

# *Le Journal Toullois*

Toul American High School  
Toul, France 1962 - 1966  
August 2010



## Reunion 2010

Phoenix, AZ

June 18-June 20, 2010

Hosts: Rick and Debbye (Sjolie) McKown '66

### Attendees:

#### Class of 1963

Wayne & Deborah McGowan  
Mike & Kathy Pence  
Willie (Valdevarona) & John Dunigan

#### Class of 1964

Denise (Bartuska) & Mike Stone  
Annette (Fortner) Harris  
Jane Kramer Nelson  
BJ (Montoya) Burlingame and Tom  
Judy (Ward) Booth

#### Class of 1965

Marie (Gauthier) & Bob Sanders  
Margitta (Henson) Rehler  
Jerry Pilato  
Linda (Richardson) Inniger  
Neil & Jan Van Arsdol  
Janet Walsh

#### Class of 1966

Bill & Kar Baltzell  
Bobbie (Fargason) Epting  
Rick McKown  
Gloria (Moore) Walther  
Lynn (Rice) Wasinger

#### Class of 1967

Milt & Margo (Lucido) Brewer  
Dave & Ginger (McKown) Mullen  
Michelle (Richardson) Harrison  
Debbye (Sjolie) McKown  
Carol (Walsh) Maupas

#### Class of 1969

Carolyn Blecha Hall

**20 pages of pictures on the Toul Forum Webpage:**

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/toul/start>

Another reunion has come and gone and I had an extremely great time (THANKS AGAIN Rick and Debbye.) The only bad thing was that it had to end! It was great to see all the regulars and two new ones (Marie and Margo). With a couple of hundred people on the directory list you'd think we could get a bigger turnout. Most of us are either retired or pretty damn close or been there long enough to get the time off when we want it. I don't know if people are apprehensive about coming or what. I remember my first reunion (Estes Park, CO 1995). My wife talked me into attending, and to this day I am extremely thankful that she did. It was great reconnecting with people that I hadn't seen in 30 years. The first person I saw was Pete Boyd (God rest his soul) when he came knocking on the motel door just after arriving. We gave each other a big hug and I think there were a few tears, too. We had a great turnout for that one and Athens, too. All since then have been sparse in attendance. I for one would like to get reacquainted with more of my old classmates (we've already lost a few, way too soon in life.) The next reunion is in 2012, a cruise to Alaska, and I think it would be great to get a turnout like Estes Park or Athens for it. I know we've talked about the attendance at several of the reunions that I've been at. All I can say is that most of us in attendance have echoed these same sentiments. I look forward to seeing more of the "Old Toulies " in the future. See you in Alaska.

Neil Van Arsdol

Well, the reunion is over, and it was a great success. But I'm still in sunny Arizona. Sedona has fantastic scenery, and we took 3 hikes today. Tomorrow we head for the Grand Canyon and the big hike.

Mike Pence

Thanks Rick and Debbye...you did a great job hosting a wonderful reunion. I saw many parts of Phoenix that were quite beautiful (I usually see Phoenix from the interstate). It was wonderful to see everyone again, as always.

Margitta Henson Rehler

I would like to thank Rick and Debbye for a wonderful reunion gathering. It was so great of y'all to take the time out of your busy schedule to fix everything up for us Toulies!!! The hotel was outstanding and the Mexican restaurant was very, very good. I'm not sure the ones here in Pensacola are as good as that authentic Mexican meal we had! Now you can relax and begin thinking about going to Alaska in 2012!!!

Jane Kramer Nelson

I never thought I'd appreciate the FL humidity...but I sure do now. AZ was beautiful and I enjoyed the visit but sure do not want to move there. My cousin, who I visited with the Sunday of the Reunion Weekend, says she uses a bottle of lotion every 2 weeks!! It sure was dry out there!! It was a fun reunion and much appreciation goes to Debbye and Rick but also to everyone who made the effort to attend!! We all make our own party and I hope that is true for our next Reunion in Alaska!! HUGS!!

Denise Bartuska Stone

Much thanks to Rick and Debbye for planning this reunion. It was such fun! My first reunion after all these years and it was so much fun that I am very sorry I did not attend some of the others! We returned home from AZ late Thursday after our stay in Chandler and in Scottsdale at the Marriott for two days. Just love AZ. It was our fourth trip to that state and we still love it even with high temps! Loved all the conversations with everyone. Thank you to Annette for all her hard work on the visors and name tags. Great job. My husband, Bob, enjoyed meeting everyone. See you in two years!

Marie Gauthier Sanders

I just want to thank everyone who made it to the Phoenix reunion. It was wonderful to see everyone and get to know some of you who I had not had the opportunity to meet at Toul. What a great group and how amazing that we all still have such a connection. It was a very special school and a very special time in our lives. I had thrown a fit when my Dad said we were moving to France. Goes to show that one never knows what is around the next corner in life, as it was my destiny to meet my future sweet and loving husband, Rick. Who would have known that one day we would marry? Certainly not me in 1965. Hope to see you all at the next reunion in Alaska.

Debbye Sjolie McKown

### Notes from Reunion 2010:

The Group voted on NOT continuing with the Reunion time frame of the 3rd weekend in June because most of the group is now retired and not locked into a summer time frame. This item was discussed because if we had had the 2010 Reunion a month or two earlier in Phoenix, we would have had much cooler weather. Also, this allows the group to better take advantage of off-season pricing.

Much discussion was held re: returning to France or not. Denise Stone shared some brochures about cruising the canals of Germany and France. The consensus was that one cannot return home after 50 years and expect it to be the same, and the group felt the cost outweighed the value. The group consensus was that a cruise would be fun again, with some members wanting to alternate reunions between land and sea. The discussion finally narrowed the focus to a Bermuda Cruise versus an Alaska Cruise. A vote was taken and Alaska won! So the 2012 Reunion will be a 7-day Alaska Cruise in June 2012 (see 2011 prices for point of comparison on page 7) leaving and returning from Seattle. Margitta Rehler was *drafted* to coordinate as she has cruised to this area many times (Margitta asked Denise Stone to assist her in the planning as Denise has done a lot of GROUP cruise planning.)

Denise, Treasurer, gave the balance of the TAHS checking account and brought up the discussion re: giving the host of the Reunions \$100 start-up money for coordinating the reunion as she felt the funds are usually replenished during the following year. The group voted and the suggestion was passed. This money is optional as a host may not need it, or the host might want to give it to another member who helps out...like to cover the cost in making name tags or TAHS visors, etc. Denise encouraged everyone to donate to the treasury to help fund our newsletter and these other expenses.

Denise has been working on finding some lost TAHS attendees. Right now, she is using free sites to do these searches. She asked the group to approve an expenditure of around \$50 if she found a program that would be helpful in these searches. The group voted and approved the \$50 amount for a program that might help in finding our lost classmates.

## Previous TAHS Reunions (and host):

1977 Athens, GA (Bobbie Epting)	1991 Orlando, FL
1993 Las Vegas, NV (Pete Boyd)	1995 Estes Park, CO (Richard Page)
1997 Athens, GA (Bobbie Epting)	2000 Mexico Cruise (Pete Boyd)
2002 White Bear Lake, MN (Sue Crowley)	2003 Seattle, WA (Carol Gay)
2004 Las Vegas, NV (Pete Boyd)	2005 Sand Springs, OK (Margitta Rehler)
2006 Pensacola, FL (Georgina Federonis and Jane Nelson)	2008 Bahamas Cruise (Denise Stone)

Think about if you would like to host the 2014 Reunion.

## July, 2010 Treasury Report

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
Previous Balance:	\$849.29	
Donations:	305.00	
Postage for August 2010 Newsletter:		<u>(100.00)</u>
New Balance:	<u>\$1054.29</u>	

Thanks to all who supported our Treasury...because of YOU we can continue with the Newsletters!! Please send donations to Denise (see last page).

A couple of the women at the Phoenix reunion have an idea for a fund raiser. They would like to create a **TAHS Cookbook**. So, if you have any favorite recipes that you would like to share, send them to:

Annette Harris Fortner '64, or  
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Carolyn Blecha Hall '69  
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## Change of Address

We sure would hate to lose contact with you. Please send your change of address to Denise Bartuska Stone (see last page).

## Other Links You Might Be Interested In

Toul Forum: <http://forums.delphiforums.com/toul/start>  
Verdun High School: <http://www.vahs.org/>  
TRAB Website: <http://trab.packwebs.net/>  
Poitiers AHS: <http://www.poitierspanthers.com/>  
Military Brats: <http://www.militarybrats.com/>  
Overseas Brats: <http://overseasbrats.com/>  
<http://bratsourjourneyhome.com/>  
<http://www.overseasbrats.net/>

A history of COMZ, with separate pages for Nancy Depot and Toul, with some old and current photos: <http://www.usarmygermany.com/Sont.htm>

The **newsletters** from 2004 to the present are available to read and print from the Toul Forum. Simply go to the forum, click on the Webpage tab, and click on the "Archive of Newsletters".

The Summer 2008 Newsletter contains additional photos from the cruise...check out pages 9 - 16 on the on-line version. The Forum is free to look at and to post on. Please join us.

Annette Fortner Harris found the December 1962 *Journal Tulois*. Check it out on the Toul Forum Webpage under Newsletters.

If you want to submit a story or an article to the newsletter, simply e-mail me with your story. I'd be happy to put it into the newsletter. [margitta@rehler.com](mailto:margitta@rehler.com)

## A Special Thank You to Sue Crowley '65

We would like to thank you for all the sleuthing and tracking of individuals who once attended Toul American High School. We know that without you, many of us would never have been found and brought together.

With heartfelt appreciation and love,  
Your Classmates

## Cruise Alaska (2011 Prices)

### Princess Cruises:

<http://www.princess.com/>

Golden Princess (GP) - Saturday to Saturday

Sapphire Princess (SP) - Sunday to Sunday

	Inside	OceanView*	Ocean View	Balcony	Mini-Suite
GP-June	949	1199	1549	1699	1899
SP-June	799	1049	1399	1549	1749

Itinerary: Seattle, Ketchikan, glacier viewing, Juneau, Skagway, Victoria, Seattle

\*obstructed view

### Royal Caribbean:

<http://www.royalcaribbean.com/>

Rhapsody of the Seas (Friday to Friday)

	Inside	Outside	Balcony	Suite
June	669	849	1549	1749

Itinerary: Seattle, glacier viewing, Juneau, Skagway, Victoria, Seattle

To cruise to Alaska in May is slightly cheaper, but the weather is more iffy. Prices go higher in July. You can check out the Princess and RC sites yourself if you are interested. Right now, it looks like more people are interested in the Royal Caribbean cruise, so that will be the one I pursue UNLESS I hear from anyone else at [margitta@rehler.com](mailto:margitta@rehler.com). Feel free to give me feedback.

Probably the biggest question about Alaska is the weather. No, there will not be snow (except on the mountains and glaciers), polar bears, or igloos. Yes, you will see whale, dolphin, and porpoise. But the weather can range from cold and rainy to very warm, so the key is to bring a range of clothes. I'll pass on more information when I get the 2012 prices (probably next spring). David and I just returned from our 7<sup>th</sup> Alaska cruise, and it was foggy while sailing, but beautiful in port. In fact in Juneau, it was downright warm. This is a beautiful cruise and I would encourage you to really consider going...the more the merrier. **And read Neil's comments again on page 2.** We want you there!

## TAHS FUND RAISERS

### YEARBOOK CD

Cost: \$20.00

The CD contains the following Yearbooks:

1962 Green (Junior High)                      1963 HS                      1965 HS

1963 Junior High                                  1964 HS                      1966 HS

plus: newspapers, pictures, and miscellaneous remembrances

SEND MONEY TO:                      Margitta Henson Rehler '65  
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Sand Springs, OK 74063  
Phone: (918) 245-9950  
e-mail: [margitta@rehler.com](mailto:margitta@rehler.com)

### TOUL DIRECTORY

Cost: \$10.00

SEND MONEY TO:                      Denise Bartuska Stone '64  
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Merritt Island, FL 32953  
Phone: (321) 453-5807  
e-mail: [mstone11@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mstone11@cfl.rr.com)

### DONATIONS

(In order to continue mailings)

SEND DONATIONS TO:                  Denise Bartuska Stone.  
Any amount would be appreciated.  
Merci.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS TO **Denise Stone** or **Jane Kramer** and **not** to TAHS or Toul (a banking thing.)