

Vanden Class Updates

March 2007

Vanden Class Updates

Vol. 3

The Gathering in '09

The votes are in and we'll be seeing everyone in San Diego in 2009! Yaaay! We're looking at targeting four days in the last two weeks of July, 2009. Exact dates will be determined as your class representatives work on finalizing agendas. There are many things that will affect our decision – hotels, activities, etc. We have two years to plan but we wanted you to begin to look forward now to *"The Gathering in '09."*

Your team will also work to provide information regarding a cruise we will plan in conjunction with *"The Gathering in '09."* For those of you that have more time to devote to leisure, the cruise we are looking at will leave San Diego for a four day cruise to Cabo San Lucas and return.

At this point, there's nothing chiseled in stone and your input, as always, will be appreciated. If you'd like to help in some way, let one of us know. Your team will work hard to make this a memorable and enjoyable event with lots of the unexpected. Go to <http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors> and start dreaming.

John (JC) Crowe '66
Chief of *"The Gathering in '09"*



Friends Keeping in Touch

Annually, **Tom Kam ('65)** flies in from Texas and **John Crowe ('66)** from the

Big Island, and they meet up in Oahu to attend the Pro-Bowl in Honolulu. They've been doing this for years and JC is a "regular" at the Kam house. On February 10 this year, JC, Tom, **Debbie Kam Chang ('66)**, her oldest son and youngest daughter and son-in-law, along with some of Debbie's grandchildren all went to the game. They had a blast catching up and being with one another. I was told the game came down to the last play. Makes for good memories and excitement all around!



Never getting enough of us...

JC drove about 50 minutes north of Kona to where **Jane Blalock Littlejohn ('68)** & her husband, Bruce, live on an acre with a horse! They spent time talking and looking at reunion '06 pictures. Her sister, **Linda Blalock Crull ('65)** was visiting from her Colorado ranch, as well. JC said Linda must have discovered the fountain of youth because she looks exactly the same!

Hey! Wait a minute! Come to think of it, when we saw Jane at the reunion, she looked exactly the same, too. So, where is this fountain, you guys? We're calling "sharesies!"



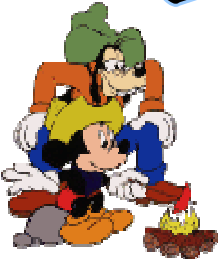
More about friends keeping in touch on page two →

A friend is the hope of the heart. - Ralph Waldo Emerson



More Updates from our Friends:

A BIRTHDAY BASH!



Ron Johnson ('65) invited us to a two-day BBQ, margarita, and beer bust for his "B-I-G 6-Omygod birthday" on the July 7-8, 2007 weekend at his house on Lake LBJ in Central Texas. If you are going to be in the area, or even if you're not, he says, "Please come on down." There is a hotel 10 minutes away, two hotels 15 minutes away, and several just 20 minutes away. Ron says, "So come one, come all, and we will have a ball, and a mini Vanden reunion of us old folks." If you're interested, contact one of your class representatives for address information. Ron will try to take a head count around the middle of June, so he can get a block of hotel rooms and make sure to have enough beer, BBQ, and margaritas (important stuff!). Some people really know how to do 60!

Speaking of birthday's...

Class of 1965:

Pam Hurlburt Harris 3/17
Nancy Wood Bourcher 4/29

Class of 1966:

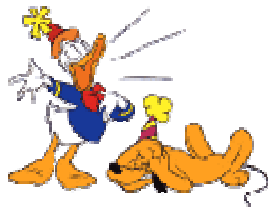
Patricia York Keenan 3/5
Carol Berry Shull 3/28
Terry Rogers 3/30
Dale Woods 4/22
Virginia Turk Tyler 4/25

Class of 1967:

Charles Wilbur 3/5
Jack Cardoza 4/1
Kathy McKinney 4/21

Class of 1968:

Norman Florez 3/7
Bobby Reifer 3/26
Paul Krueger 3/30
Leilani Brown Baudoin 4/22
Barbara Crukshank Luby 4/27



Class of 1969:

Ron Balch 3/2
David Garrison 3/19
Mike Marrs 3/20
Georganna Dart Brooks 3/22
Deborah George Barber 4/20

Dinner with "Old" Friends

Two or three times a year, **Cheryl Baccash Koller '65, Kitty Berry Davis '65, and Linda Ornellas Palmer '65** make it their mission to get together. Living in the same area for over 30 years, they found each other about four years ago and have not let go. Here's an update: Cheryl married **Duncan Koller '65** and just welcomed their newest grand-daughter, Merritt, on Feb. 20. They also have a grandson, Landon, (3). Duncan retired a few years ago, Cheryl is still nursing. Cheryl and Duncan are vacationing in Las Vegas this year. They've never been!!!

Kitty and husband, Ken, went to Hawaii this summer to attend a friends wedding. She enjoyed seeing all of the sites she remembered from her childhood when her family was stationed there. (Hard duty, man). They'll be going to the British Isles this coming September. Kitty has two grandchildren also - Siena (6) and Griffin (4) who love sleeping over at Grandma's! Kitty is busy working in antiques.

Linda's a new grandma for the fourth time. Emma was born in January and she's a beauty. No huge vacation plans for Linda - except a week at the beach in May.



Rhonda Prybyloski Leeder '65, Dave Klinger '65, and Jim Edmondson '65 could not make the dinner this time due to work schedules...that, and the fact they'd have to drive over 4 hours round trip to get to Portland, OR! (But, they'd have done it if they had the time.)



Good news: Pat Murphy '69, who was in a car accident on the way to the 2006 Reunion, has recovered and is looking forward to attending "The Gathering in '09!" "Yes!!"

Healthy living tips: Collard Greens are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, which may dramatically reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death, reduce triglycerides, and lower blood pressure. Carrots improve eyesight which may help you read this small print!

Notes From Your Classmates!



Thinking about a trip to the Caribbean?

Saludos Vikings, Hope this finds you all in the Best of Health and Happiness. I recently prepped a 3 bdrm 2bth house for vacation rental. It's a block off the Beach at Ocean Park, North Coast just outside Old San Juan. Very kool location for anyone headed The Caribbean way.. Cheers to all you Dudes and Dudettes.

Raul Rosado '65
numazu@coqui.net

How about stopping in Southern CA?

There is always something new going on in our family. We just opened up a new branch office for Platinum 1 Mortgage Group/Investments in Rancho Cucamonga, our corporate office is in Ontario, CA. We will also be opening up a franchise restaurant in Fullerton, Ca in April, "NYPD Pizza" a little taste of New York and another location opening up in Fontana this summer. If anyone is in the Rancho Cucamonga area, the Victoria Gardens Mall, my family has the Wetzel's Pretzel - "snack and grab a pretzell!" I'll be taking a much needed vacation soon to Scottsdale, AZ to visit my family. *"All work and no fun is not good!"* Take care, you Vikings!! I am all for the San Diego location for our next get together. -**Tonia Thompson '65**

Proud as Punch

Granpapa **Clark Andrews '66** is looking forward to a new grandchild to join the family. His 3 yr. old granddaughter, Li-Lou is the light of his life. Clark's son has two years of college left towards obtaining his US Air Force commission.

I know you, but do I really know you?

People have been asking, "Who are those people in the reunion class pictures? I know I know them!" Listed below, by class, are the people in the picture. Cut and paste it on the back of your photo.

Class of 1965 Front row L to R: Catherine York, Linda Stanley, Craig Blauw, Linda Willie, Ron Johnson, Rhonda Prybyloski, Jack Jabbour, Dave Farrelly, Bill Wooderson. **Second Row:** Tonia Thompson, Steve Munzel, Russ Hood, Paul Henning, Dennis Miga, Vincent Decesere, Pat Zweig, Darlene Park, Wanda Vandergrif, Sandy Smelsey. **Back Row:** Carol Walkuski, Ken Framsted, Linda Ornellas, John Carson, Terry Kirstein, Don Lavoie, Artie Gilbert, Mike Owens, John Leveritt, Jim Edmondson, Tom Kam.

Class of 1966 Front Row L to R: Linda Frost, Jerri Moore, Gloria Devereax, Bob Donley, Catherine Lippincott, Sue Shapiro, Jill Zuerner, Rick Balch, Audrey Brown. **Second Row:** Jaquelin Walkuski, Don McCloud, Gail Frink, Jane Dickerson, Ginger Turk, Patti York, Carol Berry, Janet Carney, Desiree Love, Dennis Page, Myrla Delahay, Janet Link, Claudia Donaldson. **Back Row:** Bob Hensz, John Prohaska, Clark Andrews, Ron Stauffer, Terry Rogers, Joe Owens, John Crowe, Carter Campbell, Joe Windoffer, Debbie Kam

Class of 1967 Front row L to R: Darlene Lawhead McCraney, Karen Danner Reed, Linda Moore Rogers, Pam Miller, Sue Froyd Miller, Kathleen McKinny, Marina Ambrosio, Bob Small (on floor beneath Marina), Linda Francis, Ann Zaputil Johnson, Vickie Loomis Hardy, Bob Story. **Second Row:** Dave Barnas, Rob Villa, Sandy Parks, Linda "Joey" Weeks Nale, Ron Villa, Patti Phillips Connors, Pam Jolissaint Delaune, Linda Tipton Stuart, Pat Hanley, John Hanley, Charles Schwalier, Robert Eddings. **Back Row:** Davy Crockett, Ed Sargologos, Larry Gaddis, Mantell Williams, Richard Castillo, Bill Brow, Reginald Eddings, Fred Edmondson, Jack Cardoza, Lloyd Hines, Danny Munk, Steve Bull.

Class of 1968 Front row L to R: Rebecca Wright Taylor, Leilani Brown Baudoin, Amy Pugh Boohaker, Joey DiVincenzo, Nancy Love Rubin, Eileen Breault Ludden, Bev Lamb Stegman, Darcy Milks Miller. **Second Row:** Nancy McFarland, Cynda Collins Arsenault, Betty Adamek, Otis Webb, Kris Kehrlie Bennett, Connie Cunningham McLain, Deborah Dillon Gaines, Jane Blalock Littlejohn. **Third Row:** Dianne Robinson DeBillot, David Rick, Pamela Hines Williams, Norman Florez, Jim Farrelly, Bill Zuerner

Class of 1969 Front row L to R: Debbie George, Debbie Johnson, Teresa Doran, Nancy Treichek, Sylvia Eddings, Virginia Bennett, Georganna Dart. **Second Row:** Jim Ewing, Clay Lloyd, Bill Odom, Tom McCready, Ken Wright, Ron Balch

Hey, Chuck!
Right on!



We're missing you.

Each class has had several email failures since the reunion. If you know of a new email address for one of our Viking friends, give them our address and ask them to contact us. If you not sure if we have the correct information on someone, contact us and we'll compare and verify data.

Good grief!
Where can they
be?



Rappin' with the Reps



Class of '67 Update

I got a pretty good response to my request for Viking profile updates. Some had news, some had questions, and some just said keep the Vanden emails coming. **Larry Gaddis** has become quite the TV star. He recently appeared on an edition of "48 Hours Mystery." Larry was the presiding judge on a murder case in Northern CA. Actual footage from the trial showed Larry pronouncing the guilty verdict. I, for one, saw the show and was proud to see one of our own on national TV! Way to go Larry! **Sonny Richards** has a new address and phone numbers he'd like to share. His address is 4131 Spicewood Springs Rd, #G-1, Austin, TX 78759. His cell phone is 512-415-2220 and office phone is 512-346-0800. **Sandy Rosado** is currently living in Steinbach, Germany (about an hour from Frankfurt) where her son is stationed with the military. Her email address there is crownani@earthlink.net, and she can also be contacted at the following address: Capt. Jason Wetzel, Attn:Sandy, PSC 2 Box 6503, APO, AE 09012-6503. She plans to be there for an additional 4-6 months. **Vickie Loomis Hardy** works in real estate selling new homes in Natomas (Sacramento near the Arco Arena) for K. Hovnanian Homes. She has been a realtor for the past 10 years. **O.C. Hood** is a Civil War historian and writer. He has published two books. *Millstream* is a collection of poetry relating to The War Between the States. *The Cowboys of Jefferson County* is a fun book about a '50's grade school boy's adventures in NE TN. In addition, O.C. has two unpublished works. **Linda "Joey" Weeks Nale** and her husband have purchased 12 acres of undeveloped forested land in Idaho where they plan to build and live in 2-3 years.

Some of you know, and most probably don't, **Darlene Lawhead McCraney, Patti Phillips Connors, Mary Framsted Dunn, Joey Weeks Nale**, and I have been re-uniting periodically, beginning with our first re-connection in '86 at Lake Tahoe. This was no small task since we were living in Georgia, California, Nevada, Texas, and Louisiana at that time. We were all young, cute, and skinny that first meeting. We again met in '96 at the 1st Vanden Reunion, and the next time in '02 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast...not so young, not so cute, and some of us not so skinny at all! In '05 Hurricane Katrina destroyed the Mississippi condo where we lodged, all the restaurants where we dined, and the stores where we shopped. All gone. On a happier note, we were all in Fairfield last July, minus Mary who was struggling with recuperation from knee surgery and lots of complications. Following the reunion, the four of us flew to L.A. and spent 4 more glorious days seeing the sights, shopping, and wining and dining in some wonderful restaurants. Patti and her husband Phil took us by boat to Catalina Island where we enjoyed 2 days and a night on their lovely yacht moored in the bay. The five of us have weathered 40+ years of marriages, divorces, children, grand-children, cross-country moves, and all the other ups and downs of life and remain very close friends...a testament to the magic of Vanden, the times and the bonds of lasting friendship.

Pam Jolissaint Delaune, *Class of '67* - pamdelaune1@yahoo.com

Where in the World is the Class of 68?

Connecting with former classmates has been such a joy for me as your class contact. I love hearing about your experiences since graduating from Vanden 38 years ago. You may enjoy reading some of the following updates. **Rick Sturms** is teaching Special Education students in the Palm Springs area after retiring from business 6 years ago. He says that he has found his niche and his students keep him young. **Jim Cuno** is the President and Director of the Art Institute in Chicago. He is married to Sarah Stewart and has two daughters. **Amy Pugh** Boohaker is a bankruptcy lawyer in Sarasota, Florida. **Becky Wright** Taylor is the director of the Trinity Middle School in New Orleans, La. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she and her family were displaced for several months until their home was rebuilt. They were one of the "lucky" ones. **Betty Adamek** is a cartographer for the US government residing in Dallas, Texas. She stays in touch with fellow classmates and visits them regularly when she travels. **Joey DiVincenzo** is a lawyer and resides in the LA area. Dr. **Pam Hines** Williams is an ophthalmologist in the Phoenix, Arizona. **Diane Robinson** deBillot was a journalist for the New York Times for many years and recently retired with her husband to Brookings, Oregon. Several of our classmates also reside in Oregon. **Kris Kehrl** Bennett lives in Roseburg, **Gerry Kirstein** in Medford, and **Jay Butz** in Portland. Next to California, Oregon seems to be the most popular state in which to live. **Eileen Breault** Ludden lives with her husband and beautiful family in the mountains near Lake Tahoe. **Otis Webb** lives with his wife and children in Sacramento and they put on two huge home shows each year in the Fresno area. And me, I retired to San Diego a year ago after 30 years in education (mostly in Louisiana). Please keep me advised of your whereabouts and the connections you are making with other classmates. I love this job!

Leilani Brown Baudoin, *Class of '68* - leilani7@cox.net

Wrapping Up



Why are good habits so hard to make and so easy to break?!

Experience the great outdoors

Use it and lose it!

You can burn 150 calories by walking 2 miles in 30 minutes

Enjoy the beauty of the neighboring landscapes and pick up new gardening and outdoor decorating ideas.

Experience the sights and sounds of sunrise or sunset.

Find out what your neighbors look like!

Connect with a group of neighbors or new friends and become walking buddies.

Another appetizer recipe (From Linda Ornellas Palmer)

Brie with Kahlua and Nuts

1/3 c. nuts, chopped (pecans or walnuts)

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1/4 c. Kahlua

3 tbsp. brown sugar

1 14-oz. round Brie

Combine first 4 ingredients

Place Brie in shallow baking dish, cover with mixture.

Bake at 325° for 8-10 minutes.

Serve with crackers or toasted baguette slices.

Send in your quickie recipes

Sounds good, Sir.



Request for recipe

Does anyone have a recipe for a Chocolate Cobbler recipe... one that someone has actually tried and tested?

Darlene Lawhead McCraney ('67) has found several recipes on the internet but would rather try one that someone could recommend.

I'm told it is absolutely wonderful warm with whipped cream. Like, hello!?! Anything with chocolate in it has got to be good. Am I right?! Write us back, if you can help. We'll share the recipe in a future newsletter.



Healthy living tip #2: Dark chocolate may reduce the risk of heart disease, lower blood pressure and improve blood flow. (I've heard that in tough situations, it can save the lives of others, too.) Chocolate is our friend.

Have you spent time with a Viking lately? Tell us all about it.

Keep in touch. What's been going on in your world? Contribute to future newsletters. Your class reps are: **Linda Ornellas Palmer '65** - llpalmer47@aol.com; **Jill Zuerner '66** - Jzuerner@aol.com; **Pam Jolissaint DeLaune '67** - pamdelaune@yahoo.com; **Leilani Brown Baudoin '68** - leilani7@cox.net; **Georganna Brooks Dart '69** - georgannadart@yahoo.com; & **John Crowe(JC) '66** - konajc@yahoo.com. Keep your reps informed of any changes. *Don't forget to register at classreport.org. It's free and it's ours!*

