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2012 Lago/Aruba Reunion on "THE ROCK" (June 16 - June 23). What can we say? It was terrific, full of memory sharing events, visits with old friends and the making of new ones. Many were there for 10 days or more with a few for as much as a month. There were small gatherings in the Westin lobby, at various vacation apartment complexes and in private homes as well as the Welcome and Farewell Parties at the Westin. The Costa Riba in Lago Heights and JADS at the Esso Club were favorites for enjoying local food and good company but you could find the 'kids' in restaurants everywhere. Baby Beach was popular for snorkeling, while many enjoyed sharing memories at Fontein and elsewhere. Wish you'd been there!

Florida Reunion: April, 2013, at Hillsborough State Park, 5-7 miles west of Zephyrhills on Hiway 301. Jerry Barnes, 1910 John Arthur Way, Lakeland FL 33803; (863) 284-9049).

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.

Ladies of the Class of 1965 – There's a mini reunion planned for the last weekend in April 2013, in Santa Fe NM. The class members will rent a home for 3 nights; the 4th day they'll pamper themselves at a spa overnight. A really special time for the 'gals' of 1965. For more info, contact Helen (Lambert) Baur at hlbaur@yahoo.com). In 3 years the class will be celebrating its 50th reunion on a cruise to Aruba. Spouses and partners are invited to share in this milestone celebration.

Looking for a place to stay when visiting Aruba?
<http://www.aruba.com> has information about places to stay and Chronicle readers recommend the sites below, enjoyed for their local flavor.

Tropical Haven: www.buffamstropicalhaven.com.me
SeaBreeze: seabreeze@setarnet.aw
Aruba Beach Chalets: www.aruba-beach-chalets.com
Vistalmar Apartments: www.arubavistalmar.com
Boardwalk Apartments:
Lago Colony - www.vrbo.com/281449

Chronicle Funds and Mailings

The response to the appeal for funds was well received and the account is healthier. The increasing postal expenses, however, necessitate a change. Many have suggested we go electronic which we've tried to avoid but can no longer afford to do so. So this issue is on a controlled web site and your were notified by Larry Riggs or Ginger Bassett. Confidentiality is a concern. Please remember that this site is for the Chronicle only and only those on the Lago Bulletin Board or who sent your e-mail address to Ginger Bassett should have access to it. That means **not** sharing the site access information with friends or family, including Lagoites, and never using Chronicle information for commercial purposes.

If you aren't on Larry's Lago Bulletin Board and want to be, send him your e-mail address (RiggsLarry@aol.com). Otherwise, if you want access to the web site, send your e-mail address to gingerbassett@comcast.net (the only use will be to send the access code for a new issue or to contact you for Chronicle business such as researching 'missing' folks.

For those wishing to continue receiving the Chronicle via the postal service, a \$10 annual donation would be appreciated to cover printing and postal costs.

There are some drawbacks to this system. It is actually harder for your Chronicle staff. A lot of effort has gone into finding 'missing' Lagoites and the USPS has been a big help with forwarding addresses and death notices. People change e-mail addresses far more frequently than snail mail addresses and e-mail does not provide forwarding addresses. It's all up to you to keep the Chronicle database updated with your e-mail and snail-mail addresses. Without updates we'll quickly lose you after years of hard work.

Question: What does [__-__] after a person's name mean?

Answer: We don't know what years they were in Aruba. Lots of people are mentioned in this issue with [__-__]. Can you help?

It was especially wonderful to hear from **Ed Hillstead** [31-60] recently. Although very sad at the death of a dear lady friend of 21 years, he said he was doing well himself, considering he is 104 years old. Ed loves hearing from Lago friends and can be reached at ejhillstead@cfl.rr.com.

Mason Colby [37-43] and his family travelled to Aruba on an oil tanker in the spring of 1937 when he was 5 and in kindergarten in Montclair NJ. The family returned to Montclair in the spring of 1943 while he was in 5th grade; they moved back into the house in which he, his brothers and sister and his father had been born - built in the 1880's by his grandfather Colby. He met his wife Patricia in their sophomore year at Cornell University in Ithaca NY. Married Nov 11, 1955, they will celebrate their 57th anniversary this year. Mason worked for Procter & Gamble 36 years, retiring in 1991. They now live in Naples FL about 7 months a year and have a condo in Avon Lake OH near a daughter.

Maribeth Morris ('62) has been in the Denver area since her move from the San Francisco Bay area in 1999. Her 'new life' since retiring from Bechtel in 2003 includes volunteering for the Denver Art Museum. She is a docent and gives tours for adults and students. There are several special exhibits at the DAM every year which keep her a perpetual student. She's recently been asked to also be docent at the newly established American Museum of Western Art which houses the fabulous Phillip Anschutz art collection.

Jean (Henderson) Oster ('51)[33-42] enjoyed seeing classmates, **Bill Moyer** [33-51] and **Gleb Aulow** [38-51], mentioned in last Chronicle. She also remembers the **Haase** family [30-56] who lived across the street. Jean is in OR where most of her children, grandchildren and great grands live.

Jim Wyatt [53-60], 92, and **Florence** are still doing well. Using her walker, Florence cooks and takes care of the house. He takes care of the yard and gets her into her wheel chair for walks around the neighborhood when the weather is good. He says they were one of the youngest couples in Lago Colony in the 50's so not many Lago people they knew are left. Most of the news is about their children or grandchildren but he still enjoys the Chronicle.

Mimi (Payton) Anderson ('71) was in one of the first classes sent away to boarding school when Lago discontinued the high school. She and her husband, Don Anderson, have been back to Aruba several times and are always amazed at the changes to the island. "The transition from top refinery in the world to top Caribbean resort destination has been accomplished to the benefit of the Aruban population." Daughter of Jack Payton, Mimi's family was in Aruba from 1955 to 1969, with a subsequent posting to Caracas before returning home to the corporate offices at Avenue of the Americas.

Bob Tricarico ('52), after moving to GA at his son's suggestion, has moved back to FL which he prefers. He's in Lady Lake.

Street cars in Aruba! Nassastraat was totally torn up during the reunion as preparations for street cars were being made. The streetcar is one of the key projects in the revitalization of the island's capital. There will be 3 streetcars, each carrying up to 70 passengers; they'll stop about every 8 minutes at 8 different stops in Oranjestad. The turnaround points are the cruise terminal in Oranjestad, and the far end of Nassastraat. The streetcars will work on rechargeable batteries, avoiding the need of above ground wires. Aruba's green streetcar rail system fits the government vision to have the island fully dependent on green energy in the future. One stop is anticipated to be at a parking garage to be built behind the bus terminal which will help both locals and tourists. It is hoped the streetcar will also help the merchants along Nassastraat who have suffered from all the buildup closer to the port. The streetcar in Aruba is unique in the Caribbean, and is hoped to be operational soon. The renovation and upgrade of the Main Street in Oranjestad is scheduled to be completed at the same time.

Duane and Mary Huetter [69-71] spent a day in Aruba in Nov 2009 while on a cruise. The complete change of vegetation in the colony area, changes in the shore line at Baby Lagoon and grass golf courses were most interesting to them. A tour advertising a 'stop at the site of the Natural Bridge' did not seem worth the effort. They drove along the leeward side of the island from the light house to Seroe Colorado and stopped for a dip at Baby Lagoon. Their former house, bungalow 1500, was under renovation, but it appeared work had ceased for some time based upon the sun dried look of the framing lumber. They found it novel to look into their former bathroom, kitchen, etc and see memories, ruin, and promise for the future! The day they were there, two 1900 passenger cruise ships were in port. Duane and Mary recalled going on the Grace Line ships for cocktails - a social highlight for the week.

Dana (Cole) Vincil's [56-61] donation to the Chronicle was made in memory of **Bob Morrison** [55-63]. The Morrisons and Coles were next door neighbors in Aruba and they have kept in touch for these many years.

Martha Byington ('62) and **Helen (Lambert) Baur** ('65) keep in touch; Helen reports her mother, **Lucille Lambert** [43-69], is doing very well. Martha is also in touch with **Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin** who lives in one Lago 'new houses'. In June Iola was leaving for Europe for 6 weeks.

Our apologies to **Mary (Griffith) Lopez** for not reporting on her 90th birthday in May 2010! It was celebrated with a wonderful picnic and lots of family. Mary originally went to Aruba in 1930, left in 1936, and came back to marry **Jim Lopez** in 1937. They left in 1955.

Berry Schendstok ('55)[38-52] continues to enjoy the Chronicle but says he opens each issue with mixed emotions: he enjoys reading about people he knew and how well they are doing, but, more and more, he reads how former playmates and school friends are being burdened by the effects of time passing and how some of them have passed on. He says it's a good reality check, a reminder to keep in touch and to reach out and remember. [Thank you Berry].

Gene and Margo (Honey) Keesler ('55/61) took a January cruise on Holland America's "Maasdam" to 8 islands in the Caribbean, including Bonaire, Curacao and Aruba. "We pulled into Oranjestad Harbor at 8:00 AM on Jan 25 and met **Babs (Ammann)** Wood ('62) at the gas station across from the dock. Off we went to Santa Cruz to see Babs' apartment and then on to pick up **George Janson** ('63) who was nice enough to drive us to the former Lago Colony, Rodgers Beach and Baby Beach as well as the Esso Club and Colorado Point. My, how things have changed!!!! There is vegetation growing everywhere due to increased rainfall, making it harder to find the old familiar land marks. Even the WW2 gun turrets on Colorado Point had bushes growing in them. On the way back to the ship, we visited very briefly with Ida Lee and Donna Lee Downey at their home on Scotland Street. From there we met Rick and Sherri Buffam at the Tropical Haven and then we rushed back to the ship for our 1:00 PM departure. Next time, we will fly to Aruba and stay a week or two, as our 5 hour visit just flew by."

Edna (Berto) Townsend [53-60], husband of the late Bob Townsend and the sister of **Frank Berto** [52-57], is living on Mercer Island WA. She asks if anyone remembers having to do the daily chore of checking the dog for ticks. Edna and Bob moved to Mercer Island in 1962 and Bob worked for Boeing until his death. Their son died 3 years ago but their daughter and her family are an hour away. Edna (now going by her first name of Carmen) also has her family nearby in Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

Millie Crippen ('57) comes from one of the larger Lago Colony clans. The R. Reeds, Ted Taylors and H. Lockers were all relatives. Millie still works full time with Fondren Orthopedics (TX Orthopedic Hospital) in the TX Medical Center in Houston. She's been in the medical field for a long time, still chugging along. She's doing transcription now but has worn many hats. Her girls are in Los Angeles but she finds Houston more affordable. One of them is moving back to Houston though, so Millie will probably stay. She says "If I ever win the lottery big, I'll buy a yacht and float around the islands. When I was on a cruise last year I was so happy to be back in the trade winds and salty air that they could not drag me in off the balcony at night.

Jean Fincher [59-62] lives in Bartlettville OK. In late 2010, Terrence Malick directed The Burial film there. He once lived there and his parents retired there. The cast includes Ben Affleck, Javier Bardem, Rachel McAdams, Rachel Weisz and Jessica Chastain. She was looking forward to seeing it, especially the soccer scene, which was filmed in Robinwood Park, which adjoins her backyard. Unfortunately she wasn't aware of the filming until the next day.

It was good to hear from **Tony and Alice Proterra** [48-69] in February as there had been no Christmas letter from them which was unusual. Alice explained that she had been hospitalized with pneumonia and was in rehab from Dec 3 through Jan 26. When she wrote she said she was regaining her strength and was trying to catch up.

Lita Ramphal [__-__] is one of many Arubians who have been frequent contributors to the Chronicle. Lita graduated from high school in the Netherlands in 1961. She is the daughter of **Paula Oehlers**, the lead Lago receptionist, and her father was in the Mechanical Department. The Oehlers lived in Bungalow #33 in Essoville.

Although many of you reference the Memorial section with sadness, we also get many comments about the good memories it brings. **Helen Moritz** ('68)[50-65], when reading about **Loni Rusins** [62-70] was reminded of the many times she baby sat their son **Lars Rusins** ('78).

Tom and Jackie White [55-63] say that although it's been nearly 50 years since they left Aruba and they don't recognize many of the names in the Chronicle, they still look forward to each issue as it puts their memory machines back to work. They left shortly after their son Greg was born – he now lives in St Paul MN and his step-son Tom is in his 3rd year at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Son Tim, born in Saudi Arabia in 1965, is a Captain in the US Navy and lives in Annapolis MD. He has 3 children; the oldest starts college this September. The Whites celebrate New Years with a group of Aruba friends who have stayed in touch over the years, while working all over the world for a lot of companies. This year **Maggie Touchstone** [53-63] hosted the celebration with **Bill and Ricky Fisher** [55-58], **Rudy and Patricia Bergfield** [54-74], **Dick** [__-__] and **Elvira South** ('50)[39-__], and **Bob Hart** [57-61] and his wife Barbara. They managed to make it til the big ball dropped in NY. They were looking forward to **Dave and Carol Wilson** [55-59], snowbirds from London, Ontario, visiting the Houston area for 2 weeks in March.

Sharon (Meaker) Black ('49)[31-46] refers to herself as an 'old time original' and comments there are few of them now, but she still enjoys reading the Chronicle.

Joe ('51) and Barbara (Klomprens Carroll [43-76/61-76] say that despite all the news about the snow storm in CO last winter, those living on the "Western Slope" didn't have a bit of bad weather. Joe and Barbara have had sunny, mild weather and feel they made the right choice to retire in Grand Junction. They had lunch in late Jan with **Hank and Bev Bryce [69-78]** in Phoenix, and visit with **John and Phyllis Yeamans [67-76]** when they are in WY.

John and Phyllis Yeamans [67-76] wintered in Coral Gables FL in 2012. Last July they attended the Dallas TX engagement party of Jonathon Williams, the son of the late **Carl Williams and Linda (Williams) Giesen [__-__]**. The only other "Aruba Alum" there was **Moira (Whitney) Kinzie ('70)**. Jonathon was only 2 years old when he left Aruba. Phyllis had lunch this winter with Frances Swingholm – **Frances and Ralph Swingholm [62-76]** also winter in Cape Coral.

Roy Burbage ('48), still in SC, now lives in Lexington. He thinks his mother, **Mattie Burbage** who turned 103 on June 8. Living in a senior community near Roy, Mattie is still active and very alert. His brothers **Bill ('51)** and **Tom ('64)** were both born in Aruba and live near Roy. The family left in 1961 when their dad **Vance** retired. Bill's twin, **Bob ('51)** is deceased.

Libby (Haase) Chalker ('45)[31-54], was still waiting for winter in Blue Creek OH when she wrote in early February. They'd had only 2 days of snow flurries, no real snow, and temperatures in the 40's and 50's.

You will recall some recent discussions about the furniture in the Lago Colony homes. **Sally (Locker) Link ('58)** reports that it was for sale as late as 1953 as her mother bought some for an apartment the Lockers had in WV during the terminal illness of Sally's grandmother. The furniture has now been reupholstered and Sally's son has it – 59 years later and it is still in excellent condition. Sally says she's also seen the same furniture for sale in moving sales in NE.

Jeanne (Cook) Moreau ('73), daughter of **Earl [48-81]** and **Mimi (Meskill) [52-81] Cook**, is still living in France with her husband Philippe. Sons Nick and Patrick finished high school in France and went to college in NC. Nick was planning a move with his fiancé to Portland OR in Sep to start an MBA program. Patrick is finishing his last year at NC State, graduating in Dec; he is also considering an MBA program. Jeanne's dad, Earl Cook, is doing well; in March he was visiting her sister **Sue ('76)** in Dallas. Mimi passed away in 2002.

Bill Raflowski ('45) tried living in Gilroy CA for a short time earlier this year but decided he liked WA better.

Hello from:	
Patsy Engelking , Albuquerque NM	41-52
Inars Rusins , Perry Hall MD	62-70
Nancy Mowell , Basking Ridge NJ	62-74
Muriel Horacek , La Canada CA	51-56
Bobbie (Schleer) Martin, Burlingame CA	57-60
Gerardus and Theresa Smit , Centerville MA	39-76 50-76
Jerry and Nancy Jackson , Wilmington NC	72-79 72-79
Gene and Laura Goley , Forest VA	51-85 61-85
Ken Brook and Dorothy, The Villages FL	__-__
Rose (Le Fevre) Broz , North Andover MA	49-66
Rich and Marilee Davies , Viena VA	72-78 72-78
Art and Tim Meiners , Groningen, Netherlands	55-85 55-85
Dean Thompson , Seattle WA	51-77
Don Smith and Nancy, Fresno CA ('60)	__-__

Don Thurber [72-84] continues to enjoy traveling. "I seem to be in a habit of coming back to the lower 48 after spending a good part of the year away, first Australia, then Venezuela, followed by Aruba, and now I'm looking for my third summer in Alaska." Don's son **John** has lived in Alaska for about 20 years; in August he and his brother **Mark ('75)** will be joining Don on a fishing trip in AK. When Don first went to Aruba he worked for **Pete DeMay [70-72]**. "Had one foot in Venezuela planning the tie-ins for the power plant expansion and shuttled to Aruba to help out on the electrical energizing and testing of the new facilities there. The job was complicated by French electricians from Martinique who spoke little English." Don also wrote about TEAM, an effort he feels is very worthy of support; they currently have successful operations in Afghanistan. "The Evangelical Alliance Mission used to provide church services for us in Amuay. They had a print shop for religious material in Maracaibo, a school for Venezuelan ministers in San Cristobal and a church planting ministry throughout Venezuela. TEAM also operated a Christian radio station in Aruba.

Thanks to the help of **Dufi Kock, Linda (Williams) Giesen** was able to get contact information for **Iranio Winterdaul** who worked with her husband, **Carle Williams**, in the lab and was a frequent visitor to their home while the Williams were in Aruba. Carle passed away at an early age; Linda remarried and her second husband, Herman Giesen, passed away in 2005. She is teaching school in Dallas.

Lynn (Cutting) Hansen ('73)[55-66] was in Aruba in March and recommends Madi's Magical Tours. She and sisters **Cathy ('72)** and **Eileen ('78)** were at the June reunion also. The Cutting family left Aruba in 1966.

Carolyn Vint [50-65], a regular at the Aruba reunions, missed the one in June but was thinking of everyone.

Claudette Beerman ('87)[70-91], daughter of **Mieke Beerman** [58-81] and the late **Pim Beerman** [50-81], finishing her first full year in MA, has found that not only are winters severe but summers can include earthquakes and hurricanes. She's reconnected with an old classmate from military school; she and Chris are enjoying getting to know MA. She's working as front office help in two medical offices and has gone back to school, in Medical Health Administration. Claudette and her mom thoroughly enjoyed a week together when Claudette went to FL for their first Christmas together in over 15 years. Mieke reports her health is good but she says overseas trips and strenuous work in the garden are things of the past, although she is still involved with the planning of the garden at College Harbor. Her highlights of the last 2 years were Son Rik's visit in October 2010, Daughter Tula's visit in March 2011 and Claudette's visit at Christmas 2011. Mieke's little Yorkie, Poco, still keeps her company and brings a smile to everybody's face. He rides the whole day in her walker and is a favorite guest at all parties. Although Claudette experienced a hurricane in MA, Mieke escaped them in FL. 2012 started with a cold spell that prompted her to bring 31 of her orchids inside and cover up the larger ones in the flowerbed. The result of this move is that some lizards and little tree frogs also found a warm place to escape the cold. They stay amongst the plants so after the cold spell when the plants are moved outside again, most of the critters move outside again too.

Donny (Donoghue) Griffin, widow of **Frank Griffin** [__-59], was particularly interested on the update on **Peter DeMay** [70-72]. She knew Peter and Olga in the 60's when he was on assignment to Fawley Refinery in England. It was only recently that she was talking to Jim McGarry, an Exxon retiree and he mentioned that he'd worked for Peter in Alaska.

Dolores (Williams) Grissom ('53)[35-44] built a patio home in the Del Webb Sweetgrass Retirement Community in Richmond TX. She moved in October and really enjoys all the activities planned for the homeowners. She is still working though so can only participate in the evening events so far.

Who remembers the parrot **Jeff Hoyt** [__-__] had when he lived in BQ #2? It would repeat "Back Up," learned from the ice men as they backed up their delivery trucks.

Bettina (Horigan) Montgomery (53), living in Reston VA, gets together frequently with **Nettie (Gregersen) Friedner** ('53) who lives in Fairfax VA, near her son and his family. Nettie has retired from teaching. **Bob Griffin** ('54) joined Bettina and Nettie for dinner this past winter when Bob was up from FL on business. Bettina and Nettie also see **Jean (Wubbold) Conte** ('54) occasionally – she's working part time as a nurse in a VA hospital and lives in Vienna VA.

Frank and Connie (Gritte) Berto [52-57]/('50)[39-57] report they've slowed down but are still chugging along. Frank is president of 2 fire districts and plays bridge twice a week. Connie does volunteer projects and cares for their 2 horses, 2 dogs, home and big yard. She's had both hips replaced but still rides her horse in 50 mile-a-day competitions. Their children all live close by except one in OR so they have lots of get-togethers. Three of their four grandchildren are nearby – two are identical 6 year old twins. Connie noted that a week earlier was the 70th anniversary of the sub attack on Aruba. She tried to get on to one of the talk shows to honor the date but couldn't get through until the next day which she did for 30 seconds. Connie's card is a painting by their son – he's an R&D scientist at Agilent but paints by avocation.

Butch Drew ('60)[47-55] has officially 'retired' but is now looking after 5 summer homes for folks who are away and he also works as a seasonal employee at LL Bean.

Ron "Bubba" Kennerty ('47) says he's feeling great and still getting around but hasn't been to the reunions in the last few years. He misses them.

Clyde and Marjorie Persons [65-73] are still active, living in NC, Marjorie hikes up the mountains and is in very good health. Clyde has a few health issues, but still handles a full schedule. They've transformed their classical music education program into interactive internet form. They've been successful over the years getting the program, which makes classical music fun for kids, into many schools and youth programs. Marjorie still prefers books with the music on a disk, but realizes they have to roll with the times and go more electronic. They've licensed the program to a younger man who will be marketing it as www.back-to-bach.com. When that happens Clyde and Marjorie are hoping to retire.

The **Maxey** family is doing well. **Kathy** Stafford ('70), living in Cumberland MD, is still working for the District Court as Administrative Clerk for Allegany and Garrett Counties. She's been with them for 34 years. She and Jim spent 2 wonderful weeks in Aruba a few years ago. They were returning in June for the reunion, taking their son Brad, and daughter Kim and her husband and 2 children (3 and 17 months). Kathy's brother **Mike** ('71) and wife Barb are in Quincy MA; their 4 children, daughter-in-law and a granddaughter live in the Boston area. **Danny** ('73), wife Phyllis and 2 sons are in Norfolk VA. **Mary** McKenna ('74), husband Bill and 2 sons are in Rockville MD. **Liz** Walsh ('75), husband Rich and 2 daughters are in Sleepy Hollow NY. **Maureen** Saxton's ('76) in Knotts Island NC. **John** ('78) is in Cumberland MD, about 5 minutes from Kathy. And **Peggy** Haid (84), husband Skip and son are in Moyock NC. The whole family is doing well and enjoying family gatherings.

Thirteen from the class of 1966 and 5 family members had a wonderful 45th reunion in Aruba the last week of November 2011. Attending were **Margie (DeRuyter)** Connell, **Martin Dimmock**, **Steve Dodge**, **Kitty Eeltink**, **Kathy (Farrell)** Weinroth, **Laurie (Freundel)** Rockwell, **Lyn (Miller)** Taecker, **Susan (Rosborough)** Dennis, **Mary (Schwarz)** Sinker, **John Turner**, **Elsje "Liz" (Van Ogtrop)** Bean, **Hans Wagemaker** and **Yoke Waasdorp**. They all stayed at the MVC Hotel on Eagle Beach which allowed them to have leisurely breakfasts together as they planned their days. Groups formed and reformed as they got to know one another again. Fun times included touring the colony, group bobbing in the waters of Boca Grande and Rodgers' Beach, exploring Arikok, sharing dinners out and relaxing with drinks on the MVC patio. **Mary (Schwarz)** Sinker says "We have such an amazing bond with one another and we had the best time together. So many stories, so much laughter and so much respect for each other! We all appreciate that our shared childhoods on that tiny speck of an island were something very special."

Janet (White) Powell ('53) and her husband John should have their 3rd grandchild by now – this is the first boy. Other than travels to Chicago and central CA to see their two kids and families, they stay home and enjoy the amenities of Princeton and NJ. Janet experienced two strokes in 2010, followed by a bad reaction to medication but is doing well. As she says, "Being an elder sure is complicated." Janet and John were married in Aruba.

Malcolm and Consuelo Murray [52-72 and 66-72] are doing well, despite health issues. Consuelo had a bad fall 2 years ago; no bones broken but still some after effects. Malcolm has chronic lymphocytic leukemia which makes him physically weak and unable to drive. He also has fingertip neuropathy which keeps him from typing. He sent an interesting Johns Hopkins article on keeping food safe when the power goes out and his response to *Readers' Digest* regarding the February 2012 article "Mayday", an avoidable situation.

Mitsy (Jackson) Rae ('54) lives "in the boonies of rural NE and is happy as a clam." She's a little over a stone's throw from the grandchildren and sees them frequently. Although hibernating in the winter, summer finds her doing yard work and vegetable gardening, preserving the harvest by canning the old fashioned way or dehydrating. She has her aunt's home pressure canner, from the 40's/50's, which she updated a few years ago to make it easier and safer.

Dottie (Joseph) Churchill [53-70] sent some great photos to the Aruba Archives – pictures taken about 1969.

Returned Chronicle – we need your help!!!!

Helen Hendrickson , Seattle WA ('72)		64-72
Eric Wagemaker , Queensland, Australia ('68)	__-__	
Pete and Dorothy Mantyla , Palmyra VA	__-__	__-__
Ben Owen , New Braunfels TX ('42)	30-37	
Bill Konigsberger , Geneva Switzerland	46-49	
Randy Blyth , Pensacola FL	49-53	

Hello from:

Tom Bigart , Oakland OR ('??)		41-42
Warren Carroll and Betty, Centennial CO ('50)	43-50	
Phyllis (Taylor) Hall, Winter Park FL ('52)		34-52
Dick Greene , Santa Barbara CA ('52)	35-50	
Bob Lloyd , Port Richey FL ('53)	45-53	
Ray Burson and Ruth, Doniphan MO ('54)	__-54	
Lenny/Nancy Chippendale) Teagle , San Marcos CA ('[49 and '54)	41-49	36-54
Joan Holland , Richmond VA ('55)		38-54
Dee (Chapman) and Rick Robinson, Cape Canaveral FL ('56)		38-56
Cisca (Van der Linden) Taft, CapeCoral FL ('57)		40-57
Adelaide Wiley , Bothell WA ('58)		46-51
Warren/Melissa (Fuller) Taylor , Houston TX ('59/'61)	__-59	43-61
Liz (Greene) McWilliams, Sarasota FL ('59)		41-56
Robin (Garig) Garrett, Los Fresno TX ('60)		51-60
Kathy (O'Brien) Long, Newark DE ('61)		43-51
Frank Binetti and Kathy, Boerne TX ('61)	50-61	
Martha Byington , Boston MA ('62)		44-62
John Coulter , Scarsdale NY ('62)	__-57	
Dave Hickman , Ewa Beach HI ('63)	57-61	
Steve Fremgen , Carrollton TX ('63)	46-63	
Janice (Ballenger) Scott, Casper WY ('64)		62-64
Lee Hughey , Naples FL ('64)		62-64
Faith (Jackson) Grogan, Stamford, England ('64)		47-64
Anna Kay Hendrickson) Southard ('65)		47-65
Barrie Wilkie , Sarasota FL ('67)		49-65
Margie (Carrell) Pate, Rocky Mount NC ('67)		__-60
Greg Denton and Lynn, Port St Lucie FL ('67)		
Phil Denton and Ruth, Archer FL ('68)	49-65	
John Cvejanovich , Manchester CT ('71)	__-71	
Mike Murphy , Needham MA ('72)	54-64	
Paul Bergfield and Betsy, Tampa FL ('72)	54-65	
Kate Thompson , Seattle WA ('72)		54-71
Eleanor Miller (Mrs Henry Carter), Tow TX		38-68

Helen (Lambert) Baur ('65) and her husband Jerry enjoyed their annual holiday dinner with **Bruce Massey** ('65) and his wife Judy in Hilton Head last December. The highlight of the evening was seeing the Massey's first grandchild. Bruce and Judy are now residing in Tanzania, until next year.

Inez (Koster) Gollersrud ('57) enjoys reading the Chronicle, even though she recognizes few names. She still lives in OR and has been retired for about 13 years after teaching for 38 years. She's active in her church, has learned to ring bells, and helps count the offering, plus she's involved in the Senior Lunch. In addition, she's president of the Salem Community Chorus which keeps her busy. She goes to aerobics 3 times a week and volunteers at the hospital. Wow! Last February she, her son and his family were going to spend a week in Cabo San Lucas to which she was looking forward.

Sheila (Hayes) Shearon, [52-65] widow of **Bob Shearon** [40-65] has great memories of the fun she had working for **Jeanette (Faucett) Holmes** [49-65] and **Kay Howdeshell** [__-__] in their tour business in Aruba. They would meet the Grace Line weekly and offer taxi tours of the island. Sheila's son, Bob, is a Houston Harbour Pilot and works on the Houston ship channel. Daughter Kate's sons, Connor and Ryan, are in college. Kate, in Park City UT, does accounting work for several lawyers. Daughter Ce-Ce is an event planner for J P Morgan Chase in Chicago. And Sheila still loves traveling!

Patsy Engeling [41-52] has a delightful caregiver who is helping her make contact with Lago friends, including but not limited to **Letty Janecek** [46-55] and **Kay Ayers** [__-__]. She sent a beautiful painting by Grace Parisi to Ginger Bassett.

Paul Baldwin ('48)[33-42] has downsized, resulting in a move from Littleton CO to Lakewood CO.

Dot (Rynalski) Manser fondly remembers going to the 1988 Aruba Reunion with her mother, **Gene Rynalski**. She was delighted at that time to see the bungalows she'd lived in were well kept and inhabited – she's disappointed that so many of the colony homes have since been torn down.

Sally (Harrison) and John Holmes [62-66] experienced lots of history during a trip to Hungary and the Czech Republic in late spring 2011. July 4th last year was spent in southern CA with family; in September they took a trip to Mendocino on CA's north coast; and Thanksgiving was spent back in southern CA. Sounds like life is good. Sally was a Lago teacher.

'Matt' James Clute ('55)[46-53] reflects that life has been good. He and June are active in church and volunteer work and he still beats the golf ball around a couple times a week. Their kids, in their 50's, are in WA, – the grandkids are in their teens. All are doing well. The Clutes live in Rock Hill SC, off I-77 between Charlotte NC and Columbia SC and welcome Lago friends. They are in the Rock Hill phone book.

Ralph and Frances Swingholm arrived in Aruba in December 1961 with their daughter Debra (5) and son Greg (3). Frances was 7 months pregnant at the time with Evan. Alyssa joined the family 3 years later. Evan and Alyssa were both born in the Lago Hospital, making them "Aruban-Americans: The family left when Ralph was transferred to Saudi Arabia in 1976 as part of Esso Middle East. He retired from Saudi American Oil Co in January 1986. "It was a great 24 years." The children and their families are all doing well. Debra, Evan and Alyssa and their families live in the Houston area: Debra and Evan are north in The Woodlands, and Alyssa is south in League City. Greg and his wife Deb are in Chang Mai, Thailand, where they went when he retired from Saudi Aramco in 2004. They are in the process of purchasing a house in OH to be closer to Bev's parents. A few years ago the family was more spread out: Debra was in Saudi Arabia, Evan was in Doha, Qatar, Greg was in Thailand and Alyssa was in Houston. "It was a true around-the-world-in-80-days to visit them all!" Ralph celebrated his 80th birthday in December 2010 and the children gave him a surprise party. Aruba friends present were **Steve and Claudia Sims** [73-75], **Gordon and Dorothy (Joseph) Churchill** [69-70 and 53-70] and **Richard and Judy (Roche) Chiburis** [__-__] with their son and Judy's 101 year old mother. Ralph also received cards from **Clyde and Marge Persons** [65-73], **Donna Aumann** [__-__], **Brenda (McCarthy) Harvey** [__-__], **Richard and Marilee Davies** [72-78], **Jim** (now deceased) **and Ann Meyers** [61-66], **Derek and Sally Allen** [556-74], **Duane and Mary Huetter** [69-71], **John and Phyllis Yeamans** [67-76], **Gene and Laura Goley** [51-85 and 61-85], **Norm and Mary Mainland** [68-75] and **Joe and Barbara (Klomprens) Carroll** [43-76 and 61-76]. **Tom and Beverly Fredrickson** [68-76] gave him a bottle of his favorite wine – as befitted the occasion, the wine was guaranteed to be at least 80 days old. Fredricksons live in Brevard NC, near Swingholm's chalet in Cashiers NC The Swingholms will soon be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary..

Pat (Anderson) Fanning ('60) and husband Bob enjoyed a trip to Hawaii last November for their son's wedding and a mini family reunion. They've both adjusted marvelously to full retirement and with their move to Aurora they've enjoyed living at a lower altitude with a milder climate. The Anderson family was in Aruba from 1951 til 1964.

Carol and Ron Turner ('51) enjoyed a visit to their home in Independence MO from **Reginald** ('58) and **John** (60) **Turner**. Ron passed away on August 3. Reginald's and John's father, Jack, was a lake tanker captain in Aruba, bringing crude oil from Lake Maracaibo to the Lago refinery. Jack and his family, **Catherine, Reginald, John, Arthur and Dennis** returned to England after 1952 and then settled in New Zealand.

Hank and Bev Bryce [69-78] continue to live in West Bank BC but spent the past several winters in AZ where they were able to link up with old Aruba friends. This year they had 2 visits with **Joe and Barb (Klomprens) Carroll** ('51)[43-76] and [61-76]. The Carrolls live in CO but have a condo in Scottsdale. Hank and Bev also linked up with **Lou and Nancy Jung** [__-__](on the missing list) for a spring training ball game and dinner, and with Bob and Jane Clapp [__-__] for lunch. Bev says "of course each of these occasions involved more talking than eating. One of our greatest joys is to have made all these wonderful friends in Aruba that even after so many years apart, we can just begin where we left off ..." In Canada, the Bryce children live in Calgary (7 hour drive); in Ottawa (4 hour flight) and in the UK so Hank and Bev keep busy visiting with them and their families.

Becky (Anderson) and Dan Seaman ('66) are definitely enjoying retirement. Becky keeps busy with her flower gardens, tennis, bridge, and church activities. Dan plays guitar in the church band and volunteers at the information desk of a local hospital. This past winter his prostate cancer returned but it was caught early and he was undergoing radiation treatments. 2011 was a year of travel and entertaining: they had 10 days in FL visiting long-time friends; 5 days on a KLOVE Christian Music cruise out of Miami; a month in Playa del Carmen, Mexico; a week-long houseguest; a 10 day road trip thru CO, UT, and AZ with friends; a week in Kona HI; and a great visit from Becky's Lago classmate, **Ginny (Proterra)** and Chuck Keblusek who live near Richmond VA. Becky looks forward to seeing more of her since one of her kids has moved to NC so the Seamans will be visiting the area.

Joan Horigan, widow of **Michael Horigan** ('58), says it's hard to believe it's been a year since he died. Michael's family left Aruba in 1956 when his dad, **John Horigan**, retired and the family moved to New Caanan CT; Mike continued at Canterbury Prep and then went on to Yale, graduating in 1962. He and Joan met College week in Bermuda in 1961 and were married in 1964. They have 4 wonderful children: the first two were born in Australia, the third in the Philippines and the 4th in NYC just before the family moved to Milano, Italy. They lived in Westchester County NY for many years.

Ellen Fitzgerald [60-62] is doing well, despite some occasional vertigo and creakiness in the knees. In the spring of 2011 she and 2 of her college classmates celebrated their 80th birthdays on a river boat cruise from Bucharest to Amsterdam. This year 2 of them were taking the trip from Arles to Paris. Ellen has been renovating her bathroom and doing other fix-ups of "this old house." She says there were days she was in tears but it is now "finished and wonderful." She's looking forward to the 50th graduation anniversary of the class of 1962.

Bob Rafloski ('49) and Liz live in Tucson where they enjoy the almost Aruba like scenery. He does a lot of hiking in the National Parks and many State parks in the area; Liz occasionally joins him, but prefers tennis and painting. They spend their summers at their 2nd home, in Duxbury MA, on the same lot as their daughter and family. That's where Bob gets his water experience; he hasn't sailed in quite awhile but does have a kayak and gets out on the bay which is a short walk down the road. He's tried some fishing from the kayak but stays away from things like the 300+ pound tuna that was caught off the local pier. They've sold their house in France, but go back regularly. This year Liz has a painting class in Todi, Italy, a bit north east of Rome and a cooking class is being arranged for Bob. Then they'll drive through Austria, Germany and possibly up to Prague.

Rudy and Trish Bergfield [54-74] still shuttle between TX and FL, making the 14 hour drive in one shot. They say Route 10 is pretty dull, but it's a fast drive at least. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year with most of the family present. Son **Kevin** ('71) is retiring from Saudi Arabia this year; he and Jenn have already purchased their first stateside home in Ormond Beach FL. Others in the Bergfield clan are also in FL, but in the Tampa area are: **Paul** ('72) and **Gary** ('74), **Karen** ('79), and **Lisa** ('82). **Brian** ('83) is in the Dallas area, only a 3+ hour drive from Rudy and Trish when they are in TX (Lake Conroe). Rudy and Trish enjoy gatherings with Lago friends **Tom and Jackie White** [55-63], **Maggie Touchstone** [53-63], **Bill and Ricky Fisher** [55-58], **Bob** [57-61] and Barbara **Hart**, and **Dick** [__-__] and **Elvira** [39-__] **South**. Bergfields and Souths have a twice-a-week bridge game when both couples are at their TX homes.

LaVerne Libbert [59-__], new to the Chronicle, came to teach math at Lago High fresh out of college. LaVerne was highly regarded by his high school senior students, providing them a very solid foundation in trig and introducing them to calculus. He also taught algebra and geometry to 9th - 11th grades and was a math wizard. After Aruba, LaVerne taught in the Mid-East, Thailand and the Mid-East again.

Bob and MaryLou Ielfield [59-62] have pleasant memories of Aruba. Reading the memorial of **Esther Monroe** [45-67] reminded MaryLou of the days Esther took Roberta, a toddler at the time, to the beach. MaryLou and Esther also taught Sunday School together. Bob helped **Rich Monroe** ('60) get his flying license. **John Monroe** ('67) was in school with **Kristine Ielfield**. MaryLou also remembers **Bonnie (Fox) Overgard** ('62) babysitting for them. Ielfields stay in touch with **Florene Kallaus** [56-63] in CA (Roland is deceased) and **Pat Kavanah** [61-63] in NY. Ielfields have been married 64 years.

- 2012 Florida Reunion.** The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time. Attendees, by class, are
- 52: **Dotty (Learned)** & Bob Dill; **Dominic Macrini** & Nell
- 53: **Al Leak**; **Dick Faunce** & Barbara; **Mary Jean (Owen)** and Thomas Deavers
- 54: **Dave Barnes** and Hetty; **Bob Griffin**; **Buddy Berrisford** & Dee
- 55: **Jerry Barnes**; **Brenda (Engle)** Wilmes; **Dan Brewer**; **Noel (Coakley)** & Al Tortorelli
- 56: **Paula (Massey)** Armstrong & Jerry Cantini; **Shirley (Rimmer)** & Len Wilde
- 57: **Ann (Nixon) Leak** & daughter Shannon; **Janet Opdyke**; **Francisca (Van der Linden)** Taft
- 59: **Frank Barnes** & Ann; **Eleanor (Fields)** & George Phillips; **John Opdyke** & Doris
- 61: **Carl Beyer**, **Tom Kester**,
- 62: **Baxie Mathews**
- 63: **Steve Opdyke**, Jason (and friend Pam Meister); **Lisa (Chod) Gray**
- 65: **Richard Mathews** & Sheila
- 83: **Terry Schroth**

Xenia (Swarz) Sriberg ('51) still loves living in Aruba, even with the changes. Born there, she recalls the small classrooms. In the 4th grade, during WWII, there were 8 students in her class. Xenia's parents, **Aladar and Anna** [29-59], came from Hungary, via Venezuela in 1929. He worked in the Catalytic & Light Ends; her mother was a designer and seamstress. Anna made the Governor's daughter's wedding dress and those of **Elvira (Macrini) South** ('50)[39-__] and **Joanne (Rae) Story** ('42)[28-84]. She made about 40 dresses in all. Xenia learned in her mother's later years that she was a spy for the Dutch government. At the time there were several Germans living in Lago and using Morse Code. Xenia says "she was an amazing individual." Xenia has been spending 2 months of the past 4 years in Southeast Asia, especially in Laos. She's sending two children to university and also helping install water filters in poor villages. She comments that Aruba is growing, more developments are being built; more divi trees are being removed. "To me it is quite sad to see. But it is still a lovely place to live."

Lori (Rarick) Ruhl ('63) reports the following: Lori Flying Fish has published her second book called "A Is For Aruba, A Family Alphabet Book". This is for the little ones to learn their alphabet and something about Aruba all at the same time. It has two coloring pages in the back for drawing favorite places and memories of the Island. Both "One Shining Starfish" & "A Is For Aruba" are available on www.Amazon.com, also at Barnes & Noble and De Wits Bookstores. For anyone looking for something special for that little one for Christmas, this will make a great addition to their library!

Don and Pat Battles [52-57] celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month; they were married at St Teresa's in San Nicolas December 20, 1952. They're enjoying life in a golfing community in the beautiful Temecula wine country of southern CA. They have 4 kids and 8 grandkids, some married, but no great-grands yet.

Dave and Barbara Price [58-62] have moved to a condo. Its quite different from their previous home of 35 years, but very nice with a great view over lawns to a lake. Daughter Debbie (born in Aruba in October 1961) and her partner Peter who live in New Zealand were expected for an extended visit in December. Included in the visit is a trip to Aruba.

Sue (Tricarico) Sorensen and **Robin (Garig)** Garrett, both class of 1960, happily share a recent reunion in October, 2012.

"We, while always being in contact, had not been together for 30 years (yes, time does fly). Sue and husband Stan drove from Ohio to South Texas to spend a weekend with Robin. While Stan sat quietly reading, we gals reminisced and looked at photographs of fun at Sea Grape Grove, Mariner Camping trips and sleep-overs and the 1960 Pan O Ram Yearbook edited by **Iris (Rozencawig)** Stockbridge ('61). As we looked at our yearbook, the following unanswered questions came to mind:

-Did **Dunlap** REALLY do it? That's what **Stephen Ballard** is quoted as saying (pg 17 of our yearbook).

-**Donald**, do you realize your sunglasses are back in style? (pg 36).

-**Hans**, (pg 35) we wonder, have you finally mastered the technique of safely mixing chemicals? Has your facial hair finally grown back?

-**Charles Cornell Dunlap III**, do you STILL believe Ballard did it? (pg 27) – we agree, he DID do it.

-**Muff**, what ARE you drying over the campfire? (pg 88)

-Hey, Texas Gals, **Pat Anderson, Sandy Branham and Patsy Latimer**, so close and we had no idea how to contact you for a quickly planned get-together. We wonder where you are.

-And, to all of you guys with flat tops, hope you are still able to wear your hair this way, as the FT is back in style.

We laughed so much ("Those were the days, my friend,") and also cried (about those who are no longer with us) and said, over and over, what a wonderful life we had, growing up in Aruba.

Frank Berto, husband of **Connie (Gritte)** ('50) has written some interesting books. She says the best 2 are "**The Birth of Dirt**" (about \$15) which is a short history of the rise of the mountain bicycle -- Bertos live in Marin County CA where it was perfected and Frank knows, and interviewed, all of the players in the rise of the mountain bike. The best book is "**The Dancing Chain: History and Development of the Derailleur Bicycle**," now in its 2nd edition (about \$60) He's currently working on a book about the wonderful pen & ink line drawings of bicycles & components by Daniel Rebour.

It is always fun to have great news to share, especially when there's great news about not one but two of our Lagoites.

Earlier this year a request was received from Irv Fletcher, a man looking for help in contacting Mary Lou (Morris) Kolackovsky ('52)[45-51]. In the Navy, Irv's ship came in to Aruba and he met Mary Lou. He later visited her in Long Island and met some of her family. They had not been in touch since then. We contacted Mary Lou and received permission to pass on her contact information which Irv used immediately. They restarted their friendship via the internet and phone, he's visited her a couple times and will be spending Christmas and New Years with her. They're now e-mailing every other day with phone calls every other night. How fantastic is that! Mary Lou's husband Steve died in 2010. Her parents were Leon and Beatrice; her brothers are John and Larry. Mary Lou says she asked Irv what made him look her up – and he responded that he'd always had a little bit of her in the bottom of his heart! She goes on to comment that he is a very nice man – sure sounds like it.

And from Dick Rosborough ('49)– He says that after his wife of 51 years passed away in 2005, he became acquainted with all the barflies in Big Bear CA until he decided to drive around the US. In 2009 he spent Christmas with his sister Susan in Hendersonville NC and asked her friend to find him a lady to dance with – he missed the touch, feel and exercise. Enter Jan who as of October 6, 2012, is his wife. After meeting, they talked daily; she flew out to CA; they drove back and forth from Big Bear Lake to Hendersonville several times – with her Sassy, a Shih-Tzu, and his Cody, 18 spots short of being a Dalmatian. Hendersonville, in western NC, is 17 minutes south of Asheville, at the edge of the Smokies in the Blue Ridge mountains. Beautiful fall colors, lots of artists and crafts, and bountiful micro breweries. They live on top of a hill, fenced in, with Jan's son and granddaughter next door. Dick says, "The weather is good, the people are great, tasty southern food and lots to do. Life is good." For Thanksgiving Dick's brother Jim and wife Naomi joined them from Houston and Don and his wife Suzanne came from Chicago – hoped to be a new annual tradition.

David Sorensen ('72) has been busy since his move in July to Las Cruces NM, being invited into 6 art exhibitions. Of interest to Chronicle readers is his "Antilles Color" solo exhibition that was on display at the "El Paso Electric Gallery" in the historic Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces. He has paintings, prints, and photographs from both Aruba and Curaçao.

Can you help find **Don and Carleen Severs** - in Aruba in the 60's and/or 70's - last known to be in Calgary, Canada.

Memorials

Susan (Eaton) Adams was born at Lago Hospital November 25, 1941. She died February 15, 2012 in Pasadena, CA. She is survived by her sister Alice Spitzer, son Marshall Adams (wife Cindy), and daughter Allison Acoba (husband Duane). She is also survived by five grandchildren: Taylor and Carolyn Adams, Declan, Isla and Emilia Acoba. Sue made her home in California for the past 43 years. She was employed by the Gemological Institute of America for over 30 years and traveled the world teaching jewelry design. The family gathered last November to celebrate Sue's 70th birthday with a party in her honor. "We will always be thankful for the wonderful times we shared."

Barbara Lucille "Mama B" Adams passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, in Austin at the young age of 81. Barbara, born on January 27, 1931, was the first female American baby born in Aruba and was considered the matriarch of her family. Daughter of Warren and Mary Stiehl, sister of "Soxo" Stiehl and wife of the late James Mehaffey Adams Jr., she is survived by her four children, Bunnie, Buddy, Margo and Bobby; grandchildren, Taylor, Jason, Stacy and Roxanna and great-grandchildren, Taytum, Evie and Jaxon. She was an active and lively person and was considered a dear friend by many. Being raised overseas she experienced much that life has to offer, including learning the culture and languages of the places she lived; Aruba, Greece, England and Libya, as well as the many countries she visited during her lifetime. After moving stateside she spent 14 years in Houston until moving with her husband to N. Ft. Myers, Florida where she spent 17 years golfing, sewing, knitting and entertaining friends and family. She moved back to Texas last year to be close to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She touched a countless number of lives and will be greatly missed by her family. No funeral was planned but a 'Celebration of Life' memorial was planned for October. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice. Rest in peace Mom. We Love You!

Jack Payton passed away in mid 2008. He is survived by daughters Mimi Anderson (31 Tuckahoe Rd, Easton CT 06612, Lesley and Lisa; and son John (1022 Robertson Rd, Russell Springs KY 42642/

Carmen Angela, wife of Alexio Angela of Lago's laboratory and sister of Dufi Koch who provides much of our news from Aruba, passed away February 11, 2012. Two weeks earlier she and Alexio boarded a cruise ship with their daughter and her husband for a week's trip. She got sick a few days later while the ship was heading to Cartagena, Colombia. The next morning, an ambulance was waiting for her at the dock and took her to a hospital where she was placed in intensive care.

Her daughter stayed behind with her while the two men returned to Aruba on the ship. On February 11 she and her daughter left on an air ambulance to Aruba, going straight to the hospital on arrival. She passed away that night about midnight. Carmen was 81. Dufi says she was an energetic person and her hobby was travelling. She ran a boutique, Carmen Bazaar, in San Nicolas. She travelled all over the world and took more than 40 cruises. She is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters, all married with families. Her fond memories will last forever.

Carmen Borbonus, wife of the late John Borbonus Jr., passed away on April 4, 2010. John, the son of Dr. John and Marion Borbonus and brother of Bob, was in the class of 1953.

Christine (Buchholtz) Carlson passed away July 9, 2012 in Highland Ranch CO where she had retired from working in the education and medical fields. In the Lago class of 1948, Christine graduated from the U of Kansas. She was the daughter of Frederick and Ida Buchholtz: her father was in the Technical Service Department from 1939 until 1952. She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Carlson (3091 Mill Vista Rd #1502, Littleton CO 80129), two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. She had two brothers, Buck and Walter.

Katherine "Kaye" Morrissey Cutting died unexpectedly July 1, 2011. She was getting settled to watch her favorite SF Giants, when getting up to answer the door she had a massive stroke. At the door were her 8 year old granddaughter Zoe and Zoe's girlfriend. The two girls were the first responders of a sort, they called Kaye's son Paul and 911. As always, the house was locked up but the emergency crew got in. Zoe was in CA from Michigan to spend some of the summer with her grandmother and to attend the summer camp where her cousin Jessica worked. Unfortunately, the stroke was caused by a massive clot and the damage was irreversible. Kaye lived another 24 hours, long enough for all of her 'gangsters' to get to her. Cathy and her husband, Raphael, live in the greater Chicago area and Paul and his wife, Shellie, live in Michigan. Her death was just 2 days before her 89th birthday. Lynne says her folks always called the kids "the gangsters," as Eileen reminded them during one of Kaye's services. Kaye was a nurse during World War II and a longtime resident of Menlo Park CA. A graduate of Boston College, she served in the South Pacific and Japan during World War II as a second lieutenant nurse. She was given the opportunity to go to Aruba as a nurse for Lago. She met her husband, Kenneth "Ken" Burgin Cutting there and they married July 3, 1953. The Cuttings moved from Aruba to Menlo Park in 1966. Ken passed away in January 1972 and Kaye, according to the kids, held the crew together by being the greatest mother any 4 gangsters could ever have. She worked for the Palo Alto Medical Clinic,

Raychem and Alza Corp. She was also a volunteer at the Treasures Hospice in Menlo Park. Kaye is survived by daughters, Cathleen de los Reyes (9273 Fairway Dr., Apt 203, Des Plaines, Ill 60016), Lynn Hansen (133 Pomona Ave, El Cerrito CA 94530), and Eileen Cutting (1839 Rochelle Dr, San Jose, CA 95124), and son, Paul Cutting (7294 Colony Dr, West Bloomfield Township, MI, 48323-1010). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jessica and Scott Hansen and Zoe Cutting.

Julia Diosi passed away at home after a short illness related to bile duct cancer, March 26, 2009. In true Julia fashion, Julia, on the day of her diagnosis was all packed and ready to spend her usual 6 weeks of winter in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with her husband of 15 years, Murray. Julia will be remembered to the Aruba group as the wife of Joe Diosi of the IBM contingent in Aruba. She loved her stay in Aruba and the friends she met and associated with there. After Joe passed away, also of cancer, Julia met and married a new love and special man, Murray Fitzsimmons and they resided in beautiful, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. Julia blossomed in Niagara on the Lake and became an integral part of the social group, organizing parties, special events and treating many with her beautiful operatic voice. All who met her were embraced in her vitality and love of life. Julia's legacy resides today in her two children, their spouses and her four grandchildren. Her old and new friends hold her memory dear and every time an operatic voice starts signing Happy Birthday or some other special Julia rendition, we all stop and a smile or a tear brings Julia back to us. [Written by Julia's long-time friend Rosalie Tansey]

Gerald "Jerry" Dixon died on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012, surrounded by his children and loved ones. In the class of 1942, Jerry was in Aruba from 1939 until 1942. Services were held Friday, November 30th at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Metairie LA. Donations may be made to the WWII Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130

Merlin E Fisk, 91, an oil executive and probate judge, died on November 12, 2012, at Danbury Hospital in Danbury CT, after a full and generous life. Judge Fisk, born March 18, 1921, in Great Falls MT, graduated from Montana State University with a degree in chemical engineering. After graduation, he worked for Lago in Aruba, Netherlands Antilles, for 20 years; subsequently, he worked for the Exxon organization in Athens, Greece, Madrid, Spain, and Brussels, Belgium. In 1971, he took early retirement from Exxon and, after a six-month sojourn in France, returned to the United States in early 1972, taking up residence in Newtown CT. There he was three times elected Probate Judge for the Newtown District, serving in that capacity from 1979 to 1991. In 2007, he moved to South-

bury CT, where he was living at the time of his death. While Probate Judge, he served on numerous committees of the Connecticut Probate Assembly and as the Assembly's President-Judge for 1990-1991. In 1987, he received the Connecticut Courts of Probate award as "Judge of the Year." At various times, he served as a director or trustee of the Cyrenius H. Booth Library in Newtown CT, Newtown Meals on Wheels Inc., and the Brass City Ballet. In addition, he was active in the Connecticut chapter of Recording for the Blind, Inc., and served as the chapter's chairman. He also served as a member of the Newtown Commission on Aging, and as president of the Newtown Scholarship Association and the Horticulture Club of Newtown. His intellect, warmth, and integrity will be deeply missed by those who survive him: his brother and sister-in-law Donald and Marge Fisk, and his sister Barbara Edwards; his daughters and sons-in-law Dana and William Pitts, and Anne and Philip Bergan; his daughters Catherine Forsyth and Elizabeth Fisk; his grandchildren Edward and David Pitts, James Forsyth, and Andrew and Eleanor Barisser; and his great-grandchildren Walker, Anson, Gemma, Liam, and Jane Pitts, and Phoebe and Anna Bergan. His first wife, Margery Hall Fisk, and his second wife, Helen Ruth Freeman, predeceased him. A memorial service is planned for late December. Contributions may be made to the Brass City Ballet, 1255 Middlebury Rd., Middlebury, CT 06762, or the Cyrenius H. Booth Library, 25 Main St., Newtown, Connecticut 06470.

Robert "Bob" Hale Honey – Born August 3, 1945 Bob died suddenly January 19, 2012, at St. Petersburg General Hospital; he was 66. Previously he had suffered a stroke and was in declining health. Bob was born in Lincoln, Illinois and moved to Aruba in 1948. He left in 1961 and graduated from King High School in Tampa, Florida. As a young man, he miraculously recovered from a coma caused by a serious motorcycle accident. He went on to obtain his nursing degree at Hillsborough Community College in 1979. Bob was a self-described "Hippie" who loved the beach, warm Florida sunshine and the outdoors. He worked for many years at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit and dry sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hale and Katherine Honey, and his younger brother, Richard Honey. He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Honey Pugliese; granddaughter, Harley Dee Marie Pugliese and his sister, Margo (Honey) Keesler (mkeesler@tampabay.rr.com).

Joanne (Mechling) Hoover died July 7, 2010, following a severe stroke several weeks earlier. She is survived by her husband Herbert Hoover (2861 Downing St, Big Flats NY 14814) and by daughter Julia and son John. Her father, John Mechling, went to Aruba in 1929. Joanne, her sister Shirley and mother, Clare Mechling, joined him in 1931. Joanne was in the Lago class of 1942. Her sister Shirley, class of 1943,

married Karl Werline, a mechanical engineer for Lago. Werlines left Aruba in 1956 and Shirley passed away in 2005.

Clark Huffaker passed away in January of this year. He is survived by his wife, Doris Huffaker (723 Camino Amigo, Danville CA 94526). Clark worked in Lago's Technical Services Department. Clark had suffered from Alzheimers for many years prior to his death.

Helen (Miller) Kaldor, 91, died January 12, 2012, in Rockville MD. She is survived by her husband, Ed Kaldor (4913 Bel Pre Rd, Rockville MD 20853), daughters Karen Morris and Kim Bevard, and son Erik. Helen went to Aruba in 1928 with her parents; her father had been sent to help establish the Lago refinery She recalled her many years there with fond memories. She left Aruba in 1937, after graduating from Lago High, to attend (1937-38) the Northampton School for Girls, in MA; then to Smith College (38-41), the U of NB for a semester and back to Smith from which she graduated in 1943. Shortly afterwards she worked for the US Army Signal Corp in Washington DC and then joined the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) and was sent to Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and returned to the US after WWII. While in Ceylon she met her first husband, Byron Samuel Martin, a US Army Air Force navigator; they were married in 1946 but the marriage ended in divorce. In 1949 she joined the CIA where she later met her 2nd husband, Edward J Kaldor. In 1951 he was assigned to Vienna, Austria; she was posted there in 1952 and they were married. Karen was born there in 1954. They returned to the US in 1955 after the signing of the Austrian Peace Treaty. Vienna was considered a hardship post because it was in the Soviet Zone of Austria, but they found it an interesting, satisfying and enjoyable assignment. Helen resigned from the CIA after her return; Erik was born in 1958 and Kim in 1959 and Helen became a fulltime devoted mother and housewife. In 1961 Ed was assigned to Okinawa and they spent the next 3 years there, returning to the US in 1964. While there, Helen enjoyed gardening, golf and helping teach English to the local children, among other interests. In spite of the many responsibilities of parenting, Helen was engaged in many volunteer activities with education, civic, governmental, political and church organizations. In 1980 she rejoined the CIA, remaining until 1984 when she and Ed retired. Helen continued with many of her volunteer activities and they travelled to many areas in the US and Europe, including a very enjoyable re-visit to Aruba in 1994. She enjoyed reading, gardening, decorating, and her collection of ivory figurines (which began in Aruba), American Indian miniature pottery and Hummels. She died just a few months shy of their 60th wedding anniversary, having lived a rich and fulfilling life. She was buried in Lincoln NB alongside her mother, father, and sister Rowene.

Roland Kallaus passed away May 8, 2012. He is survived by

his wife of 63 years, Florene (876 Willow Tree Lane, Fallbrook CA 92028), their daughter Carmella Cosmos (2737 Los Alisos N Lane, Fallbrook CA 92028) and son Dan (1104 S 4th St, St Peter MN 56082). The Kallaus family lived in Lago Colony from 1956 to 1963, during which time Roland was a very popular teacher at Lago High. He taught math his first years and then science. He was also a physical education instructor, the Student Council adviser and the establisher of a chapter of the National Honor Society at Lago High. In 1963, the Kallauses left Aruba for Corvallis OR where he got his 2nd Masters in Administration from OR State U. In 1964 they moved to El Dorado Hills CA where he taught Chemistry and General Science at Ponderosa High School. In 1982 he left Ponderosa HS and transferred to a new high school closer to home, retiring from there in 1987. From 1987 to 2002, they remained in El Dorado Hills and he filled his days mentoring young teachers, fishing, hunting, golfing, touring US National Parks, visiting grandkids in MN, and spending time in KS where he was born. They spent 2002 to 2012 in Fallbrook in southern CA to be closer to their daughter, Carmi Cosmos and her daughter and son. They were active in their church and learned to play Mah Jong. Many trips were made back to KS and MN to see family and spend time with Dan's kids. In the last two years his health began to fail. He was in and out of the hospital and skilled nursing facility several times the last two months. He stayed in touch with Doris and Clark Huffaker, Vern Libbert, Harry Ashcraft, Sudie Kornegay, Pat and Mary Kavanaugh, and Bob and Marylou Iffield from Aruba. He loved teaching and his kids and grandkids all benefited from his calm demeanor and unwavering patience. He had two children, six grandkids, and one great-grandchild. One of Carmella's favorite photos is when students picked up his Fiat and moved it during lunch so he couldn't find it.

Beth, daughter of Gee Gee Lenhart, died in May 2012 from the side effects of chemotherapy. She would have been 56 on June 5. She is survived by her mother (3850 Magnolia Dr, Palo Alto CA 94306).

Mary Alice Miller, widow of Harold Miller, passed away peacefully at home, on October 24, 2011 in Vancouver WA. Born January 20, 1925, in Red Lodge MT, Mary Alice attended Chicago U, the U of NM and completed her BA at MT State with a major in Spanish in 1946. She held jobs at a bank and as a secretary/stenographer in MT and Denver before accepting secretarial employment with Lago in Aruba in 1948. There she met Harold Miller who had come to Aruba the same year. They were married May 21, 1949 in the Lago Community Church. Harold passed away in January 2007. While with Lago, Harold worked in Maintenance and Construction. Leaving Aruba in 1952, after the birth of their first child, their remaining 3 children were born in MT, NM and CO, due to frequent transfers with the oil company job Harry held. Mary Al-

ice received her Master's degree in Library Science from Denver U in 1962. The family moved to Grand Junction CO and she worked various librarian positions at Mesa State College, The Mesa Country Library, and St Mary's Hospital Medical Library before becoming the head librarian for the Grand Junction VA Hospital. She retired from that position when she and Harry moved to San Rafael CA in 1977 where he worked for Chevron Oil. They moved to Vancouver WA after Harry's retirement in 1984. Mary Alice loved traveling with Harry to the many places he worked, including lengthy stays in Sao Paolo, Brazil and Aix in Provence, France. Vacations to the Bahamas, Aruba, Europe, Greece, Alaska, Hawaii and many other US locations were enjoyed with family and friends. She also took her 4 granddaughters on individual European trips. Her many extra activities included membership in AAUW, DAR, PEO, church guilds and bridge clubs. She was President of her PEO chapters in CO, CA and WA, helping to organize Chapter GF in Colorado. Recently she had joined the Fairway Village Red Hats. Mary Alice loved many types of music, including classical and ragtime. She also loved the old hymns. For many years she took guitar lessons from Suze Marshall, with whom she developed a close friendship. One of her favorite songs, "Shooting Star", was performed by Suze at Mary Alice's memorial service. Written by Suze's daughter, the song was recently dedicated to Mary Alice's memory. She was an excellent knitter, making many gifts and continued to knit even after becoming blind with macular degeneration. For many years she was active in miniatures, making lovely dolls and bears. She loved gardening, especially her roses and stargazer lilies. Before losing her eyesight, she was quite a good photographer and put together many family photo albums. Dogs were a big part of her life also; 5 were buried in her backyard. She held a lifetime love of the printed word, compiling scrapbooks filled with articles, phrases and quotes. Even after losing her sight, she continued to 'read' avidly, with books on tape. Friends around the country enjoyed discussing and critiquing books with her on many varied subjects. Mary Alice and Harry lost their only son, William Nicholas Miller, in 1980, in a single-engine plane crash. She is survived by her three daughters: Christina Miller (15610 SE 23rd St, Vancouver WA 98683), Sarah Tillman and Amanda Miller, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Lagoites will especially remember Harry, who was 6'4" and Mary Alice, who barely made it to 5', in their topless prewar Crossley - he sat a foot above the structure and Mary Alice could barely see over the hood.

Clydie Moritz, widow of Leonard Moritz, passed away peacefully with daughter Helen at her side, on July 4, 2011 in Shreveport LA. Helen went there July 1st and stayed with her until she passed away. Clydie is survived by her two children, Helen Moritz of Arlington TX and Michael Moritz of Shreveport

LA. Also surviving are 6 grandsons, 4 great granddaughters, 2 great grandsons and two sisters. Clydie was born September 7, 1918, in Sardis LA, one of 9 children. She was buried July 9, 2011. At the time of Leonard's death, he and Clydie had been married 56 years. She worked as a welder during WW II due to the fact that she was small enough to crawl into the nose of the turret gun. After the war and until her retirement she worked as a nurse in the Shreveport community.

Cynthia (Mundt) Wood, 69, of Hollywood, FL passed away on July 25th, 2012. A beloved mother, teacher, and friend, she is survived by her son, Christopher R. Kiefer; daughter-in-law, Christine Kiefer; mother, Stella A. Mundt; and brother, Jonathan Mundt. Cynthia's life will be celebrated by family and close friends at a private gathering. Condolence messages may be left at <http://obit.bpfamilycare.com>. Donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society. A few memories from Cynthia's senior class Pam-O-Ram "Remember when I fainted at camp when Joan and I drunk half a case of Pepsis? Remember when Muff and I fixed lunches and ate them underneath my house near the oilpots? " Green-eyed "Cyn", the Chilean blonde, has many memories of her nine years in Aruba. And we have memories of her! Cyn has been an invaluable member of the Pan-O-Ram Weekly staff for her four years in high school. She enjoys sports and took gym in her first and third year. She has sung in the chorus in her freshman and sophomore years, and also along the musical lines, she has played her trombone in the band for four years. Outside of school, she is in C.Y.F. and has been a Mariner for three years. She is interested in swimming and likes to play tennis. Her interests include sewing, cooking, and painting. With these, it is no wonder she wants to major in economics and then become a dietitian or a home economics teacher.

Lou Pavlis, born in 1924, died earlier this year. Lou arrived in Aruba from the US in January 1961 and from the start loved the Island and its people. He started the first Silk Screening Company in the Antilles, the first Carnival Show and the first Water Ballet Show. He is survived by his wife, Johanna "Mimi" Pavlis-Lampe; sister-in-law, Jolanda "Hetty" Lampe, and Angela, Paul and Sam, Natascha, Schack, Lawrence and Michael; brother-in-law, Bert Lampe, Julisa, Jorge and Sarah; daughter Joanne and Paul van Mulder-Pavlis; son Alex and Nancy Pavlis; grandchildren Alexis and Dennis, Christopher; nephew, Jeffrey and Carol Pavlis, Michael and Jonathan; cousins, Padu Lampe, Vivian Lampe, Ervin and Sonia, Sheila Lampe, Louella and Ross Brezovar, Christian and Giulia, Tony and Farina van Veen, Nora and Nicholas.

Thea (Peeren) Akkermans, class of '55, was born November 26, 1934, and died February 27, 2012. The following was received from Thea's husband via Shirley (Hewlett) Barton.

"Thea loved to travel and has seen much of the world. Despite her declining health she still liked to travel. However, shortly after our last vacation, she unexpectedly, quietly passed away. While we sat together, watching the news on TV, we both fell asleep. Only Thea did not wake up any more. This last trip, she makes alone..." Shirley adds "Thea began school in San Nicolas because at the time that is where her parents preferred she go. When she was older she threw a fit at home and she was allowed to go to school in the Colony. Pre-enrollment testing found her to be somewhat behind kids her age so she was enrolled in the class of 1955. The family returned to Holland prior to that, however. Thea is survived by her husband Miles Akkermans (Pater Bekerstra 11, 4731 AK, Oudenbosch, Holland). He was a Dutch Marine in Aruba.

Roberta "Bobby" (Pfaff) Lonergan, 80, of Middletown, New Jersey entered into eternal life peacefully at her home on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 surrounded by her family. Born in Elizabeth, NJ in 1932, Bobby spent many years living in Aruba where she met her "Wonderful one," Thomas Lonergan, and graduated from Middlebury College in 1953. She and Tom were married at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 1953 and moved to Middletown, NJ in 1956. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in New Monmouth, NJ. Bobby was an expert seamstress, avid bridge player, an accomplished baker and an advocate for the less fortunate. Some of her volunteer work included The Barn and Birthright. Her greatest joys were her 13 children, her 33 grandchildren, and being near the ocean. She is survived by all her children; Michael Lonergan of Middletown, Stephen Lonergan of Brick Township, James Lonergan of Middletown, Catherine and Craig Mara of Middletown, Kevin and Helene Lonergan of Beachwood, Lisa and William Budd of West Creek, Erin and Allen Berman of Rumson, MaryAnne and Oscar Llorin of Baltimore, MD, Joanne and Perry Jouriles of Charlotte, NC, Mark and Shannon Lonergan of Shrewsbury, Leslie and John McCabe of Malvern, PA, Kerry and Mark Luksic of Malvern, PA, and Christa and Paul Reddick of Shrewsbury. Bobby is also survived by her loving sister, Ginny Werder; her faithful caregiver, Lucy and 33 cherished grandchildren. Bobby was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Lonergan in 1988. Donations can be made to the Ave Maria Fund, supporting Catholic education C/O St. Mary's Church, New Monmouth, New Jersey.

Wayne "Duke" Richey passed away February 20, 2012. Duke was born August 18, 1931 in Casper WY to parents Wayne and Helen Richey. As an infant he made the trip to Aruba on an oil tanker with his mother and sisters, Tommy and Pat. Younger sister, Terry, was born in 1938. The family thrived for many years, staying on through World War II, the years when the Lago Oil Colony and Refinery operated in black-out to avoid enemy attack. While growing up, Duke

took on a number of part time jobs and activities, but always managed time to spend on the basketball court. His love of the game took him back to Casper for his senior year. He lived with his grandparents, made the team at Natrona County High, and graduated with the class of '49. After a year at the University of WY, he moved to Southern California and was soon drafted into the Marine Corps, serving at El Toro Marine Base. During the span of his life, Duke enjoyed many different work experiences. Many years were spent working at Alondra Park Municipal Golf Course, giving lessons as a member of the PGA, and going to school part time. After graduating from Long Beach State University, with a business degree, he became a field agent for the IRS. While there, he met and married his wife, Marilyn, in 1963. In 1965, Duke joined a partnership with brother-in-law, Eddie Sheldrake, starting up some of the earliest KFC stores in Southern California. After five years and two daughters, he took his family to begin ranch life in Tulare County CA. Until 1992, he owned and operated Woodlake Growers Supply, kept some cattle and a couple of horses, and became a blacksmith, shoeing horses. The next sixteen years were spent back "home" in WY. Duke acquired a real estate license and enjoyed working part time for a broker. He loved having his tractor, his shop, two Mustangs, and his dog. The final move to Sisters OR was a time to scale back and enjoy renewed ties with extended family. The family was greatly blessed with home care support during his illness and special comfort care at Partners in Care Hospice Home. Duke had a great love for his family. He is survived by his wife Marilyn; daughter, Laura Richey (Danville CA); daughter and son-in-law, Terre and Jill Brooks (Jackson WY); sister Patricia Borsch (Manhattan Beach CA); numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved Vizsla Beau.

Johanna "Ans or Ann" (Nauta) Schindeler, 93, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Born September 26, 1918, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, she was the daughter of the late Jan and Engelina (Zandstra) Nauta. She was married for 64 years to Nicolaas P. Schindeler, who passed away in 2002. Ans was a loving, kind, generous and compassionate wife, mother, friend and member of her community and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by three sons and three daughters: Hans Schindeler (Susanville CA), Marie-Anne Schindeler (Ft. Lauderdale FL), Tom Schindeler (wife Emily)(Moggill, Queensland, Australia), Pat Schindeler-McKay (husband Walter)(Wayland MA), Ron Schindeler and Linda Schindeler (both of Royal Palm Beach FL); two brothers Jan Nauta (wife Joke) and Erno Nauta (wife Ilse), as well as 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons, Nicolaas P. Schindeler Jr. in 1940 and Theodore "Ted" Schindeler in 1998. A Celebration of Life was held March 10 at her home.

Gerardus "Gerry" Smit, 96, of Centerville MA, passed away peacefully at home on November 12, 2012, with his loving family by his side. Gerry was born on September 2, 1916, in Uitgeest, Netherlands, son of the late Gerrit and Helena Smit. He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Theresia Smit (117 Rolling Hitch Road, Centerville MA 02632). Gerry left Holland prior to WWII to work in Aruba for Lago. He met the love of his life, Theresia, on a 10-day Atlantic crossing on the Statendam and after 38 years in Aruba, they retired to Cape Cod. Avid travelers, they cruised the world and were happiest returning to the Cape. Gerry volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Friday movies at the Osterville Library; he was also a Past President of the Exxon Annuitants Club and a board member of the Centerville Library. Along with his wife, Gerry will be missed by his daughters, Helene Smit and her husband Robert Gopen (73 Algonquin Rd, Newton MA 02167); Marguerite Smit (widow of Will Sonzski)(11 Holyoke Street, Apt. #1 Boston MA 02116); Monique Pinney and her husband Jeff (P.O. Box 10748, Palm Desert CA 92255); and Nicole Marcinkiewicz and her husband Bill (29 Pheasant Hollow Road Natick, MA 01760); and son-in-law Forrest Badmington. He was "Opa" to his grandchildren, Danielle and Nathaniel Gopen, Kyle, Sarah and Alex Marcinkiewicz. Gerry was predeceased by his daughter Annette. Also surviving are his nephews, sons and daughter of Martinus and Engelique "Lien" Smit: Gerry, Henk, Maria and Marty. A memorial was held November 15, followed by a celebration of life. The burial was private. Bill Eagon (oldest of the 7 Eagan "kids") and his wife Jeanne, who live in nearby Osterville, attended the Memorial Service. Marguerite comments that this was very fitting since her family was introduced to Cape Cod when the Eagans let the Smits stay for a few weeks in their summer cottage in Centerville in the 1960s on the way to Holland. Cape Cod was where Gerry and Theresia realized they wanted to retire. And luckily for them, 4 of their 5 daughters ended up working and living in the Boston area so it was a good decision. Donations may be made in Gerry's name to the Centerville Public Library, 585 Main St., Centerville, MA 01632 or to Hope Hospice, 765 Attucks Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601. Marguerite Smit margboston@gmail.com 617--447-8448

Dorothea Stadelmann Trump peacefully passed away on February 10, 2012. She and her late husband Bill moved to Naples FL in 1975; they summered in WI. Dorothea was born in Jeffersonville NY on January 26, 1914, the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J.K. Karl Stadelmann. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and her husband of 41 years, William H Trump. For 37 years she taught English in NC, NJ, IL, FL and Aruba. She touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of young people with her own love for learning. She remained a friend and mentor to a number of her students long after she retired from teaching. Dorothea received

her BA degree from Maryville College TN and her MA from Teachers' College, Columbia University NY. She attended Oxford University in England, Beirut College for Women in Lebanon, The University of Chicago, New York University, and Northern Illinois University. Honors include: Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the Midwest, The World's Who's Who of Women, Two Thousand Women of Achievement, Community Leaders and Noteworthy American, and The Dorothea S Trump Creative Writing Award, established in her name and awarded each year to a student of Washington Jr. High School, Naperville IL. She had a number of articles on English, Reading, and Composition published, as well as a teaching unit on Careers for Junior High School. She was a member of Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Bonita Springs, FL, the Shepherd Program of Bonita, Illinois Retired Teachers' Association, as well as Delta Kappa Gamma. For many years she drove for Meals on Wheels in Bonita Springs. She was an officer of numerous organizations and former president of the Illinois Association of Teachers of English. She and Bill served as school volunteers for many years in Naples. She wanted to be remembered as a teacher - tough in the classroom, but a person who cared. She loved students and would go to great lengths to make sure they got the best, even if it meant stepping on some toes. Dorothea Trump will be dearly missed.

Ronald Merle Turner, 79, Independence, Missouri, passed away Aug. 3, 2012. Ronald Merle Turner was born April 17, 1933, on Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, to Vernon Emmett and Merle Lorene (Porter) Turner. Ron graduated high school in 1951. Then in the fall of 1951, he came to the States to attend Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa. He completed his undergraduate studies at Kansas University in 1955, receiving a degree in chemistry. However, his goal was medicine. In 1955 he started his medical studies at St. Louis University Medical School, St. Louis. He graduated June 6, 1959. While in St. Louis, Ron met Carol Jeanne Schlueter at church. He first saw her at the piano, playing for services. After courtship they married June 7, 1958. To this union were born two children: a son, Gregory Alan; and a daughter, Karen Elise. Ron was preceded in death by his son Gregory. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter Karen Dennis and husband Lavon; mother-in-law Mary Ellen Scott; daughter-in-law Marcianna Damon and husband Ralph; grandchildren Quinton and Marlia Dennis and Marlia's fiance Jason Simmons; Joshua and Stephanie Turner; sister Nancy Anderson and husband Tom; brother Robert Turner and wife Ruth; nieces and nephews Debra and Jan Turner, Renee and Erlend Andersen, Aaron Lewis and Victoria Anderson; many other relatives and special friend Wanda Kosmicke. The family requests contributions to The Bountiful Quartet, c/o Brendan Pearson, 967 Ellis St., Liberty, MO 64068 or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 6811 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., No. 202, Mission, KS 66202.

Condolences may be sent via www.speakschapel.com.

Ron's bio in his Lago HS senior year book reads as follows: A member of the original class of '51, Ronnie is an old face around Lago. As an active member of the soft ball team, he has pitched a number of winning games. He is very adept with his hands and has won the admiration of his classmates because of his skill at making things. One of the fastest boats in the Lagoon is a result of his workmanship. Ronald can also be acclaimed for his fine academic work. Playing the piano, motor-boating and waterskiing are perhaps his favorite hobbies, with flying a close second. Ronald's future plans include earning an "M.D." at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Richard Gilbert "Dickie" Williams, born Dec. 16, 1931, died June 24, 2012. Born and raised in Aruba, Dickie enlisted in the Air Force in 1955. He served in the Vietnam War and made a career of the military, retiring as a Captain after 24 years of dedicated service to our country. Survivors include his sister, Dolores Williams Grissom (Richmond TX); his niece, Nelwyn Grissom Powell and her husband Walt (Richmond TX); his nephew, Gregory Wayne Grissom of Hockley, TX; 3 great-nephews, Travis Grissom, and Wyatt and Walker Powell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert Joseph Williams and Nelwyn Daigle Williams. The online obituary and memory book is at www.iberets.com. A private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Kenneth Eugene Work died at Grace Health Care Nursing Home in Winston-Salem NC, May 27, 2012, after a long illness. Ken was born December 30, 1932, in Aruba, and grew up there. He spent two years at Fork Union Military Academy in VA but returned to Aruba to graduate from Lago Community High School in 1951. While in high school, Ken was very popular with his schoolmates, serving as president of the Youth Canteen and performing in some of the school plays, notably "The Mikado". After graduation, he attended Drury College in Springfield MO, then served 2 tours of duty with the US Army as a military policeman at Fort Bragg NC, Ft Amador, Panama Canal Zone, and Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC. After the Army, Ken made his career as a salesman, working for various companies, including Capitol Sewing Machine, American Greetings Corp., and Fort Hill Memorial Park in Lynchburg. When Ken and his family moved to VA in 1972, he was active in the United Methodist Church where he helped organize the United Methodist Men, served as lay leader for a time, and later as a regular greeter and usher. Ken was predeceased by his parents, Gene and Gladys Work, and by two brothers, Clarence A Work of Las Vegas NV, and Keith F Work of Dallas TX, and a sister, Virginia Work Eastman of Irvine, CA. He is survived by two daughters, Pamela Work Margolin and husband Bob of High Point NC, and Patricia E. Work of Trinity NC; two sons, Eugene E Work and wife Ann of Woodland Hills CA, and David A Work, of

Faulconerville VA; two granddaughters, Sarah and Samantha Work, of Elon VA; and his youngest brother Dean M Work of Encinitas, CA. He also is survived by his former wife, Zelda Fields Work, of Madison Heights VA., former daughter-in-law, Catherine Hedrick Work of Elon VA, brother-in-law Phillips Eastman of Irvine CA, and a number of nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held in Madison Heights VA.

The following is from Patsy Engelking, widow of Larry Engelking who was with Lago from 1941 to 1952.

Leo Baldwin, a young kid in 1929, was attending the U of WY when his roommate received a letter from an older brother urging him to apply for work in the newly built refinery in Aruba. The roommate wasn't interested but Leo was. He researched everything he could about Aruba; it was one of the ABC islands, under Dutch rule, in the Caribbean between Trinidad and the Panama Canal, just off the coast of Venezuela. This was about all he could find out. It was enough to wet his appetite and he thrilled to the idea of an adventure. He applied for work in Aruba. There was one holdback. The love of his life, Harriett Raymond, lived across the WY/CO State line in the promising small town of Wellington, just 9 miles north of Fort Collins. Leo had come in from the prairies and lived in the Raymond home so he could attend high school. With the pending adventure he and Harriett decided to elope. Employees went to Aruba by ship since air travel was not available at the time. There were other employees being hired from the oil refining area around Casper. Leo first lived in the bachelor quarters. When housing became available Harriett joined him in Bung #136, a 3-room bungalow built on "Bird Cage Row". While living in the BQ and learning to be an operator on one of the Units, Leo realized that the employees had no reading materials. He got permission to bring the weekly TIME magazine down on the company tankers. He told me that he sat on a bench in the dining hall with these magazines on the bench beside him and sold them to the fellows who were very eager to catch up on the 'news of the day' even if it was a week old - the beginning of the Magazine Business which Leo and Harriett Baldwin ran until August 1942. It's hard to believe in the information age we live in today that these TIME magazines, already at least a week old, were one of the few sources of "News" available in 1929. Short wave radio was not very reliable and in short supply. Leo's brother, Paul Baldwin, and his wife Louise came to work and live in Aruba. Harriett came back to the states when her father died the summer of 1941. I had finished high school in Wellington in the spring of 1940 and had attended Occidental College in Pasadena CA. Harriett invited me to come back to Aruba with her. She said she had not felt well and I could work in the Magazine business and relieve her. I recall she said the experience would be the equivalent of another year of college. It certainly was that and more. It was such a rich experience and changed my life. I was not looking for a husband but I found one! These were the war years, when the submarine warfare really crippled the export of crude oil to the refinery in Aruba and the export of high octane gasoline around the world to fuel the allied aircraft. I was awakened the night of February 16, 1942 when a German submarine fired on the Lake Tankers waiting to unload crude oil from Lake Maracaibo. I watched the tankers as they became engulfed with burning oil and I could hear the bells of alarm from the

decks of the ships. Then I watched the shots going into the air in the direction of the refinery. I felt we were under attack. I was aware that folks left all the lights on in their houses and outside on their patios. I quickly dressed and ran from house to house in my neighborhood waking people to tell them we were under attack. I was surprised to find the young Dutch Doctor and his wife sitting in lawn chairs on their patio as if watching a movie as they watched the tankers surrounded by burning oil. There have been other reports from folks who lived through these times. We were busy complying with the orders for black out. I remember we had to paint the headlights of our autos black and then scrape off a two centimeter strip. The window louvers had to be painted black with no light leaking out and we were given black cloth to cover frames to make a double entry so that we didn't open a door and let the light be seen. In those days most of us smoked cigarettes. We were warned to not light a match for it could be seen for seven miles out to sea. The white tanks holding refined oil were also visible for miles; they were painted black. We felt very vulnerable and we were. We didn't know then that Hitler did not want the refinery destroyed but hoped to capture it for his own use. His submarine warfare seemed very successful as the subs picked off the ships, loaded with high octane fuel for the Allied aircraft, after they left the deep harbor in Aruba. I recall seeing the red glow of burning ships on the horizon. I remember Capt. Hargrail from the Lake tanker fleet who used to visit with me at the Esso Club where I took care of the Magazine business and the lending library. He had said that he was too old to handle the stress and had decided to retire and was waiting for a ship to take him back to his homeland of England. His ship came in and they joined a convoy of ships leaving the Island of Trinidad. A pack of submarines attacked the convoy and his ship was sunk. At Christmas break from her teaching job in Wheatland WY, Harriett's sister, Peggy Raymond, came to Aruba to visit and applied for a teaching position for the following school year of 1933. She met and married Calvin Kratz. Calvin had worked as a stockbroker on Wall Street until the stock market crash of 1929. He was hired in the accounting department in Aruba. Cal was a very charming and outgoing person. When he married Peggy he took her name, becoming Cal Raymond. They had 2 children: Kaye, born in Aruba in 1934 or 35, and Jack, born in CO in 1937. In the summer of 1941, following the death of their beloved father Peggy, her children and her sister Harriett came back to the States, Because of the war in Europe and Aruba being a Dutch colony Peggy and Cal decided she and the 2 children should remain in the States until the war was over. As soon as the State Department would issue a passport for them, Peggy and the children returned to Aruba. This was in the early fall of 1943. They had been there for only a week when Cal became very ill. He complained of a very bad headache. Peggy called the hospital and they sent an ambulance. He walked to the ambulance but was unconscious when they reached the hospital. Cal never regained consciousness; the diagnosis was Spinal Meningitis. The family was hospitalized and kept under surveillance suspecting that they may have brought the infection with them. Peggy and the children were then flown back to the States as persons were allowed to stay only if a family member was an employee of the company. Cal's body was shipped by tanker in a hermetically sealed casket to Fort Collins CO where he is buried with others in the Raymond family. Harriett and I returned to the States in August 1942.