and brush, with the original telephone poles still standing. So sad! We stood on the ground where the primary school used to be and recalled looking back at the stacks of the refinery, now a shadow of its former time. Stood where our class room would have been back in 1951! From there it was down to a spot overlooking Rogers Beach, the stumps of the "T" docks, and the big dock that we used to dive from. Then the highlight, a swim at "Baby Beach" and visit to the Community Church where I and my brothers were christened. Sad to see how neglected the whole of what we knew as Lago Colony has become. The high school in ruins, the total destruction of the hospital, infrastructure of the old bungalows and roads, the decay of the Esso Club and the movie theatre were indeed sad to see. Babs was great, and George found, on the Esso web site, a photo of my father's tanker the "Esso Mara." All this and me never having to challenge the

driving habits of the locals. A big thanks to you both! Back to Cynthia's for a couple more nights, more wonderful home cooking, and a trip on an airboat in the swamps with **Kenny Osborn** ('61). We saw one alligator! We also had a short visit with **Joyce (Quiram) Dittle** ('62) on her patio. Next day a flight to Antigua missing Hurricane Irene, visiting island friends from when I was working there in many occupations during 1969/1972. Over to St Kitts, and Nevis, back to Antigua, and then Hurricane Maria cancelled all flights for two days, and I was stuck there. Now in Connecticut, on my way to England for my Royal Air Force Reunion in London. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in Monterey in October. A final thanks to Cynthia, Gene, Shirley, Babs, George, Kenny, Joyce, and others for their hospitality and chauffeuring!!! My kind thoughts to all of you who are "The Aruba Kids"

Having returned home after visiting as many Lago kids as possible, I can complete my report. No doubt the most memorable feeling of all is the incredible bonding with Aruba classmates. Even after the years of separation and being out of touch there is this immediate need to hug old friends and share the past. The saddest part was, of course, the total destruction of the Lago Colony, the Esso club, hospital and schools of our day. Whatever the political reason, the removal of the bungalows and associated roads and infrastructure was unnecessary; to preserve or gift it to the island residents would have made more sense. The Lago Community Church is as picturesque as I remember and good to see it is being looked after. The development of the huge resorts and casinos on the northwest Palm Beach region, ignoring the region around San Nicolas and Seroe Colorado is understandable, but to leave that part of the island so neglected needs to be addressed. The fact that the native culture of the island still exists in San Nicolas is a very marketable tourist product (including Charlie's Bar). I recommend that we should all wear the Esso T shirt that was produced by **Terry Schroth** ('83), as wearing it I found that locals were impressed that I was of the Esso Era, and it encouraged locals to talk to me. Carol Francis (from whom I rented a guest apartment near Oranjestad) shared with me a large property her family owns in San Nicolas that would make a great B&B or tourist apartments. Bearing in mind that Baby Beach is one of the best marketed tourist destinations, and worthy of being so, I am surprised entrepreneurs have not developed associated accommodation and activities, taking advantage of this unique area. To rebuild the old Esso Club, cinema, tennis courts, and operating water sports from Rogers Beach would open up affordable tourist accommodation and choices of the boutique restaurants, lodges and local store shopping in competition to the multi roomed hotels and casinos on Palm Beach. One day maybe? The next memorable experience was the Monterey Reunion. (cont'd) The hospitality of **John Tucker** ('58) - the immediate bonding at LAX after the red eye flight across the Atlantic from

London, and staying at his lovely home in Irvine. I last saw John in 1981 when he made a brief visit to Rotorua as I was then developing my Solitaire Lodge. He drove me along the scenic Coast highway, overnight in Carmel eating at cute places he and his wife used to visit. Again the hospitality of **Bonnie (Fox)** Overgaard ('62) and **Susan (Keefer)** Lueken ('62) who organized the venue and functions in Monterey and the hugs of long lost kids was spontaneous and wonderful. The dinner party at **Ginger (Dorwart)** Bassett's ('61) house was first class - we all fit inside, filling all the tables. Gene Kessler had given me a large map of the Lago Colony identifying all the bungalows and buildings of circa 1955, so everybody was invited to sign their names where they once lived. This is now in the care of Bonnie, and will go to the Aruba reunion next year, to be filled in by those attending. Ultimate destination will be the Texas Museum. So thanks again for the memories from all who were present, and a special thanks to John Tucker who introduced me to the finest Sushi Bar and Japanese food I ever ate. I so hope to make the Aruba reunion and meet more of the Lago Kids!

Jim and **Joan (Hagerty)** Roth ('64) enjoyed a fantastic 3 week tour to Africa in the late spring – lots of animals, beautiful scenery and a wonderful experience. At home, Jim won the election for a 2 yr term to Saline City Council and Joan is in her 46th year in the Chancel Choir. They remain active in their Sister City program – friends from Lindenberg Germany came in September and from Brecon Wales, in October. Jim planned and executed both itineraries. Jim and Joan are planning on Christmas at their chalet with the rest of the Hagerty family but will also steal away to visit Jim's family in OH.

Letty Janecek [46-55], widow of **Rudy Janecek**, is nearly blind but still enjoys getting her Chronicle and keeps in touch with the staff.

Denise (Persons) ('77) and her husband Jack Parker have moved from Oak Ridge TN to Rogersville TN. With her parents, **Clyde and Marjorie**, Denise and her siblings, **Larene** ('75) and **Michelle** ('78), were in Aruba from 1965 until 1973.

Alice Schroth [60-78] provided an update on the kids at the end of September. **Randy** ('64) is still in CO, **Terry** ('83) is working on a TV show at Universal in Orlando and **Janice** ('67) is enjoying a stay in Hawaii. Alice is in Lakeland FL.

Ken Chapman ('64) has now been at Ambient for a year and is enjoying it, except for the commute. His extracurricular activities are largely involved with his church. Carole has had more health issues but says extensive tests have ruled out the really bad stuff. Their Christmas letter was full of the activities of their large family.

2011 Stateside reunion: A gaggle of Arubanites gathered in Monterey CA in October to reminisce with old friends and share stories with new friends. It was a small but very active group, the oldest being Bill Raflowski, class of '45, while the youngest was Holleen Schlepp, class of '76. Reg Turner was there, from New Zealand, and others were from Ottawa and Louisiana and Aruba and other places near and far. The party began with a reception at the hotel (Casa Munras) on Thursday evening. Gene and Ginger (Dorwart) Bassett hosted the entire group at their home in Salinas for dinner on Friday night. The menu featured Bami Goreng and chicken with peanut sauce, true Aruba fare. On Saturday many folk went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium while others toured the central CA coast, and then everyone met for dinner at The FishHopper on Cannery Row. The party ended with breakfast on Sunday morning. Susie Keefer Lueken and Bonnie Fox Overgaard planned the event, and THEY HAD A VERY GOOD TIME. (Yes, they shouted.) And they hope all the others who attended similarly enjoyed themselves. Thanks to everyone who traveled to Monterey ... You all are terrific! And thanks as well to Gene and Ginger for a great evening of good food and camaraderie; the time together in your home was very special. Over the course of the weekend, stories were told. But you had to be there to hear them! Attending were:

Barbara ('61) and Terry Phillips-**Seitz**

Beverly(Armstrong) Dietz ('57)

Bill Raflowski ('45)

Billie (Keefer) Shambley ('68)

Bonnie (Fox) Overgaard ('62)

Charles Stuart ('53) and Pat Black

Dave Smith ('64)

David ('61) and Kay **Norris**

Deborah (Quarles) Voosen ('62)

Dick Greene ('52)

Don ('63) and Tricia **Burson**

Don ('60) and Nancy **Smith**

Doug Monroe ('63)

Gayle (Schlageter) Ludeman ('58)

GeeGee Lenhart [52-55]

George Gebauer [59-62]

Gene and **Ginger (Dorwart)** ('61) Bassett

Glenn Smith ('71)

Hank and Yvonne (Hagendorn) van Deutekom ('53)

Holleen Schlepp ('76)

John Tucker ('58)

Carl and **KK (Kennedy)** ('63) Steinorth

Merle (Morris) Learned ('48)

Nancy MacEachern ('54)

Randy Jay ('62)

Reg Turner ('58)

Sonya (Armstrong) Brittingham ('53)

Susan (Keefer) Lueken ('62)

Bill Moyer's hobby of genealogy has had some interesting results. He especially enjoys researching whatever is available about Lago Colony people. "I was born in 1933 at the little hospital right outside the refinery gate, delivered by a German doctor named Sandvoss whom my mother didn't like very much because he was so stern. When Holland was overrun by the Wehrmacht in 1940, Dad said Dutch police rounded up all Germans for deportation to a camp in Bonaire, but Frank Griffin heard about it in time to tell Dr. Sandvoss to rush to the Esso Aruba which was in harbor preparing to sail for N.Y.. Dr. and Mrs. Sandvoss and two boys, Rolf and Bert, went to N.Y. where the Dr. took up the practice of medicine. They lived in Westchester and later summered in Maine. In about 1975 I was working at U.S. Trust in N.Y. and was introduced to a new hire, Rolf Sandvoss! He said things worked out okay for his family during the War, and everyone became U.S. citizens. On Ancestry.com I found ship records and even Mrs. Sandvoss's Maine obituary, telling how Dr. S. was born in Fürth, Bavaria, in 1899, was in the Bavarian artillery in WWI, then went to Geneva where Mrs. Sandvoss, a native of Geneva, was a medical student. They married and headed for Venezuela, then Aruba. Rolf and Ernst Bert were born in Aruba in 1934 and 1939, then they had a boy named Kenneth born in the US. Dr. S. died at age 81, Mrs. S. at 90!"

Carolyn Vint [50-65] has fond memories of good times with **Kaye Cutting** [] and **Jeannette (Faucette)** Holmes [49-65], both of whom passed away in 2011. Kaye used to visit Carolyn in Arkansas and they also had a delightful cruise to Alaska. Carolyn's daughter Nancy ('71) is still in Little Rock with husband Dave. Their son is a Doctor of Radiology and is the father of Carolyn's 2 great grandchildren. Carolyn's son Bob ('73) is in business in Dallas TX and his 2 girls attend OK State. Rich, a pre-schooler when the Vints left Aruba, lives in Houston with his wife Pat and 2 sons. They've bought land in the TX Hill Country and love it. Carolyn says that when Rick and Pat were in Indonesia they flew to Bali on weekends – on one occasion they were in an antique shop and found a framed newspaper account of the sinking of a German battleship off Aruba. Carolyn is hoping to attend the June reunion.

For **Maureen Daly** ('57) 2011 was a year of settling in – again – this time in Lake County IL, north of Chicago, so she's close to her daughter Sue and her family. Maureen is enjoying the multi-ethnic community. At the senior center, which is in her building, she sometimes sits with a man originally from Holland which has been fun. She sang in a Christmas cantata at Christmas and hopes to start with a chorus next fall. Sue's home is large so the family was gathering there for Christmas. Maureen enjoyed a mini-reunion with **Alice (Eaton) Spitzer** ('57), **Stina (Holgland)** Wilbur ('56) and **Pam (Mathiesen)** Wade ('56) at Pam's, outside Madison WI. They even included **Kyle** ('58) when he wasn't golfing.

Betsy Frazier's [52-65] annual Christmas poem: I wish the world were free from pain, No earthquakes shaking the terrain, No drought nor famine, loss of crop, With skies withholding every drop; No wildfires claiming homes and trees, No floods. We've had enough of these: Tornado's devastating path And hurricane's wet aftermath. My magic wand must be defective My wishes all are ineffective. I only hope next year will be A time of peace, prosperity! Best Wishes for All Time.

The Haase 'kids' send their regards: **Libby (Haase) Chalker** ('45), **Jim Haase** ('44) and **Mary (Haase) Flippen** ('41). Their folks were **Jim and Louise Haase** [30-56].

It was a delight to hear from **Dorothea Trump** [47-52]. **Bob Griffin** ('54) has kept us updated on Dorothea but it was great to hear from her directly. Dorothea taught English and Drama from 1947-48 and substituted the last few years she was in Aruba. Last January she broke her left leg. In the process of repairing the damage, the doctor decided to give her a new hip and knee at the same time. While recovering, an aid broke Dorothea's ankle while putting on an elastic stocking. She was moved to another facility where she developed an infection in the broken leg so ended up back in the hospital. While there she met a Dutch doctor and enjoyed talking about Holland. He had left because it was too cold. While in the hospital her heart began to act up; doctors were concerned but medication straightened it out. She's now in another rehabilitation facility and is receiving therapy for her leg with the hopes of going home soon after a year of moving from facility to facility. In her current room she looks out on a tennis court and enjoys watching the players – she played in college.

Gene and Margo (Honey) Keesler ('55 / '61) report she had successful knee surgery and melanoma surgery in 2011. Kids and grandkids are all doing well; they are healthy and lead busy and productive lives. Between Gene and Margo they have 4 children and 5 grandchildren between preschool and high school. This month Gene and Margo were taking a birthday-retirement cruise back to Aruba. In April they'll head to their NC mountain home – this time they'll be able to stay long enough to see the spring flowers, plant a vegetable garden, bask in cool summer mountain air and see colorful fall leaves.

Dee (Chapman) Robinson ('56) keep busy with church activities and choir as well as volunteering at the hospital. Dee also continues playing her recorder and is a Red Hat Lady. One special visit in 2011 was with Dee's Aruba music teacher, Mary Lou (Farr) Koulman [__-__]. An infected toe Dee developed in the summer kept her close to home but they did get to MA in November for Thanksgiving with many family visits.

Shirley (Rimmer) ('56) and Len Wilde are celebrating their 50th.wedding anniversary. Right behind them, also class of 1956, are **Warren Norcom** and his Shirley.

There was an AP article about **Thelma Schoomaker** ('57) on November 22.-Thelma has made a name for herself an editor for Martin Scorsese's films.

Bill Ralowski ('45) prefers trailer living to houses. He's now living in his 5th wheel trailer with a 10 foot slide out, a 1 bedroom apartment on wheels, in Elma WA.

Dave Smith ('64) and wife Ellen had a long Christmas letter with lots of info about their 3 daughters who are very talented and competent young ladies. Dave is now retired from Wells Fargo and is a house husband, providing breakfast to the 'girls', including Ellen, and doing various household chores. He also does some property inspections and is a very active volunteer with AFS Intercultural Programs which has included some travel to conferences. Ellen is with Quest Diagnostics where she analyzes data to determine inborn errors of metabolism. For her birthday this year she went skydiving.

Beth Lennep ('71)[53-65], her husband Paul and son Julz had a wonderful trip to Europe in 2011. It included a visit with Lago friends **Manuel Sands** ('??), **Claude Sands** ('??), their mother and their families. While Beth was in Europe her mother, **Betty Lennep** [__-65] had a minor heart attack so Beth headed to MS. A reaction to Lipitor impacted her recovery but by the time Beth headed home to Australia a month later, Betty was back to running the house and driving. Beth's son Julz is a Duke U in NC; he's hop-ing to spend part of his summer in India on a Duke Community Service program and his first semester next year in Paris at the Sorbonne. Paul, still a barrister has moved his office home and Beth, having completed a diploma course in Project Management, has been admitted as a Practicing Project Manager to the Australian Institute of Project Management.

Memorials

Brenden Auke Connell, son of Margie (de Ruyter)('66) and Daniel Connell, died June 1, 2011 at the age of 35. Born in Boston MA, Brenden graduated from Wando High School and USC. He was an avid photographer, dog lover and water sports enthusiast. He is survived by his parents (Mangoconne@aol.com) and by his aunts: Corinne Khouri ('69)(Mt Pleasant SC) and Inga de Ruyter ('70)(Los Altos CA).

Loretta Fletcher Dooley passed peacefully October 30, 2011 after a long struggle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Dooley ('64), four brothers and sisters and their spouses, twelve nieces and nephews, and six great-nephews and great-nieces. "We had two lives together. We dated in the early '70s, drifted apart, and found each other again in 2001. She was the heart of the Fletcher family because of her mother's illnesses and premature death. There is not enough room to list the kindnesses-tangible and intangible-that she bestowed over the years on her brothers, sisters, nephews,

nieces and friends. She changed lives with her actions. Loretta was a lab supervisor in kidney transplantation for many years in Philadelphia. As part of her duties, she often made dangerous flights in small airplanes in order to help harvest organs for her patients. Back in the early '70s, Loretta rebelled against the establishment and appeared at work wearing.....pants. As ladies of a certain age know, one was expected to wear skirts and dresses exclusively. Several women approached her during the day and thanked her for her trail-blazing efforts. Loretta once noticed that there was a woefully inadequate supply of chairs at an expectant mothers' clinic. She called hospital administration and, after initial resistance, was able to get more chairs so that the expectant mothers did not have to sit on the floor while waiting to see a doctor. She was the female Will Rogers and hardly ever met a person she didn't like. Once, I was trying on jackets at Macy's. By the time I returned, she had obtained the name of the salesman, learned about his heart condition, and knew the names of his wife and children. People instinctively gravitated to her. Loretta never had children and, as a result, enjoyed the company of her nephews and nieces immensely. She was proud of their accomplishments but was even prouder that they have ethical and moral compasses. She was an honorary Colony Kid. We attended the 2009 Island reunion and the 2010 Class of 1964 reunion in Largo, FL. We were in Boston in July in a vain effort to find a promising clinical trial and visited the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum while there. It is a grand venue and we were reminded of the hope that existed at that time in history. Hope for the future, hope for all our loved ones. I know Loretta would appreciate it if you kept that thought in your hearts. Contributions may be made to Immaculata University, Office of University Advancement, P.O. Box 733, Immaculata PA 19345. Loretta graduated in 1970."

Gene Evers died November 9, 2011. Born in South Dakota, Gene grew up in Collinsville, Illinois. He graduated from high school in 1945 and went directly into the V-12 program at Illinois Tech, in Chicago. After two years of intensive courses in engineering, in 1946 he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. As World War II ended at that time, he served on the USS Cleveland and was discharged as a Lt. (jg) U.S. Navy. Gene spent most of his career as an engineer in the oil industry, retiring, in Senior Management at Chevron Oil, El Segundo Refinery in CA. His career included 4 years (1953 thru 1957) with Lago where he was a Mechanical Engineer in the Utility Engineering Group which was part of the Technical Services Department; and 2 years in Saint John, New Brunswick Canada with Chevron California. The rest of his career was in southern CA, still with Chevron. Gene loved all aspects of life in Aruba, both work and play. He was a sportsman: member of the Esso Tennis Club, serving one term as president, and the Aruba Golf Club, winning the Chapman Valve

Tournament with partner Frank Halferty, at 48-1 odds! He was also a pitcher with the Refinery Softball team. He and Tina returned many times with family and friends to vacation in Aruba. While with Chevron he traveled around the world visiting major oil ports, on a six week assignment. He was an avid traveler and traveled the world for both business and pleasure. Gene's talents were many. Besides being an outstanding athlete (college basketball star, baseball pitcher, at one time trying out for the Chicago Cubs, tennis player, serving as president of the Palos Verdes Tennis Club) he was also an accomplished classical piano player. He is survived by his wife, Tina (2640 Via Anacapa, Palos Verdes Est CA 90274); his son Tom (Mary) and grandchildren, Sam and Chiara. He was preceded in death by his daughter Karen. Private services were held at the San Luis Obispo Mausoleum.

Jeannette Norris Cubberley Faucett Holmes, 93, of Boca Raton, passed away on Monday, November 7, 2011. She was born August 15, 1918, in Elizabeth NJ, the 2nd daughter to Reuben Norris & Marion Louisa (Flock) Cubberley. She is survived by her sister Marion (Mari) Louise Cubberley of New Jersey, children Nancy Jeannette Faucett (Islamorada FL) and James Norris Faucett (Lake Worth FL). Mom also has several step children, grandchildren & great grandchildren from her 2nd marriage with H. Bertram Holmes (Hal) with whom she was deeply in love. Mom spent most of her early years in Westfield N.J. where she went to Westfield High School & was president of the Girls Athletic Council. She received her "Senior Lifesaving Certificate" and taught swimming & diving at the "Y". Mom was very proud when at the age of 12 she won 1st place in a diving tournament for women "15 & older"! Mom went to college in Oxford OH at Miami University of Ohio, where she earned her bachelor's degree in both Economics & Philosophy. While at Miami, her roommate in the dorm was Lorraine Smith, who became Lorraine Smucker of the Smuckers jam family! Mom was proud again when her college advisor, in her analysis, wrote "obvious refinement". She gives credit for this to her parents who instilled in her their belief in "to thine own self be true....." and she genuinely lived by the Golden Rule. After college, mom went to work as the editor of the newspaper/magazine for the 5000 employees of Esso Manhattan, and was there until, while on an assignment to do a story about the Esso refinery in Aruba, N.A., she met & subsequently married our father, Jim Faucett, on May 7, 1949. Mom & Daddy tried to have a baby, but were unable. So, on June 6, 1957 they adopted their first child, Nancy Jeannette; then their son James Norris on October 18, 1959. The four of us lived in Aruba until Daddy took early retirement from Standard Oil & we moved to Florida in 1965. Daddy then designed & built their dream house in Boca Raton, where Mom has lived ever since. Jeannette has been active in so many clubs & associations in Boca, including the Boca chapter of the Republican Club, the Silver Palm Garden

Club, the D.A.R., the Debbie Rand, etc. Our father, Jim Faucett, passed away in March of 1969. Mom then raised her children & took care of everything from broken bones to financial security. In addition to all her club activities, Mom also worked part-time for the Boca Raton Hotel & Club. She travelled a great deal; one of her initial adventures was to take Nancy & Jimmy to Europe for a month in 1972. [While there they visited Fred and Muriel Horacek who were living in Brussels. Jeannette, Fred and Muriel had worked together at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in NY from 1945 to 1950.] We travelled throughout France, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, England, Denmark & Sweden. I think that may have sparked her love of travel as she never slowed down. During the next several years she really saw the world. Seventeen years after losing her husband Jim, Mom ran into an old friend at an Exxon annuitants luncheon in Ft. Pierce. This is very romantic, so pay attention! They had known each other 40 years before when they both worked at Esso in Manhattan. They were attracted to each other but not free to pursue a relationship. And when they met again at the luncheon they were both available, so they dated a little while & soon got married. They had 10 very happy years together before Hal passed away in 1996. Mom mostly only travelled to the FL Keys to visit Nancy once in a while & to NJ to visit with her sister Marion. She & Marion & Jim & Jimmy made it a yearly tradition to go to Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz NY. Mom is loved & cherished by everyone who ever had the privilege of meeting her & she will be greatly missed. A funeral service was held November 9 at Grace Community Church in Boca Raton. Burial was at the Boca Raton Cemetery.

Alex Ambrose Salvy Hassell, born March 17, 1925 in Saba, died on July 28, 2011, in Aruba. Alex's father, Eugenius Hassell, went to Aruba in 1937 to work for Lago, where he was a teacher and head of the vocational school. The school gave English lessons to young Aruban boys who also got training in the plant. Alex became supervisor of the Transportation Division in the Industrial Relations Dept. He worked with George Hemstreet, Corny Dunlap and many others and dealt with incoming expatriates to make sure all their documents were in order. Alex retired when Lago shut down in 1985, at which time he had over 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife Althea Hassell-Peterson and two sons: Rudy and his companion Mayra Oduber, and Eugene and his wife Dina. His daughter Nadine died in childbirth. Alex is also survived by his sisters: Louise Adrews and Cornelia (Bennie) Sloterdijk and his wife's extensive family, and by his grandchildren.

Richard Dennis Honey, 52, died suddenly and peacefully at his home on December 23, 2011. He had suffered a stroke and heart attack about 5 years ago. Born at Lago Hospital on October 12, 1959, Richard left two years later when his family moved to Thonotosassa, Florida, a small town outside Tampa. Richard moved again to St. Petersburg, Florida in his teen

years. He graduated from St. Petersburg Catholic High School and later attended the University of South Florida in Gainesville and the University of South Florida in Tampa, graduating with a degree in accounting. Richard was a supervisor in computer operations and was employed by the St. Petersburg Times newspaper for many years. His favorite hobby was drag racing with his 1996 Corvette and working on computers. Richard was predeceased by his parents, Hale and Katherine Honey. He is survived by his wife, Brenda, son; John Andrew Honey, brother, Robert Honey and sister, Margo Honey Kessler (5400 Park St N #PH4, St. Petersburg FL 33709).

Sudie Kornegay, a well loved Lago School teacher, died on April 23, 2011, in Corpus Christi TX. She was 88 years old. Sudie was buried in Palms Memorial Gardens, Portland TX. While her typing classes were electives, those who were her students frequently express gratitude for what she taught them, a most useful skill in this high tech era where good keyboard skills are prized.

Michael Mathews passed away unexpectedly on June 14. He is survived by his brothers: Richard (522 Lakeshore Dr, Maitland FL 32751-3212) and Bax (558 West New England Ave #309, Winter Park FL 32789-4240). Michael, the son of George and Rene Mathews [29-62], was in the class of 1967.

Esther Geraldine (Cook) Monroe, passed away November 18, 2011. She was 92 and aware that her time was at hand and was at peace with that. She seemed happier in the last days of her life than the family had seen her in the past years since her husband Lloyd died in 2002. Born in Louisville, KY, March 15, 1919, she lived in Lago Colony, Aruba from 1945 until 1967 with her husband, Lloyd Monroe, a petrochemical engineer for Lago, and their five sons. She was always active in the churches and social clubs of the communities in which she lived, but loved most swimming, singing in choirs, dancing and playing bridge. Living in a household filled with males, she was destined to become an avid baseball fan and was still keeping box scores for her Oakland Athletics well into her nineties. After her husband took early retirement from Lago, they bought a home in Menlo Park CA. Lloyd took a consultant's position at Bechtel in San Francisco. They later built the house of their dreams on Mt. Konocti overlooking Clear Lake, but finally moved into Spring Lake Village in Santa Rosa where, together, they spent many happy years. Before her health declined she had been an active resident and compassionate volunteer at Spring Lake Village. Her family would say, however, that by far her greatest accomplishment was raising and caring for her five sons. Her husband Lloyd, sister Irene, and son Richard Monroe died some years before her. In addition to seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, Esther is survived by four sons, and their wives, Larry (Elizabeth) (2408 Fowler Dr, Denton TX 76209); Doug (Martha) (1033 Olympic Drive, Rio Vista, CA 94571); John (Annie)

1810 Moreland Dr, Alameda CA 94501); Bill (Jer) (12866 Hillside Terrace, Boulder Creek CA). In lieu of a formal funeral, the family gathered over Thanksgiving to honor her.

Robert "Bob" Eason Morrison, a retired school principal and teacher who dedicated most of his time to education and his family, died peacefully Thursday, April 21, 2011, in Mandeville LA at the age of 86. A New Jersey native who graduated from Teaneck High School and Hobart College, he received his Masters in Education from Columbia University. He administered and taught in New Jersey, Aruba (Lago High School), Vermont, New Hampshire, Libya, Maine and Louisiana. He continued to hear from his students from all around the world his entire life. "He brought history and current events alive for his students." His philosophy was that an educational system accepts each student at their present academic, social and athletic level. It then becomes the responsibility of the school to create an environment that will develop their full potential in these and other areas," said his son, James. Bob was a WWII veteran with the 76th Military Company 24th Infantry Division 6th Army. He was an active member of the NASSP from 1961-1982 and also the NHASSP from 1966-1977, and he served on the executive board for the state of New Hampshire. He had many educational affiliations and dedicated his career to his students and faculty. He was often heard to say his greatest ambition was to start a school from "scratch" and he achieved that goal by opening the Gilford Middle High School in 1973. He oversaw the construction of the building, purchased all the materials, hired a staff of 45 and developed the curriculum one year prior to its opening. It was the first school in New Hampshire that featured open-concept classrooms and a tartan gymnasium floor. He was the principal at Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro NH from 1966-1973. Bob enjoyed traveling and was fortunate to tour Europe, Africa and 35 states in the U.S. His hobbies included sailing, golf and skiing. He was survived by his devoted and loving wife of 62 years, Mary Newton Cox Morrison; son, James E Morrison (Jennifer) of Mandeville LA, and daughter Lynn D Goodale (Mason) of Murphys CA. He had four grandchildren: Eason, Levi, Jacin and Jacquelin. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the National Marfan Foundation, 22 Manhasset Avenue, Port Washington, New York 11050. His family would like to thank all those who touched his life in so many ways!!

Grace Parisi, born July 18, 1904, died peacefully in her sleep at her home July 14, 2011. She had full services on Monday July 18, 2011, the day she would have turned 107. Her final resting place is Skyway Memorial Gardens, Palmetto FL, with her husband Frank and her mother Grace. For many years Grace was cared for by Judy Reazin who kept the Chronicle updated on her activities. In the Colony, Grace and her husband Frank lived in Bungalow 110, five doors towards the refinery from the elementary school.

Marilyn Alice (Holtane) Rogers was born on September 11, 1924, in Los Angeles CA to Norwegian immigrants Walborg & Theodore Holtane. Her father was a master machinist who worked throughout the Americas. Ted Holtane worked on the Hoover Dam, the California railroads, the Panama Canal (where her sister Vivian was born), in the Venezuelan oilfields and finally ran the machine shop of Lago refinery in Aruba, DWI. Consequently Marilyn moved a bit as a child, settling in Aruba at the age of 11. She was in one of the earliest graduating classes from Lago High School in 1942. Marilyn was a great athlete, running hurdles & playing baseball in high school and later bowling & playing golf. She loved science and won the Senior Science Award as a Junior. She then planned on becoming a doctor after being accepted at UCLA – until she met Chet. Marilyn met Chet Rogers while she was playing first base at the Junior Esso Club. Theirs was a grand love story --- they married and lived happily in Aruba for almost 40 years. Marilyn & Chet were very proud of their family. They raised a family of four children: Michael (wife Lesley) living in New Zealand, Joyce Brody (husband Lenny) living in Chicago, Philip (wife Theresa) living in Houston, and Kate living in Las Vegas. Marilyn was generous and kind, artistic and musical with a corny sense of humor. Puns were her favorite. She loved singing, whether out the kitchen window or in the annual Christmas Choir in Aruba. She was active in the island community. She served on the Church Board of Lago Community Church and taught Sunday school. Marilyn was an exceptional letter writer her entire life & kept in touch with the lifelong friends made in Aruba and in the US. Both Marilyn and Chet were very grateful for their many Aruban & ex-pat friends. After Chet's retirement in December 1975, they moved to Redlands CA. They enjoyed this small town in southern CA for 30 years, befriending neighbors, helping out with Meals on Wheels, and playing golf regularly with a Seniors Golf Club. Marilyn was the only woman in the club; the men jokingly said she could join because she made them brownies. But because she was such an excellent golfer, she had to tee off from the men's tee. And this was after she survived breast cancer and a heart attack! She always came home with jokes & stories. Family was her main priority and she was top notch. She loved visits with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. And they loved her. She leaves behind 6 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, and 2 great granddaughters as well as nieces and nephews. Marilyn & Chet moved to Las Vegas in 2006 to live with their daughter, Kate. They enjoyed being with Kate in spite of the medical challenges that came their way. Chet passed away in September 2007 after a brief illness. Marilyn fell & broke her hip in June this year. She was recovering well, in her natural style, but due to several medical mishaps she passed away on July 29, 2011. Her final thoughts and prayers were for her family but she was ready to join her sweetheart. Marilyn will be

missed and remembered with love. We continue to honor her by sharing our many memories and stories. Sometimes with a tear, sometimes with a chuckle, always with a smile. Marilyn is survived by her 4 children: Michael Rogers (Immrogers@xtra.co.nz), Joyce Brody (joycebrody63@yahoo.com); Philip Rogers (rogers.philip.a@gmail.com); Kate Rogers (rogers39@cox.net)

Loni Rusins passed away December 4, 2011, following surgery on December 1 for a hip she had broken 2 days earlier. Loni and her husband Inars were with Lago from 1962 until 1970; he was in the MIS Division. She is survived by Inars (4501-R Dunton Terrace, Perry Hall MD 21129) and their son Lars (1744 Monkton Farms Drive, Monkton MD 21111), class of 1978. Lars says her death was very peaceful and with dignity. The Rusins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008. Funeral services were anticipated December 10. Loni and Inars have been frequent contributors to the Chronicle.

Janet Schmidt, wife of "Tubby" Schmidt, passed away October 2, 2011. Suffering with a lung problem for some years, she had been on oxygen. When she was taken by ambulance to the hospital two days before she died, Tubby was in rehab for the removal of one leg due to an infection. Tubby (1695 Thomas, Titusville FL 32780) was in the class of '53.

John Neil Scott, Class of 1963, passed away October 28, 2011, at his home with his family by his side. John was born in Goose Creek, Baytown TX on February 18, 1945, the son of Charles, Sr. and Vida Durham Scott of Fredericksburg TX. At the age of 5, John moved from Baytown to Aruba where his father was employed by Lago. John attended Lago Elementary and Lago High School and also San Marcos Military Academy in San Marcos TX. He attended Stowe Prep School in Stowe VT and graduated from Lamoille Central Academy in Hyde Park VT in 1965. He was employed by the GAF Mines of Eden VT and then was a service manager for Mudgett-Smalley Motors of Morrisville. He later joined the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. John moved to Richardson TX for a short period of time and was employed by the Richardson Police Department. After moving back to Lamoille County he returned to the Sheriff's Department and then joined the Vermont Department of Public Safety in 1987. On June 8, 1985 he married Cynthia (Cindy) Sterner. In 1998 John and Cindy moved to TX to care for his parents in their final years. While there, John was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety High Patrol Communications Division. In 1999 they moved back to VT. John resumed work with the Vermont Department of Public Safety until his retirement in August of 2011. He also served for 41 years with the local volunteer fire department. John is survived by his wife of 27 years, Cindy (4284 Centerville Road, Hyde Park VT 05655 jcscott2484@comcast.net) and two special step-children, Matthew Hill of Eden and Kitzie Hill (Morgan) Kilburn of Hyde

Park. He is also survived by a very special woman, the mother of his grandchildren, Ms. Aliza Stygles. He leaves 3 grandchildren, his father-in-law, Arlo Sterner; sister-in-law, Sue (husband Roger) Mann; brother-in-law, Tim (wife Linda) Sterner; and his sister-in-law, Pat Scott. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Charles Scott, Jr. Contributions in John's memory can be made to Lamoille Home Health & Hospice, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville VT 05661 or Lamoille Area Cancer Network, P.O. Box 38, Lake Elmore VT 05657 or the charity of your choice.

Daphne "Daph" Sergeant passed away on September 9, 2011. Daphne worked for the George Janson family from 1947 until 1968 but was well loved by all the colony kids who knew her. Daph, who would have been 96 September 12th, had been failing for a few months and was talking about seeing God in Heaven. She was an amazing woman, the "other mother" of the Janson kids and many others. Daph hosted a 25th reunion dinner for the class of '63 at her little house in San Nicholas, and joined their 40th reunion at Charlie's Apartments in Savaneta. How she loved being around "the kids" and regaling us with her stories. After the Jansons left Aruba, Daph worked for Chicago Bridge and then spent years catering food for some of the schools in San Nicholas. She earned enough money to build her own house, which many of you visited at Congo Weg. She then continued to do catering from her home until she was in her 90's. She was also very active in her church. Daph's walls were hung with plaques recognizing her years as president of the Women's Club and as one of the founders of Aruba Meals on Wheels. George, Gail and Debbie Janson began visiting Daph after the reunion in 1980, and one of them spent time with her at least twice a year. They came to respect and love her even more. It was amazing how many grown men and women would visit and talk about the food and clothing she gave them when they were growing up in poverty in San Nicholas. Daph was a loving, Christian, strong-willed woman, who would do anything for her family and friends. The Janson 'kids' say they will miss her, but know Daph is entertaining God right now.

John Sickler, class of '67, passed away on August 18, 2011. John was born to Victor and Loris Sickler in Stamps, Arkansas on March 02, 1948. John's early life was fondly spent in Aruba. He loved it there, especially fixing up old sail boats and being on the water. He was always fixing up vehicles which later became his occupation as well as a hobby. A Navy veteran, he retired as a mechanic at the Marine Corp base in Yermo CA after which he became a truck driver. His final home was in Newberry Springs CA, where his mother lived until her death January 16, 1997. He involved himself in the community volunteering his time as a drug and alcohol counselor, at the Newberry Springs Senior Center where he enjoyed the kids and the seniors, and at his church. He loved playing Santa annually. John was a jokester, any and all who

knew him know that. He was full of life and loved to engage others any way he could. He called bingo for the Senior Center and for the Chamber of Commerce. He didn't like the game but his mother did and he enjoyed teasing the little old ladies who were playing His bantering and joking will be greatly missed by many. He had a huge heart and loved with every part of it. Originally the plan was to take his ashes to Aruba but due to the difficulty of transporting ashes, he was interred in Barstow CA at Mountain View Memorial Park. Cherie "Miss Daisy" (kc6l1x@dishmail.net) was his caregiver and dear friend during his last year. Just days before he died, he showed her Aruba on the computer screen, including the location of his house and the beaches he used to walk and swim along; where his dad worked and all the highlights of Aruba. He had made plans to take a cruise through the Panama Canal and visit Aruba in October, and also attend the reunion in Aruba in June 2012. John and Cherie had planned a visit with his sister, Vicki, following her foot amputation about 12 days before his death, but decided to wait until after his doctor's appointment – they didn't make it. During his last week he called all his friends who were on his cell phone and loved talking with them. He especially loved his Aruba friends and spoke highly of them and Aruba, "his homeland". John is survived by his sister Vicki (PO Box 2566 (c/o Hernandez), Browning MT 59417) and his three children: Lisa (Stephen) Pringle, Tamra Williams, David (Elizabeth) Sickler. Also by 8 grandchildren, 3 nieces, a nephew, a great niece and an aunt. His brother Leland passed away 2 years earlier.

Antoinette "Annette" Smit, class of 1968, of Chelmsford MA, died September 21, 2011, peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Forrest Badmington for 28 years. Born in Aruba on October 22, 1950, she was the daughter of Gerardus and Theresia Smit of Centerville, MA. She is survived by her sisters, Helene Smit (Robert Gopen), Marguerite Smit, Monique Pinney (Jeff) and Nicole Marcinkiewicz (Bill) and sister-in-law Joan Van Horn (Bill Gresho) and nieces and nephews Kyle, Sarah, Alex, Danielle, Nathaniel, Matthew, Amanda and Elizabeth. Annette received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Salem State University and her Masters in Business Administration from Northeastern University. She worked at Racal Redac for 15 years, E-Runway and L1 Identity Solutions, Inc. until retirement in May, 2009. She loved to tend to her garden, enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, and spending time with her family. She was a devoted wife, sister and aunt and will be truly missed. Annette was actively involved in activities at Trinity Lutheran Church. Donations in her name may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford MA 01824 or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St. Bldg 9, Lawrence MA 01843.

Sarah Sandra Smith Hutchinson, 72, youngest daughter of Lucy and Lloyd G. Smith, passed away November 13, 2011,

after a battle with lung cancer. At her request her remains will be cremated and ashes scattered off Aruba, where she was born, February 19, 1939. Sally, as she was called by the family, spent her early life in Aruba, then moved with her parents to Manhasset, Long Island, where she completed elementary and secondary school. She went on to graduate from Oberlin University with a BA in Psychology in 1960, later obtaining her MSW at Loyola University in 1967. Sally was a dedicated social worker within the Chicago area for over 30 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Eugene Hutchinson (9410 S. Vanderpoel, Chicago IL 60620); sons, David Osei (Anita) Hutchinson (osei@vacademy.org), Paul (Toi) Hutchinson, Lloyd Hutchinson and Jacob Hutchinson; five grandchildren; her brother Gerald Lloyd Smith (803 Custer Ave, Cheyenne WY 82009); sisters, Lucy (Smith)Stewart (501 VES Road #CT18, Lynchburg VA 24503) and Marjorie (Smith) Fincher (2241 N Union Road #116, Manteca CA 95336), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brian Stewart ('59)[45-49] passed away on January 13, 2012. Brian was part of the class of 1959 although he left Aruba while in elementary school, when the family returned to England Last winter Brian was having serious back pain which was initially diagnosed as a slipped disc. In March, when he was unable to walk, a scan identified spinal cancer, secondary to primary lung cancer. He spent the last several months on oxygen and was paralyzed from the waist down. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (113 Worston Rd, Highbridge, Somerset, England TA9 3JX. Joyce has been having her own health issues, suffering from polymyalgia rheumatism. Brian is also survived by two daughters.

Rina Tappin-Benschop passed away February 25, 2011. Rina, born in Aruba on February 27, 1939, and Randy Tappin, a Barbadian working for Lago, were married in June 1960. They moved to the US in 1978 when Randy, Assistant Controller in the Controller's Department, transferred to the Esso Central America Headquarters in Coral Gables FL to become Controller of Esso CENTAM. Rina's cancer was discovered in October; she was treated at Johns-Hopkins for a month but succumbed to the aggressive cancer shortly after returning to FL. She and Randy had recently moved from Las Vegas NV to Palm Beach Gardens to be close to their daughter Allison, a registered nurse. She is survived by her husband Randy (404 NW Shoreview Drive, Port Saint Lucie FL 34986), daughter Allison (29000 Portofino Circle, Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418) and her sister Viola Benschop Garig (1898 Longmire Rd #6, Conroe TX 77304). The Tappins were very active in the Seroe Colorado (Lago) Tennis Club. She was a wonderful tennis player and also loved playing mah jongh. She was on the board of women's clubs in Las Vegas and Port Saint Lucie at the time of her death. She had lots of support from members of the Port Saint Lucie Club near Palm Beach. A wonderful decorator, she had beautiful homes and

gardens wherever they lived. She liked to participate in religious activities. The Tappins lived in Bungalow 1542.
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Aruba Car Rentals:

Hertz: Get a discount through **Larry Riggs** (RiggsLarry@aol.com (816) 353-1220) or **Lisa Gray** (arubagrav@comcast.net (561) 745-2953). They will provide pricing information.

Econo car rental: Cars are available at reasonable rates thru Mike Wong (Lago High class of 1965). See www.econoaruba.com. Mike will take off 10% during high season or 20% during low season. On older cars (4 years) the discount is an extra 10%.

Web sites of interest

<http://www.lago-colony.com> by Dan Jensen.

Terry Schroth ('83) www.barefootphotographs.com. Click photographs and then top left thumbnail for Aruba

Bill Smith ('56) [/www.pbase.com/scsnapper/2008junaruba](http://www.pbase.com/scsnapper/2008junaruba)
<http://arubakid.com/>

www.naomiroborough.com displays the art work of Naomi, wife of Jim Rosborough ('53).

<http://www.visitaruba.com> – information on numerous places to stay

Visiting Aruba? Buy souvenirs at the Donkey Sanctuary and the Animal Shelter, doing a good deed in the process. The Animal Shelter: from Palm Beach turn left at the light across from the airport, then right at the first traffic circle and right at the corner with the bus station on your right. Continue straight to the shelter. The Donkey Sanctuary: take route #4 from the hotels. At the Pizza Hut in Paradera turn left. At the 2nd intersection, just before Ayo Rock formation, you will find the white/brown road signs to the sanctuary; within five minutes you can pet the donkeys.