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## When I'm 64

Will you still need me? Now that is a question we are all about to get the answer to. Graduation from High School was like that moment in the Wizard of Oz when the movie went from black white to brilliant technicolor. It all happened so fast. Kennedy. A man on the moon, the war in Viet Nam, flower children, the Beatles, psychedelia, Peter Max. Nixon. Iran. Reagan. The Internet. Clinton. Global Warming. Bush. 9-11. Iraq. We have all experienced and witnessed personal and public triumph and tragedy and technological advances that are amazing even to the most jaded of us. Lend us your ears and we'll sing you a tune. We promise not to sing out of key!



## 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion - Fall 2008

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, the B-CC class of 1963 held a reunion celebrating the 45th year since graduation. 70 classmates and guests came together for dinner and their favorite beverages at the Woman's Club of Bethesda. Dave Wilson played old 45's which he has apparently been hoarding for years. Lanny Hunt addressed the crowd. He also held a question and answer period. Many suggestions for the 50th reunion were offered. These suggestions will be considered by the reunion committee the closer we get to the 50th. Feel free to offer more. Please do.



For more pictures of this event, check

<http://baseball-writer.spaces.live.com/photos/cns!47892AE1E73258B6!655/>

Diogo's pictures at

[http://revmore.smugmug.com/gallery/63384593Nzsa/400055921\\_6nCxz#400038476\\_RMzuY](http://revmore.smugmug.com/gallery/63384593Nzsa/400055921_6nCxz#400038476_RMzuY)

Or the B-CC education foundation web page.

[www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni](http://www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni)

Donations to help defray the upfront cost of our gala 50th reunion, planned for 2013 would be appreciated.

We really appreciate your help.

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## Back to School

On Wednesday evening, Feb, 26, Bryant Agnew, Dave Wilson, John Berry and I went back to B-CC to watch the final home basketball game of the season. Our Barons, led by the versatile guard, Austin Cooley, were headed for the State semi finals for the third time in four years. Coach Stephen Thompson was eager to meet Bryant, the former All-Met.

We all arrived early and toured the school a bit. The gym is new. Some things looked vaguely

familiar. But none of us could expect the warmth of the welcome home we received that evening.

Tim Gilmore, a very AD met us at the gate at 6:15 or so. Coach Thompson came out and said hi and showed us to the "Blue and Gold" room at the rear of the gym and above. The wide windows on the room overlook the basketball floor. This room is full of BCC sports memorabilia. It is our hope that our class can add to that collection. We could have watched the game from that location. But we chose to sit in the bleachers along with the rest of the crowd. It was senior night. And Seniors Jordan Wheeler and Cooley put on a show. No look passes - Spectacular Dunks. Game was great. And afterward the coaching staff met with us at THE HARD TIMES CAFE on Del Ray avenue and we drank some beer and had chili and the coach paid for everything. Magic evening.

"I too had a wonderful time Tuesday night. The BCC B-Ball program is in good hands with Coach Thompson. He is a real people person and really cares about his players, both on and off the court. We need more people like him in our schools, both in the classroom and on the sports field.

Sitting at the Hard Times Cafe and talking basketball for 2 hours was pure joy, from David pulling names of local players out of his brain long since forgotten by the rest of us to Coach Thompson telling us how, through his student and grand daughter of Red Auerbach, he got to have some one on one time with the master of B-ball coaching, Red Auerbach.

Watching BCC beat a very good team in Churchill and realizing how high school B-ball has changed from 1963. It is a faster, more up tempo game, with overall more talented athletes making more spectacular plays than when we played.

However, on the flip side, I think we played a more cerebral, controlled game. If the game situation dictated that we slow things down, then we would have no problem holding on to the ball for several minutes before taking a shot. Or if

playing a lesser opponent, we might fast break all night long. The situation would dictate how we would play. While I am sure today's teams know how to slow it down too I suspect it is rare that they do. And I think the reason is that they are simply emulating the way the game is now played for the most part in college and the pros.

Bottom line is I think the teams of the 60's could still be competitive with today's teams by being mentally tough, playing tenacious defense,

and using whatever strategy needed to be employed to have the best chance of beating your opponent.

It's much more of a challenge being a high school coach today than in 1963. Many of today's players have special needs off the court that were not prevalent in our era. This is due to the wide ranging social strata today with kids coming from all kinds of social and ethnic backgrounds and the much higher % of broken homes due to divorce.

I take my hat off to people tackling the job of high school coaching today.

People like coach Thompson."

By Bryant Agnew, BCC '63

A few weeks later I went back to B-CC again, alone this time, to see the Barons beat Tuscarora to claim the Region Championship and advance to the State Tournament.


What a great atmosphere. Loud. There was a line almost all around the school waiting to get in. Incredible. High School's version of March Madness. Bryant and John and Dave showed up to watch the Barons go down to defeat at the hands of a very good Largo team at Comcast Center on March 13.

"We're very proud of being here three out of four years." Coach Thompson told Austin. "How many people get to do that. That's really something." Indeed it was.


"I'm happy we made it this far. I'm sad we couldn't make it farther, but I'm definitely content with what we got," said Cooley.

His final game in a B-CC uniform resulted in team-highs in points (19), rebounds (9), steals (3) and assists (3).

## On The Campaign Trail

 uring one of Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaigns, allegedly, a supporter told him that he was sure to "get the vote of every thinking man" in the U.S., to which Stevenson is said to have replied, "Thank you, but I need a majority to win."

## Hey, Ho, Let's Go

 ome opening and closing rock and roll lyrics we all know by heart.

"I got sunshine on a cloudy day"

-- The Temptations

"Hello, Darkness, my old friend"

--Simon and Garfunkel

"We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee"

--Merle Haggard

"There must be some kind of way out of here, said the joker to the thief"

--Jimi Hendrix's

"Well, it's one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, now go, cat, go!"

--Carl Perkins

"Take it calmly and serene. It's the famous final scene."

--Bob Seger

"You gotta know when to hold em, know when to fold em, know when to walk away, know when to run"

-- Kenny Rogers

"Well, she was just seventeen -- you know what I mean"

--The Beatles

"You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes. You just might find You get what you need."

--The Rolling Stones

"It's a wild world, it's hard to get by just upon a smile"

-- Cat Stevens

"Life's been good to me so far"

-- Joe Walsh

"People are strange"

- - The Doors

"Feels like I'm knocking on Heaven's door"

-- Eric Clapton

"Oh what a lady what a night!"

-- Four Seasons



## A Familiar Visitor From A Faraway Land

It all started with the internet and Jeff Smith's contact with Yanti around the time of the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. What a wonderful way to bring back the years and remember friends so many miles away.

Yanti Slamet lived just a couple of blocks from me on Connecticut Avenue. I believe her father worked at the World Bank. Yanti was always friendly, smiling and full of energy. One occasion I will always remember was during gym class, she took some tennis balls and juggled them. What talent! Also, the terrific

chicken on bamboo skewers with a peanut sauce for dipping that we have for lunch one day at her home.

When Yanti sent a message that she was planning on a visit to Washington, I couldn't believe it, after all, it'd been 45+ years since we'd seen each other. Sandi, Jeff and I met and visited with her at her hotel, the Renaissance on 9<sup>th</sup> Street downtown, on a cool but not cold Sunday evening. Then we all went to Clyde's in Georgetown for dinner. The cherry blossoms were still blooming so, of course, a drive around the Tidal Basin and WW II Memorial were in order. We all talked about our memories of so many years ago, what we'd been doing these last 45+, families, etc. The last time we all saw each other we were teenagers full of questions about what our futures held and then we meet again as grandparents and different plans for our current futures. I will always remember that special day in April 2008 and realize, friends are only a click away thanks to modern technology.

Joyce McKenzie Adam, BCC '63

It was great that Joyce could give us all a tour of downtown DC. I'm sure Yanti enjoyed that. Too bad she couldn't stay longer. I guess I never really expected to see Yanti again after so many years and so many miles between us, but the unexpected really did happen. And not only did I spend the evening with her, Joyce, and Jeff, but I was able to spend most of the next day with her as well. I don't know whether the meetings ended early or she played hookey! I drove downtown to meet her and we then returned to the old neighbourhood in Chevy Chase. Yanti got to see what her old house looks like now. The man who now lives there just happened to be outside in the driveway. He said his parents had lived there in the 60s. We drove to B-CC so she could see what the school looks like now. A lot has changed, of course. We drove to Rockville, with a brief stop at my workplace at the time (I now work in Gaithersburg), lunch, then to my home. Yanti met my daughter Maurine and our dogs (Bazl the long-coat Chihuahua and Zenith



the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel). We stopped in at Lakeforest Mall because Yanti wanted to buy some souvenirs for people back home. After eating pretzels at Auntie Anne's, we visited my mother, who lives at Asbury across from the mall.

The hours we spent together went by pretty fast because we had a lot to talk about. I remembered the exotic Balinese dancing lessons at the Indonesian Embassy. Yanti remembered that slumber party I had when my mother went out of town for the weekend and we all slept on the floor in the living room.

I would love to visit Yanti in Indonesia. Who knows—I just might make it. The year I lived in Australia I thought about Yanti, but had no idea how to contact her. Now, the Internet has made it easy to keep in touch after so long.

I enjoyed the evening. Yanti had traveled thousands of miles! I hadn't seen Joyce since high school. I hope that more of our classmates will be encouraged to attend future reunions. You may not be able to go home again, but you can always go to a high school reunion. We're sort of like relatives—thrown together by fate (and where we lived) and we knew each other way back when. That ought to be worth some sort of emotion.

Sandi Wesner Atkinson, BCC '63

Original E-mail from Yanti.

Dear Joyce, Jeff and Sandi,  
My apologies for not informing you, beforehand, about my coming visit to Washington, DC. It had been planned, as I had mentioned to you, sometime ago. However, the bureaucratic red tape in arranging for the visa from the US Embassy was very harrowing. I didn't dare to hope or to give confirmation of my trip there. Until yesterday, I had thought that I wasn't going to get the visa, but today, I was told to go to the US embassy again early tomorrow morning. There is still the chance that I will get the visa after all, in time for the IAA

(International Advertising Association) Congress on the 7th to 9th April and will return on the 10th back to Jakarta, via New York City (the JAL flight I am taking, departs from NYC).

The IAA in New York was helpful in sending a letter to the US Embassy in Jakarta concerning the importance of the trip to Washington DC for this coming event. The reason is that an Indonesian, from the advertising industry, Mr Indra Abidin, is to be appointed as the World President of IAA for the following 2 years (2008-2010). If it were not for that letter, I would not have been called to the embassy again, tomorrow.



## Harrison on Harrison

**A**ll -- The short is, "aw shit" -- the phrase I use when a lost opportunity happens beyond one's control. I was in Virginia working on our eventual "retirement" place in Lottsburg, VA, where the Potomac meets the Bay planning to be at the 45th. While shoring up a dock shed, pop -- right knee cartilage. So, now back in Colorado scheduling surgery.....

I'll really miss everyone, and will help in organizing events when "local," possibly a year out. Not certain if I'll adjust to humidity and bugs again??? Attached is a last year's photo here in Evergreen, CO. With the solar loading at 7500

feet and 12% humidity, we do not wear clothes. I'd like for someone to send me any lists of emails, particularly the 45th attendees to attempt to remain in touch.

Much Regrets, nice job in organizing, take a pic of all attending, kisses and hugs for the gals, "hay" to the guys, and Carry On.

Harrison Daniel, BCC '63

## We Knew Them When

What do actors Sylvester Stallone, Goldie Hawn, Ben Stein, NBA star Steve Francis and Watergate buster Carl Bernstein have in common? They all went to Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. What about authors Tracy Chevalier and Laura Hillenbrand? They're Bethesda-Chevy Chase alums. And Yankees' GM Brian Cashman, U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd and Arizona Cardinals' owner William Bidwell? They're all graduates of Georgetown Prep. Virtually every high school—public and private—in the Bethesda area has spawned numerous grads who have gone on to attain fame (and in many cases fortune) in the worlds of entertainment, sports, media, literature, politics, business or academia. Here, listed by school they attended, are the names of many of those alumni:

### Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Dean Beeman, '56, served as commissioner of the PGA Tour from 1974-94, following his tour as a professional golfer from 1967-73.

David. L. Boren, '59, is a former U.S. senator from Oklahoma and current president of the University of Oklahoma.

Tracy Chevalier, '80, is the author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *The Lady and the Unicorn*.

Tommy Davidson had a leading role on *"In Living Color"* (1990-94) and acted in *"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"* (1995).

Laura Hillenbrand, '85, is the author of *Seabiscuit*.

Daniel Stern, who attended B-CC in the 1970s, is an actor who has performed in *"Very Bad Things"* (1998), *"City Slickers"* I and II (1991, '94) and *"Home Alone"* I and II (1990, '92).

### Montgomery Blair

Carl Bernstein, '61, is a journalist best known for exposing the Watergate scandal as a Washington Post reporter.

Connie Chung, '64, is a broadcast journalist who hosted the newsmagazine *"20/20"* on ABC (1998-2002) and has had several other prominent television news positions.

Matt Drudge, '84, writes *The Drudge Report*, a news and gossip Web site.

Steve Francis, '96, is a point guard for the Orlando Magic and in 2003-04, joined Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson and Grant Hill as the only players in NBA history to average 15 points, five rebounds and five assists in each of their first five seasons. Named the 1999-2000 NBA Co-Rookie of the Year, he also was a star player for the University of Maryland. He started just one game at Blair, and only played his sophomore year.

Stan Greenberg, '63, is a Democratic political strategist and former adviser to President Bill Clinton.

Goldie Hawn, '63, is an actress who has starred in numerous films, including *"The Banger Sisters"* (2002), *"The First Wives Club"* (1996), *"Overboard"* (1987), *"Wildcats"* (1986) and *"Private Benjamin"* (1980). She won an Academy Award for best supporting actress for her work in *"Cactus Flower"* (1969).

Nora Roberts is a popular romance novelist with more than 280 million books in print. Her most recent book, *Origin in Death*, published under the pen name, J.D. Robb, is book number 159 for the prolific novelist.

Sylvester Stallone is an actor who counts the *"Rocky"* series among his many starring screen

appearances. Ben Stein played a monotone professor in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) and co-hosted the television game show "Win Ben Stein's Money" (1997-2002).

### **Winston Churchill**

Mike Barrowman, '87, won the gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke with a world record at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. He broke the world record in that event six times. He currently produces underwater educational videos in the Cayman Islands.

Ben Feldman will star opposite Hillary Duff in "The Perfect Man" (2005) and in the WB series "Life with Fran."

Brian Holloway, was an All-American football player in high school and at Stanford University. A first-round draft pick, Holloway played nine seasons in the NFL, mostly with the New England Patriots, and was a vice president of the NFL Players Association. Today he is a popular motivational speaker and lives with his wife and eight children on a 200-acre horse farm in upstate New York.

Joe Jacobi, '87, won gold in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona in the white-water canoe slalom competition.

Dhani Jones, '96, is a linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Jeff Kemp played quarterback for four NFL teams from 1981-91.

Paul Palmer was the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 1986 and played three years in the NFL.

Eric Smith, '78, was a star basketball player at Georgetown University who was drafted in the fourth round by the Portland Trail Blazers but never played in the NBA.

Darren Star is the writer and producer of "Sex and the City" (1998-2004) and select episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Melrose Place."

### **Gaithersburg**

Dominique Dawes, '94, received a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics for gymnastics, and two bronzes in 1992 and '96.

Hank Fraley, '96, is a Philadelphia Eagles offensive lineman.

Anthony Greene played as a defensive back for the Buffalo Bills (1972-79).

Guy Prather played on the line for the Green Bay Packers (1981-85).

### **Walter Johnson**

Colleen Haskell, '94, was a "Survivor: Borneo" cast member in 2000, who made it to episode 11.

Matt McCoy has acted in such movies as "L.A. Confidential" (1997) and "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle" (1992), and has made guest appearances on "The West Wing," "Six Feet Under," "NYPD Blue," "Seinfeld" and "L.A. Law."

Patricia B. O'Neill, '68, serves as Montgomery County Public Schools board president.

### **Magruder**

Chris Carmack, '99, played Luke Ward on the WB's teen drama "The OC" (2003-04).

Jason Kravitz, '89, played an assistant district attorney on "The Practice" (1999-2001), and appeared in "The Stepford Wives" (2004) and "Major League II" (1994).

Courtney Kupets, '05, was a 2004 silver medalist in the women's team gymnastic competition and a bronze medalist in the uneven bars.

Milt Thompson, '77, played for the Atlanta Braves (1984-85), St. Louis Cardinals (1989-92) and other teams.

Jerome Williams, '91, is a forward/center for the New York Knicks and played for Georgetown University.

### **Richard Montgomery**

Mike Curtis, '61, was a four-time Pro Bowl linebacker in the NFL. He played 10 years with the Baltimore Colts and two with the Washington Redskins.

Jim Rigglesman, '70, is a one-time manager of the San Diego Padres and Chicago Cubs, and is currently a coach with the Cleveland Indians.

### **Walt Whitman**

Patrick M. Byrne, '81, founded Overstock.com and serves as chairman and president.

Mia Chung, '82, is among the top ranks of America's pianists and has performed with major orchestras around the world.

Anthony Dilweg, '84, was the 1988 ACC player of the year from Duke University, and is a former quarterback for the Green Bay Packers (1989-91) and the L.A. Raiders (1992).

David Dobkin, '87, directed "Wedding Crashers" (2005) with Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, and "Shanghai Knights," among other movies.

Spike Jonze, '87, directed "Being John Malkovich" (1999) and co-wrote "Jackass: The Movie." Jonze's real name is Adam Spiegel.

Ryan Kuehl, '90, is a defensive tackle with the N.Y. Giants (2003-present).

Steven and Mitchell Rales, '69 and '74, respectively, are entrepreneurial brothers who rank #321 on Forbes magazine's "World's Richest People" 2005 list. The company they founded, Danaher, reportedly named after a favorite trout stream in Montana, is a U.S.-based manufacturer with a worldwide workforce of approximately 37,000 and \$6.8 billion in revenue. The Rales brothers are each listed by Forbes as being worth \$2 billion.

Eric Steinberg, '87, has appeared in movie roles including "This Beautiful Life" (2002) and "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996).

Jeff Tremaine, '85, co-wrote and directed "Jackass: The Movie" (2002) and the MTV show by the same name. Hugh Wolff has guest conducted nearly every major symphony in the

United States and many abroad.

### **Wootton**

Steve Coll, '76, is the Pulitzer-winning author of Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001. He formerly was managing editor of the Washington Post for six years.

Christopher Culos, '97, Richard On, '97, Marc Roberge, '97, and Benjamin Gershman, '98, are members of the contemporary rock band O.A.R. (Of a Revolution).

Tom Friend, '79, is a senior writer at ESPN Magazine, an on-air contributor to ESPN "SportsCenter," and formerly covered the Washington Redskins for the Washington Post.

Mathias Nkwenti, '96, is a former tackle for the Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Giants.

Dick Scanlan, '77, is writer and lyricist for the revival of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (2002) on Broadway, which won two Tony Awards.

Private Schools

Georgetown Preparatory School

Dylan Baker, '76, is an actor who has appeared in "Spiderman II" (2004), "Kinsey" (2004) and "Road to Perdition" (2002).

William Bidwill, '49, owns the Arizona Cardinals.

Brian Cashman, '85, is the general manager of the New York Yankees.

John Dingell, '44, is a congressman representing Michigan (1955-present).

Chris Dodd, '62, is a U.S. senator from Connecticut (1974-present).

Frank LoBiondo, '64, is a congressman representing New Jersey (1994-present).

Dennis Murphy, '65, is an NBC correspondent for NBC's "Dateline," the "Today" show and "NBC Nightly News," and is a four-time Emmy winner.



Maurice "Mo" Rocca, '87, served as a correspondent for "The Daily Show" (1998-2003), and is an author and comedian.

A.J. Wood, '91, played on the U.S. Olympic soccer team and for D.C. United and the (New York/New Jersey) Metrostars.

### **Holton-Arms School**

Shelley Moore Capito, '71, is a congresswoman from West Virginia (2000-present).

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, '79, is an actress best known for her role as the leading female character of Elaine on the NBC sitcom "Seinfeld" (1990-98).

Susan Ford, '75, is the daughter of President Gerald Ford and head of the Betty Ford Center in California.

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis is former first lady of the U.S. (attended but did not graduate from Holton).

Mary Jane Sears Parks, '57, won bronze in the 100-meter butterfly in the 1956 Olympics.

Patricia Richardson, '68, is an actress who played Jill Taylor in "Home Improvement," a television sitcom.

Ann Schein, '57, is a renowned concert pianist (and accompanist to Jessye Norman).

Margaret Warner, '67, is a senior correspondent and back-up anchor on the "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (on PBS).

### **Landon School**

Joseph Bailey, '64, serves as CEO of Miami Dolphins Enterprises.

Alan Brinkley, '67, is the Columbia University provost, a history professor and author of several American history books including *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression* (1982), which won the 1983 National Book Award; and *The End of Reform: New Deal Liberalism in Recession and*

*War* (1995). He is the son of the late newscaster David Brinkley.

Ahmet Ertegun, '40, co-founded Atlantic Records. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which he helped found.

Rush Holt, '66, has served as a New Jersey congressman since 1999, and is a five-time Jeopardy winner.

Knight Kiplinger, '65, is president of Kiplinger Washington Editors, which publishes Kiplinger Magazine and Kiplinger Newsletter.

Maury Povich, '57, hosts the syndicated talk show, "Maury."

John Jacob Rhodes III, '61, served as an Arizona congressman (1987-93).

Tom Scott, '85, co-founded Nantucket Nectars, makers of natural fruit-juice drinks, with former roommate Tom First as a "floating" convenience store during the summer of 1988, serving yachts in Nantucket.

### **St. Andrew's Episcopal School**

Tom Brown, '59, started as a first baseman on opening day for the Washington Senators in 1963 and went on to a career as a defensive back for the Green Bay Packers (1964-68).

Seth Davis, '88, joined the staff of Sports Illustrated in 1995. He covers college basketball for the magazine and pens its "Inside College Basketball" column during the season.

John Diehl, '54, played four years on the Baltimore Colts defensive line and one year with the Oakland Raiders.

Doug Moe, '57, currently serves as an assistant coach for the Denver Nuggets. The winningest head coach in Nuggets history from 1980-90, Moe led the Nuggets to the postseason for nine straight years and was named Coach of the Year during the 1987-88 season. Moe previously served as a head coach for the San Antonio Spurs and Philadelphia '76ers. He was a former player in the ABA, an All-Star for three of those

seasons, but injuries shortened his playing career to just five years.

John Phillips, '54, was a member of '60s legendary singing group, The Mamas & The Papas.

Pierre M. Omidyar, '84, a philanthropist, is the founder and chairman of eBay.

### **Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart**

Andrea Koppel, '81, is an Emmy-winning State Department correspondent for CNN and daughter of Ted Koppel.

Cokie Boggs Roberts, '60, is a political commentator for ABC News and a news analyst for National Public Radio. She is the former co-anchor of "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" and has written *Founding Mothers* and *We are Our Mothers' Daughters*.

Mary Williams Schaller, '61, (aka Tori Phillips) writes *Harlequin* historical novels.

Maria Shriver, '73, is the first lady of California, a former correspondent for NBC's "Dateline" and the author of books offering advice for young adults, and on understanding disease and death.

Frederica von Stade, '63, an opera singer, has appeared with many major American opera companies and symphonies. She sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, '69, served as lieutenant governor of Maryland from 1995-2003, and ran for governor unsuccessfully in 2002.

By Freelance writer Carolyn Murphy who lives in Bethesda, and Lynn Stander is a freelance writer/editor living in Potomac

## **The Alibi**

**A**hh the old ALIBI restaurant. Where else within walking distance of the school could you get a burger, fries and a coke for 55 cents at lunchtime? Plus you could walk next door and see brand new Austin Healeys, MGs and Jaguar XK-Es at Manhattan Auto. What a wonderful time to have been alive.

Lanny Hunt, BCC '63



## **Donna Brott**


**D**onna accidentally found the BCC-HS website and saw the 2006 memo looking for people from 1963. I graduated not far from the middle of 770 of us, or how many grads were there? In the 1962 Yearbook, page 101- top left row middle 1962 yearbook - Juniors.

I have an email and please notify me of any goings on about the school. My mom and Dad, Natalie and Louis Brott, both died (2004,2000) and lived in Chevy Chase. My sisters, Susan and Adrian, graduated 4 years after me and 5-6 years after me. My husband was in the Navy and is now an Interim Pastor. We moved to NC 1993 from MA. Have lived in Whidby Isl. WA,PA,MA, and ME. Pictured: Me with short dark hair and Susan 4 years younger and long haired Adrian who is 5 1/2 years younger and my youngest son Shawn. Do you have an address or email for Joyce Fujii?

We send our best

Donna Brott Wells, BCC '63

## Kay Sheills Perrett From Down Under

 guess it's been a long time, 45 years. I'm living in Queensland, Australia now. I was Kaye Shiells and I was in the class of '63. We moved back to Australia after graduation.


I was very happily married to Mark Perrett for 30 years but lost him 15 years ago in an auto accident. I had four children but lost my youngest son four years ago also in an auto accident. I have two married sons and a daughter and am a grandma of one dear little girl, so far. I live in hope that there will be more!!!!

I was particularly friendly with David Williams during my time at B.C.C. but lost track after a while when I came home. Have you heard anything of him in recent years. I'd like to get in touch again if possible. Also Mike Lipman, Mana Lang and Ann Slevin. My email address is [perrett7@bigpond.net.au](mailto:perrett7@bigpond.net.au). Must be off. I look forward to hearing from you in the future. Best of luck.

Regards,


Kate Sheilds Perrett, BCC '63

## Janice Gager

 Since the 30th reunion which I attended with my 2nd husband, Ken Smith, we moved to Orlando, FL as Ken was transferred there by his company. He is 13 years older than I and so to tell you that he was an engineer in the space program and as a flight simulator trainer who trained John Glenn, Gus Grison, Chaffe, White Gene Ternan and others seems before our time(as it was!). At the time of the reunion I had recently changed my life by ending my 20 years as a sales rep in the food service industry and was selling beads and designing jewelry primarily at the Eastern Market on Capitol Hill and The Womens Market in Bethesda. Now sell beads at Gem &

Jewelry shows, bead shows, festivals (including the Md Seafood Festival in Annapolis) and Flea Markets (my favorite being the Wellfleet Market on Cape Cod). In 2005-06 I sold beads in New Zealand for 3 months as I was born in Auckland and my great dream was always to return "home" to my roots to connect with my mother's family there. I did in fact find 3 of my 5 1st cousins who had no idea who I was (my mother disconnected with her mother and sister in the 40's so this was really pretty much a strange journey for me. They said that I must come back for our family reunion over the Christmas to New Year weekend (07-08), 2 brothers and my sister attended with me where there were over 200 relatives (I was told there were 800 at the previous reunion - wow). I stayed for 3 months this time as well driving all over NZ selling beads. It more than paid for the trip and of course when you are a traveling bead gypsy, you are not merely a tourist but a curious part of the culture. It was my grandest adventure to go there not once but twice! So I have slowed down since I fell off the roof and cannot wait (even though I have to do so) to get up and running again. Well that's a bit of my info - so hope it adds to your updates sufficiently. Take care - Janis Gager (Smith) - I have always kept my maiden name!


## Jeanne Welty Southwood

 We're still living in Nashville, but have a new (wonderful) home in Montana and will be spending the whole summer out there (I will, Jerry will be coming & going). Since we won't be back in Nashville until mid-September, I'll keep you posted.

Jeanne Welty Southwood, BCC '63

Hi everyone,

## Andy, The Piano Man

 es, I'm still playing the piano; I am in 2 bands, and am doing a solo job Dec. 9 at Holiday Park (Montgomery County's largest senior center.

Drop-in activities include health and wellness lectures, travelogues, and musical performances, just to name a few. Drop by. 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, Maryland 20906, 240-777-4999. During the day, I work as a customer service rep for a pharmaceutical company.

I'd enjoy hearing from anyone who wants to be in touch.

Andy Zatman, BCC '63  
USP Customer Service  
asz@usp.org

## Joe Atkin

Thanks for keeping all of us "out of towners" in the loop. I too, will not be able to make it on the 26th, even though I am not 10,000 miles away, but only 800 as I live just north of Chicago. I was recently in Chevy Chase and Bethesda as I helped my parents move into a retirement community in Bethesda (from their home in Somerset where they had lived for 52 years) called Maplewood (Old Georgetown road and the beltway) and much to my surprise I ran into Mark Chodoff (our class) and Jeffrey Weissler (his sister Lenore was in our class) at a brunch on Sunday at Maplewood, as they were both there with their folks who also had moved there recently from their homes in Somerset as well. Old Home Week. Enjoy the reunion, hopefully, I can get back for the 50th.

Joe Atkin, BCC '63

## Sampson Cupic – Thomas – No Shows at The 45th

A Golf competition between Joan Sampson Cupic and Jeff Thomas was publicized in the last Newsletter. Neither Jeff nor Joan showed. However, we did not check the golf courses. Just to refresh your memory.

"But I'm fairly sure she's afraid of either finally falling in love with me or that I'll kick her butt at golf!"

Jeff Thomas, BCC '63

"You're on Jeff Thomas. Meet me Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the class reunion and bring your (golf) sticks."

Joan Sampson Cupic, BCC '63



## Bonnie Burgess Podpaly

Bonnie Lynn Podpaly passed away on August 1, 2008, of cervical cancer.

Bonnie was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey on January 14th, 1945. She lived in Bethesda, Maryland most of her younger life.



After graduating from B-CC, she completed at two years of college courses majoring in History (UVA Extension), English and Literature along with work related business credits. She started her Government Carrier working overseas as a DOD civilian employee in Munich, Germany (1969 - 1970). Back in the USA in 1971, she

worked for the State Department until 1974, then for the Department of the Interior. She retired from the US National Park Service in 1995 and worked another five years with the Arlington Public School system (1999- 2004), a job she thoroughly enjoyed.

Bonnie loved to take trips and travel: going to Florida, New York and Canadian EXPOs with her sister in the 1960s. She met her husband while he was on leave from the Army in December of 1968. They were engaged to be married in February of 1969. After getting married in 1969 at the Walter Reed Army Chapel in Washington DC, and living in Munchen, Germany from June of 1969 till July of 1970, she had traveled extensively throughout Europe including Salzburg, Vienna, London, Venice, Amsterdam, Augsburg, Frankfurt, Zurich, Monaco, and Barcelona. She loved "Hand-Craft" and crafts type of shops along with museums, shops and the restaurants of Europe, eating out was cheaper than cooking at home in those days in Europe for us.

Bonnie continued traveling back in the US: New York City in 1971; Atlanta, New Orleans and Padre Island, to Mexico City ( Temple of the Moon and Sun) in 1972, Quebec and the Maritime Province in 1973; Yellowstone NP, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, San Francisco, Yosemite NP and Lake Tahoe in 1975; New England and Canada in the late 1970s; Boston and its Museums in 1980; New York city again early 1980s; all of the five the Great Lakes in 1982; Seattle, Vancouver ( Expo) and the Outer Pacific Rim Provincial Park (by Winnebago) with a stay at Glacier National Park and Chicago in 1986; the Delaware River Gap Area, the New York Adirondacks and Vermont in 1987; through the Appalachians in Tennessee and out to New Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, NM, visiting many historic Indian sites. We circled back through Oklahoma and Missouri. We saw the arch in St. Louis. We went through the Appalachians in Kentucky and Virginia, on

the way home in 1989. We saw the University at Ann Arbor, MI, the German Village in Columbus OH, and River Front in Pittsburgh in 1993. We went back to Europe in 1996, visiting cousins in Hamburg, Munster and Alpine, and onto Munchen, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, and Paris (the top of Eiffel Tower), Luxemburg, and Reykjavik. There was a Caribbean Cruise in 2000 with family. We took four trips to Puerto Rico in the 1990s, staying at Penthouse overlooking Old San Juan numerous trips to Florida by car and the Autotrain, in 1990, 1997, 2002 and 2004, before moving to Florida in October of 2004. We were residents of Arlington, Virginia from 1971 to 2004. Bonnie enjoyed the local area including Rehoboth Beach, and local Civil War related national parks and monuments. She loved stopping in dining and strolling the "River Walk" and touring "Old Town" Savannah, GA and "Old" Charleston, SC. She visited numerous State Parks and Sites during the numerous trips between the Washington DC Area and her Sarasota home. She had longed to see the Grand Canyon and take the Siberian Express and other places one day.

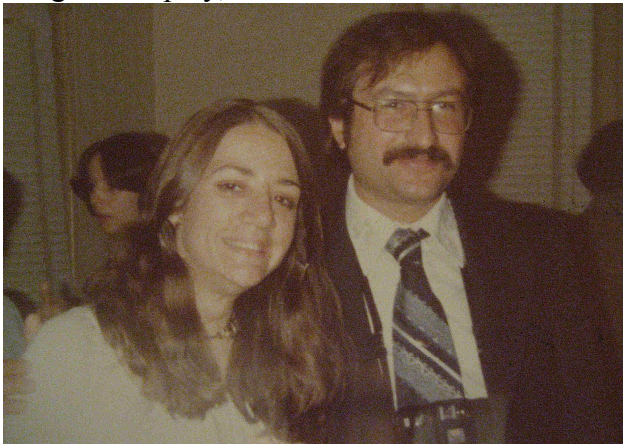
Bonnie participated in several family and friends retreats with her sister, nieces and her girl friends on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the late 1990s. She enjoyed the family get-togethers. Her extended family was always dear to her. She loved the 4th of July, Thanksgiving, family Christmases, and New Years with friends. Bonnie belonged to the American Crafts Council Association and went to many craft fairs and shows. She was very interested in Weaving and kept a well organized library on Weaving and Crafts, and a collection of small looms and weaving boards. She created a number of bookmarks, belts, and scarves. She was an avid reader, loving, especially mystery novels, and history and travel books. She kept a small but well organized library. She had a great command of the English language and kept detailed notes about trips, events and life experiences in diaries



extending back into the 1970s. Her letters to family while overseas and from various trips were very detailed about our lives and travels, a very precious memory.

She liked to explore new restaurants for different exotic entrees. She was an avid Capitals Hockey fan from 1970s and followed the Redskins. She belonged to the National Parks Foundation, the Smithsonian Association, the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum Association, and the Pelican Man Bird Sanctuary of Sarasota. She had a Florida State Park Pass especially for Myakka SP. She loved pelicans, sea turtles, manatees, and porpoises. Before that she had her “built by owner Dacha” getaway retreat in Rehoboth and an annual pass to the Delaware Shore State Parks.

By George Podpaly, Husband of Bonnie Burgess Podpaly, BCC '63



The last time I saw Bonnie was probably about 8 years ago. My daughter and I spent a summer weekend with Bonnie and her husband at the beach house in Rehoboth Beach that her husband had built. It was certainly a unique structure.

Bonnie was one of the “regulars” at the lunch table in high school. Remember when you couldn’t just go sit at ANY table? You had to sit at the same table with your same buddies—so you could continue discussing your same issues—who was going out with whom, the latest beauty tips, and so on. I suppose I met

Bonnie during my junior year, although I really can’t remember. We went on double-dates together. I liked her because I felt we communicated well—she listened to me and I listened to what she had to say, and I trusted her judgment.

Sandi Wesner Atkinson, BCC '63



This is Mr. Steele  
 He coaches wrestling  
 He teaches physics  
 He also studies children  
 He had proven that children are hereditary.  
 If your parents don’t have any children, chances  
 are 9 out of ten that you won’t either  
 Color him observant.  
 (From the 1963 Senior Breakfast Coloring Book)

## Colin Steele

Colin Steele was my physics teacher my senior year and was an avid Track and Field fan. You may also remember Tim Fahey who was a year behind us. He became the State Champion Triple Jumper in the same meet with me. Well the morning after the State Meet, Colin Steele was the only one of my teachers who had a clue what we had accomplished, and he wrote congratulations to both

of us on the blackboard. He didn't write anything else on the blackboard for any of his remaining physics classes that day! What a guy. Lanny Hunt, BCC '63

I didn't take Physics but, Colin Steele was my wrestling coach and mentor. 95 was an optional weight class so both coaches had to agree to count the match for it to count in the team scoring during the regular season. Mr. Steele promised me early on that he would agree to count every match regardless. I was wrestling a guy named Pete Yates from WJ in my senior year. I was losing in the third quarter. There was time out for some reason. Maybe Pete had a nosebleed. Anyway, Colin leans over me and says, "You are peripatetic. You have been telling me all week how strong this guy is. But from where I sit, I think you are stronger than he is and you are messing around. You have 45 seconds left to win this thing. Just get physical and beat him up. I did and it worked. A pin. What a surprise. To me anyway. What a guy.

Jeff Stuart, BCC '63

## Mr. Bryant Revisited

This is how Mr. Bryant changed my life. Onto the right path. I was a fair student. Very curious. Mr. Bryant taught World History. He was fascinating to listen to and made history fascinating. But whenever I picked up a book, it was boring. In an early exam, he came by my desk, bent down

next to me and asked if I could sit up and get my nose away off the paper and still read/write. "Don't want to...I'm fine."

He didn't let that rest; he went to the Health Office, looked up my records, showing everything was fine—so he called my parents. "The records show that everything is fine with her, but something's wrong—take her to a doctor." They did. I had severe astigmatism, one eye was near sighted, the other farsighted. No wonder I didn't like to read.

With glasses finally, I picked out my first book, sat down and read for hours and hours, "The History of the World" by Gibbon, probably the biggest book around. Thank you Mr. Bryant Sharonlee Johnson Vogel, BCC '63

Mr. Bryant taught me World History. He made the subject very interesting, and his mostly essay exams contained the most thought provoking questions that I faced at B-BB> He was firm, but very, very fair to all of his students. He seemed to get the best possible effort from each of us. He was also faculty advisor to the SGA Executive Committee. I served as Chief Justice during my junior year, and we met every 6<sup>th</sup> period during that year. Mr. Bryant gave us the greatest guidance and support during that time.

Dale Heiges, BCC "63

## Connie Freeman

Thank you for keeping me on your email list. Unfortunately I still live in Nairobi Kenya and 10,000 miles is a bit far to come. But I wish everyone a good time -- can hardly believe its 45 years. I shall miss hearing the old songs. Cheers,

Dr. Constance J. Freeman, BCC'63  
Regional Director, East and Southern Africa  
International Development Research Center  
(IDRC)'s

## Worth Repeating

You may not be able to go home again, but you can always go to a high school reunion. We're sort of like relatives—thrown together by fate (and where we lived) and we knew each other way back when.

Sandi Wesner Atkinson, BCC '63

## The Boxer

And the years are rollin' by me.  
They are rockin' evenly...  
After changes upon changes  
We are more or less the same  
After changes we are more or less the same  
Simon and Garfunkel

## Bethesda Gazetteer

Community Paint and Hardware,  
Safeway, Peoples, Hiser Theater,  
Madonna of the Trail, Claire Dratch,  
Carberts, Chevy Chase Chevrolet, Empire  
Records, Woolworths, Bruce Hunt Men's Shop,  
Little Tavern, Tastee Diner, Chevy Chase Lake,  
etc. Add your own here.

## Beam Me Up Scotty

Once had a great horse rear up  
and fall back on me, and in that  
moment I thought I might gain  
some clarity about the mystery—you know, the  
meaning of the universe suddenly illuminated,  
like in an orgasm—but it never came.

William Shatner, Details Magazine, Jan. 2008

## Passing Icons

Class of '63 salute to the late Paul  
Newman (What we have here is...  
failure to communicate), Edie Adams  
(Why don't you pick one up and smoke it some  
time), and Levi Stubbs of the Four Tops (I Can't  
Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)).

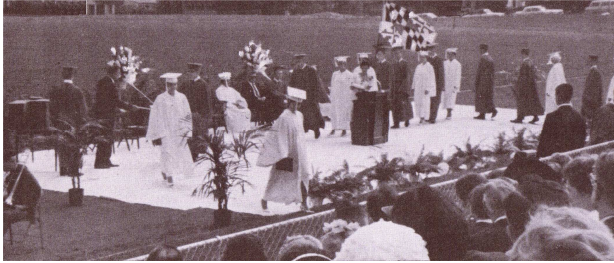


Nobody that we remember is going to the Moon, but one person has been working NASA's new space capsule, the Orion CEV, for just such a trip. The heat shield, designed to protect the vehicle from burning up during Earth reentry, has been Bill Congdon's focus out in the deserts of New Mexico for some time. Four ablators were finalists for the CEV capsule, including Bill's PhenCarb-28, although a NASA material, PICA was the final selection. Above is a photo taken of a PhenCarb heat shield during an entry-heating simulation test at a blistering "1,500 suns." Using the Sandia Solar Tower Facility, concentrated sunlight from 2.2 acres of mirrored surfaces is focused on a PhenCarb heat shield to raise its surface temperature to 3600 F. The heat shield, mounted atop a 200-ft tower, becomes so bright that it is visible during midday from virtually all of Albuquerque. As a result, Bill gets frequent opportunities to explain to the local and national media just what's going on. Even National Geographic published a two-page photo of one of his tests in its October 2007 issue (Pg. 118). Bill drolly comments, "It's a hot topic," and details of this heat shield testing can be readily pulled up via the Internet by searching on, what else, "Congdon Ablators."

Bill Congdon, BCC '63

## 'Til Next Time

Take care of yourselves and each other.



### ***Please Keep in Touch!***

The only official school affiliated website for B-CC HS Alumni is [www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni](http://www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni)

*Newsletters and information about our class will be posted there periodically. If you move or change your email please contact them at [alums@bccedfoundation.org](mailto:alums@bccedfoundation.org).*

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*Our class data base is extensive. Respecting privacy, there will be no web posting of this info. Information about individuals willing to share is available upon request.*

For More B-CC pictures go to <http://baseball-writer.spaces.live.com/photos/cns!47892AE1E73258B6!284/>

### **We Get By**

With a little help from our friends. Thanks to Bryant Agnew for his account of his return to B-CC. Diogo Teixeira, for scanning the photo of Bonnie Burgess and his gracious support of this effort. To Kay Sheilds Perrett, Donna Brott, Harrison Daniel. Jeanne Welty, Joe Atkin, Andy Zatman and Janis Gager for Checking in. To George Podpaly for his moving tribute to his wife, Bonnie Burgess. To Joyce Adam for her piece about Yanti's visit. To Sandi Wesner Atkinson for her personal accounts of her friendship with Bonne and Yanti. To Jim Tomlin for his account of the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion – for providing “We Knew Them When” - and for being the best friend this class ever had. To Lanny Hunt for “The Alibi” brief, and Bill Congdon, for “Space Connection.”

### ***Hey Leader-Strike Up The Band***



