

BRAT news

The AramcoBrat Inc (ABI) Newsletter

April 2000

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Michael Crocker DH '65

Dear Brats,

How many of you remember "Security" coming to find you. Remember, "I know your family, I know your father, you no good, what your name?" as Sai'd the Security man said thousands of times. This is the full meal deal of being a Brat. A sense of adventure, a past of mystery and seeing the world. I have found much to laugh about while reading what Brats have had to say over the last few years.

Due to the reconnection of the world of Bratdom, I have enjoyed myself immensely and have developed very strong bonds with a world of new friends and will also always introduce myself as "Hi, I'm Mike Crocker and I'm an ARAMCOBRAT."

So if there is any sand left in your heart, the whispering dune calls you at night, or the stars blaze upon your supine form when you are all alone in the dark, remember, another nearby is also feeling the same. The flare of friendship is just a Brat away.

I am so proud of all of you and I so dearly care for both my beloved Arabia and my beloved Brats, that somehow, somewhere, In'sh'Allah, we will all once again meet, and once again feel the sand between our toes and the beach water lap at our sun burnt legs, and the call to prayer and most of all, the quiet reflection that we are all one true Children of the Sand.

I will always, until the days are gone be here or there or somewhere for any and all Brats to find, and say, As'alamilikim Siddiqi.

Masallam'a

Mike Crocker DH '65

ABI President

BRATLANTA!

by Diane Knipfel-Adams AB '75
Reunion Oversight Officer

7th Biennial AramcoBrat Reunion

May 27-31, 1999

Atlanta Georgia

What a SandBlast it was! The Brats' first East Coast reunion was a tremendous success. Attendance records were broken yet again with over 770 Brats, parents, teachers, and guests in attendance.

Registration opened on Thursday afternoon, but the party was well on its way by then because Brats had been arriving as early as Monday. A large group dressed in traditional Arab dress added a touch of familiarity to the opening reception on Friday evening. The Teen Canteen, complete with fooseball, pool table, and juke box, was a popular hangout all weekend, especially when band members from all generations of Aramco reunited for some unbelievable jam sessions. Members of the Cumpston Brothers Band, the Leaky Roof Circuit and many others played, returning many to a toasty garage, the Abqaiq Golf Club, a Tri-D, and other old haunts where many of our most cherished memories were born.

Saturday's bowling tournament was fun for participants and spectators alike. The wonderful prizes (Arab sandals and Persian rug coasters) that were given out to the winners had many vowing to not wait until the next reunion to bowl again so perhaps they could win something like that at the next Tri-D bowling tournament.

Saturday night was open for classes to gather for dinner or look at old yearbooks and reminisce. Later in the evening, there was more jamming in the canteen, which the crowds obviously enjoyed. Their energetic dancing and smiling faces told the whole story. It looked as if they were returning students enjoying another carefree summer at home.

Sunday meant early wake up calls for over 50 golfers. It was a beautiful day out on the golf course. Congratulations to all the winners, who, like the bowlers, received cherished mementos of home. A short ABI business meeting was held Sunday afternoon, where the election results for the ABI officers for the next term were announced.

Then came the quiet before the shamal. Preparations for the culminating event, the banquet and dance, moved into high gear. Attendees primped, busboys set tables, cooks cooked, and the DJ set up his equipment. Before long, well-dressed Brats and friends gathered in the lobby, sipping beverages and eyeing the expansive Southern-themed buffet that awaited them. The program began while everyone ate. A

FROM THE EDITOR

by Mike Simms AB '78 – Publications and Directory Coordinator

The ABI is an incredible organization. The reason it exists at all is firmly embedded in the collective past of more than 4000 people. Yet, it's also about the future — about continuing to share that past with each other. For me, as for many others, the organization is sort of a surrogate home town. And like any respectable hometown, it's even got a local paper.

We had an incredible amount of information to communicate in this edition. We report on the terrific success of Atlanta, we acknowledge those who made the Atlanta reunion possible, we describe how it all wrapped up, and we even found a little space for a bonus: a few pictures of Bratlanta that some of us had sitting around.

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We also include information and financial reports on how we stand for last term, on the budget for the current term, and on the regular audit mandated by our bylaws.

But most of that is about the past. You will also find news of the swiftly approaching 2001 Reunion in Tucson. The Tucson Reunion Committee is working hard to put together another smashing success. These people are veteran reunion planners led by Erica Ryrholm-Martin, who is doing this for the second time in a decade. The Reunion Committee has submitted several pages of valuable information to excite you, motivate you, and let you start planning your 2001 Memorial Day weekend. My advice: plan to be in Tucson.

We are delighted that the annuitants have been so generous in inviting and including the Brats in their upcoming San Antonio reunion. Unfortunately, the prospect leaves the humble staff of this tiny rag—your hometown publication—at somewhat of a disadvantage. In short, I can't make it. And so, it falls to those of you who are going. We would dearly love a full report of the San Antonio event and ask that anyone willing to contribute an article—or even just some notes on the experience—for the next Brat News please contact Mike Simms at msimms@san.rr.com. If e-mail doesn't work for you, the phone number is (858)689-9909.

And there is much more. So sit back, grab a shawerma or two, and catch up on the news from your hometown.

Oh, and if you know of anyone from your neck of the woods who didn't get this issue, feel free to pass along your own dog-eared copy and then let us know how to reach them so we can send them their own copy next time.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

by Doral Zadorkin-Allen DH '66 – Secretary

The new ABI Board was elected in May 1999 at the reunion in Atlanta, Georgia, and installed in November 1999. Elected Board members include Mike Crocker (DH '64), President ; Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes (RT '62), Vice President; Doral Zadorkin-Allen (DH '66), Secretary; and Kathy Montgomery (AB '64), Treasurer. Appointed Board members include Diane Knipfel-Adams (AB '75), Reunion Oversight Officer; Sarah Manwaring-Mitchell (DH '77), Director at Large; Mike Simms (AB '78), Publications and Directory Coordinator; Sherri Dent-Moxley (DH '77), Database Coordinator; Mike Polhemus (DH '66), Director at Large; and Amanda Nadolski-Barnard (RT '87), E-Mail Coordinator. Our friendly assistants helping out various Board members include Sally Onnen-Duncan (RT '65), who has helped Mike Crocker with our web site, and Mike Vance (RT '52), who is our Class Rep Coordinator and who has also assisted Sherri as needed.

You may e-mail any of your Board members at any time with questions or concerns:

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AN UPDATE FROM THE ABI BOARD

by Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes RT '62 — Vice President, ABI

It has certainly been a busy time for the ABI Board since the Atlanta reunion. We have had much to do just to wrap up and reconcile the Atlanta reunion. We have also been busy getting our audit completed, beginning to work with the Tucson committee for 2001, looking at the ABI bylaws to see if any changes need to be made, and getting to know each other on the new Board.

We welcome Kathy Montgomery as the new treasurer. We've established our new bank account, and spreadsheets are set up and ready to record Administrative Baksheesh.

We would like to thank Michael McCoy for all of his hard work over the last two years. His newsletters took us into a whole new world of professionalism. He continues to help us in many ways. His work on the ABI Board was invaluable and we will all miss his keen wit and intelligence in our deliberations. Thanks, Mike!

Also to be thanked is Sarah Manwaring-Mitchell, who has accepted an offer to return to the Board as a Director at Large. During her term as Treasurer, she was responsible for setting up ABI's accounting system, sorting out what Brats paid for what and when, paying our bills promptly, setting up the independent audit required by our bylaws, and generally just being the voice of reason and clarity when things got

confusing. The auditor wrote, "The detail and precision with which Ms. Mitchell has faithfully executed her duties made for an easy, although voluminous project." Thank you for a job well done, Sarah, and thank you for coming back.

Eric Hill, who was our E-mail Coordinator, has decided to depart this term to pursue other interests, but hopes to rejoin the ABI Board at another time. We thank Eric for his dedication to the Brats and ABI over the last few years. He was a constant inspiration to all of us, and we will miss him tremendously.

We welcome Amanda Nadolski-Barnard as our new E-mail Coordinator. Amanda had been assisting Eric with the e-mail list and eagerly accepted the appointment. She has great plans to improve our e-mail system and has already begun cleaning out bad e-mail addresses. Please contact Amanda if you wish to be included, if you change your e-mail address, or if you want a copy of the new revised list.

Our thanks are also extended to Ann E. Oskam, who volunteered to perform the audit for the ABI. Ann did a superb job and saved us a considerable amount of money by volunteering for this task.

There is another group of people who, though not on the Board, contribute vast amounts of time and dedication to the entire ABI. They are faithful and willing assistants to some of the Board members whose jobs are bigger than one person can handle effectively. Thank you Mike Vance (Class Representative Coordinator) and Sally Onnen (Webmaster).

I know it's hard to believe, but 2001 is just around the corner and, believe it or not, it's actually time to start thinking about 2003! If you have any inklings about hosting a reunion, drop Diane Knipfel-Adams a line right away. The sooner we get the ball rolling on 2003, the more spectacular it will be.

Last but not least, by any means, it is time to discuss the Administrative Baksheesh (AdBak) for the new term. Most of us know that the AdBak is your contribution to the operating costs of the ABI. These expenses include, but are not limited to, the printing and mailing of more than 4,000 newsletters twice a year, the printing and mailing of directories every other year, keeping class reps informed, printing and mailing reunion registration materials, and providing reunion start-up funds. For the first time since the ABI was formed, we are in the position to funnel some of these funds to the Tucson reunion committee to help them with extra items in order to keep the reunion registration fee as low as possible.

It is especially important for those planning to attend the reunion to pay the AdBak, as **reunion registration information will only be sent to those Brats who have paid**. Whether you attend the reunion or not, payment of the AdBak gets you the current ABI directory. Please fill out the form on page 11 and send in your Baksheesh today — then you can forget about paying it again for two more years.

If you get a chance, please check out the Reunion Tent Sale on our website (<http://www.aramco-brats.com/sale.html>). We have plans to offer goodies from past reunions and other unique items from time to time.

We hope to see everyone during Memorial Weekend 2001 in Tucson.



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REUNION 2001

by Erica Ryrholm-Martin DH '72 — Chair, 2001 Reunion

HOTEL

The Sheraton El Conquistador Resort and Country Club (www.sheratonelconquistador.com) reaches across 500 acres of picturesque high-desert foothills in northwest Tucson. Spectacular views and outdoor leisure welcome you to the Southwest.

Room rates:	King/Queen	\$89.00 (up to 4 persons)
	Junior Suite	115.00
	Casita Suite	129.00
	Living Room Suite	179.00

You may contact the hotel for reservations by calling 800-325-7832 or 520-544-5000. **Remember to mention AramcoBrats when you call.**



RESTAURANTS

- The Last Territory Steakhouse (saloon-style entertainment)
- Sundance Cafe (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Dos Locos Cantina (contemporary Mexican and Southwest dishes)
- Desert Spring (poolside sandwiches and salads)
- Country Club grill (for golfers)
- Room Service

Keep in mind that the El Con is a resort and plan for higher prices. The reunion committee will provide a listing of area restaurants for your convenience.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Thursday: Registration
Friday: Registration, opening reception
Saturday: Registration, bowling tournament, class parties
Sunday: Registration, golf tournament, banquet

Included with the registration materials will be a list of activities that the hotel offers, in case you want to make some advance reservations. Horseback riding, balloon rides, and jeep tours are a few of the extra activities that are available.

Room rates apply for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion dates, based on availability at the time of the request.

Roll-away price is \$15. Children under 18 may stay for free in their parent's room using existing bedding.

Currently, an 8.5% sales tax is applicable; such taxes are subject to change without notice.

SPORTS

In keeping with previous reunions, there will be a golf tournament (Sunday, AM shotgun start) and a bowling tournament (Saturday, two squads). A variety of prizes will be awarded at the Sunday night banquet.

Golf (Conquistador Golf Course): Special pricing for our tournament will be published with registration materials. There is a dress code. All players are required to wear a collared golf shirt and no denim attire. Soft spike golf shoes are recommended.

Bowling (Fiesta Lanes): Special pricing will be published with registration materials. Tentative squad times are 10AM and 1PM. Recommended attire is your official reunion t-shirt and appropriate accessories. :-)

ABOUT TUCSON

Average May temperatures: High: 90°F
Low: 58°F

Local attractions include the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, the San Xavier Mission, Mount Lemmon, and Sabino Canyon. Other attractions within a reasonable driving distance include Tombstone; Nogales, Mexico; and Biosphere. More detailed information will be sent with registration materials.

For more information about Tucson, see <http://www.visittucson.org/home/Default.htm>.

2001 REUNION COMMITTEE

Erica Ryrholm-Martin DH'72 • Steve Martin
• Ann Burba DH'67 • Tavy Sandin DH'61 •
Colette Philip DH'69 • John Prugh RT'66 •
Peggy Prugh • Alex Yiannakakis RT'74 •
Donna Yiannakakis

Questions? You can reach Erica at ericamel@aol.com

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The reunion survey printed below helps the reunion committee determine how many Brats will attend the upcoming reunion and allows them to budget more carefully for a particular number of people. The reunion survey is an important planning tool for the people organizing the reunion, since it helps us determine how many function rooms we'll need, how much food to order, and how many hotel rooms to reserve at the special Brat rate.

The reunion committee would appreciate your response sooner rather than later! Please take the time to complete the form below and return it as soon as possible. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

This form will be printed in ABI newsletters, *Al-Ayyam Al-Jamila*, and you can download it from the ABI website (www.aramco-brats.com).

Mail the form to:

Erica Ryrholm Martin
2001 Reunion Chair
7370 E. Temeroso Place
Tucson, AZ 85750

Reunion registration forms will be sent **ONLY** to those who have returned both the Reunion Survey (indicating attendance as *Yes* or *Maybe*) and have paid the Administration Baksheesh fee before January 2001!

ABI 2003 REUNION

Where: *Your city?*

Chair: *You??*

If you are interested in chairing the 2003 reunion, or if you have ever wondered what is involved with chairing a reunion, please call me, Diane Knipfel Adams, AB '75, so we can chat. My home telephone number is 480 733 0294, or you can send me e-mail at KnipfelDi@aol.com.



8TH BIENNIAL ARAMCOBRAT REUNION SURVEY

May 24-28, 2001 • Sheraton El Conquistador Resort and Country Club • Tucson, Arizona

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

Name: _____

First Middle Maiden Last

Address: _____

Street/Post Office Box

City State/Country ZIP+4

District/Year:* _____

District (DH, RT, AB, or UD) Year of 9th Grade Graduation

Telephone: _____

Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number

E-Mail: _____

I Plan to Attend: YES Maybe No

I'm Bringing a Guest: YES Maybe No

I am interested in: Golf Bowling Tennis

Guest is interested in: Golf Bowling Tennis

Mail to: Erica Ryrholm-Martin, 2001 Reunion Chair, 7370 E. Temeroso Place, Tucson, AZ 85750 U.S.A.

* Year you graduated from 9th grade and district where you lived at graduation.

If you did not graduate from an ARAMCO school, year you would have graduated from 9th grade and last district where you lived.





Did You Know...

The Hijri (Islamic) calendar, which was first introduced in 638 C.E., is based purely on lunar cycles. An Islamic month stretches from New Moon to New Moon, and months in the Islamic year are not related to seasons, which are fundamentally related to the solar cycle. The average time interval between New Moon to New Moon is about 29.5 days, so an Islamic month is alternatively 29 or 30 days in length. This means that important Muslim festivals, which always fall in the same Hijri month, may occur in different seasons. For example, the Hajj and RamDHaan can take place in the summer as well as the winter. It is only over a 33 year cycle that lunar months take a complete turn and fall during the same season.

The actual starting date for the Islamic calendar was chosen (on the basis of purely lunar years, counting backwards) to be the first day of the first month (1 MuHarram) of the year of the Hijrah. The Hijrah, which chronicles the migration of the Prophet Muhammad from Makkah to Madinah in September 622 C.E., is the central historical event of early Islam. It led to the foundation of the first Muslim city-state, a turning point in Islamic and world history.

The Islamic (Hijri) year consists of twelve (purely lunar) months: (1) MuHarram; (2) Safar; (3) Raby` al-awal; (4) Raby` al-THaany; (5) Jumaada al-awal; (6) Jumaada al-THaany; (7) Rajab; (8) SHa`baan; (9) RamaDHaan; (10) SHawwal; (11) Thw al-Qi`dah; (12) Thw al-Hijjah

The most important dates in the Islamic (Hijri) year are: 1 MuHarram (Islamic new year); 27 Rajab (Isra & Miraj); 1 RamaDHaan (first day of fasting); 17 RamaDHan (Nuzul Al-Qur'an); Last 10 days of RamaDHaan which include Laylatu al-Qadar; 1 SHawwal (iyyd al-FiTr); 8-10 Thw al-Hijjah (the Hajj to Makkah); and 10 Thw al-Hijjah (iyyd al-'aDHHae).

DONOR UPDATE

In the time since our last newsletter, more Brats have stepped forward and offered generous donations to the ABI. In that newsletter, we published the names of all who had made such contributions minus those who wished to remain anonymous. We want to acknowledge the following additional people for joining the ranks of those whose generosity make it possible to keep this organization going.

Carla Bergman DH '78
Steven Van Butler DH '67
Jane Davis DH '70
Arnold (Arch) Elving DH '71
Angela Fermendzin Bearsley DH '82
Scott Hubbard DH '74
Sonya Jo DH '88
Luann Jones Harlow AB '51
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Patricia Schnautz McLaughlin DH '74
Ann Sundberg DH '75
Susan Taylor Elving DH '71
Amy Thompson Steindorff DH '79
Cecily Vick Wilkes AB '67
Elaine (Lainee) Wallace Zellner RT '66
Harlene C. Wilson Morrow DH '48

Total donated to date last term: \$6,104.00

Total donors: 213

Total anonymous donors: 88

GOT TREASURES?

The ABI is seeking Raffle/Auction donations for the Tucson Reunion. If you have items to donate, please contact:

Diana Ryrholm-Geerdes RT '62
4765 Matty Court
La Mesa, CA 91941
619-589-8377
drgeerdes@home.com

Thanks for your support.

ABI E-MAIL CONNECTION UPDATE

Greetings Brats!!

The ABI e-mail connection is an easy way to find long-lost friends and neighbors. We are currently updating the e-mail list and working to get it current. After a test mailing turned up a number of obsolete addresses, we've trimmed the list from over 1,600 Brats down to about 900. (Thanks to everyone who responded to my test e-mail!)

If your e-mail address has changed recently, please feel free to write to me at ajbarnard@houston.rr.com and send me your current e-mail address, along with your name, your district at the time of 9th grade, and the year you graduated (or would have graduated) from 9th grade. I also invite anyone who is not on the list to send me your information, so that other Brats don't lose touch with you.

If you would like a copy of the updated e-mail list, just drop me a line at the above address and I will send you a copy as soon as it is available.

I am very excited about my new position on the ABI Board and look forward to the challenges ahead. Can't wait to see *everyone* in Tucson!

With tons of Brat love,
Amanda Nadolski Barnard RT '87
ABI E-mail Coordinator



ATLANTA SHUKRANS

The ABI Board can not operate alone. It is only with the help of many additional Brats that we are able to do what we do. We would like to send a warm and sincere thank you to the Brats listed below.

ATLANTA REUNION COMMITTEE

Sheila Zercoe, AB '75, co-chair
Doug Romine, AB '64, co-chair
Randa Chichakli, DH '87
Kathye Neally Dunsmore, DH '67
Jim Dunsmore, spouse
Mary Beth Edwards-Kinney DH '76
Karl Fromberg, AB '60
Shannon Orr RT '77
Brian Reed, DH '75
Steve Reed, DH '65
Kevin Rickwood, RT '59
Kathy Strickland, DH '87

ATLANTA RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

Cheryl Congleton-Green DH '65
Sherri Dent-Moxley DH '77
Beverly Demo AB '67
Stacey Johnson-Edgington DH '83
Mary Martin-Venker DH '73
Cathie McCoy RT '74
Michael McCoy RT '72
Leslie McMillin-Banando, RT '62
Kathy Montgomery AB '64
Mike Simms AB '78
Doral Zadorkin-Allen DH '66

RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION DONORS

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Jeff Hutchins DH '62
Terry Kiersznowski DH '66
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Mark Lameier DH '68
Michael McCoy RT '72
Scott Miller DH '62
Paul Robinson RT '56
Ryrholm Family
Doug Webb DH '72

► *Bratlanta!* (from Page \)

special gift of bedouin jewelry was presented to Diana Ryrholm Geerdes, RT '62, for her long history of service to the AramcoBrats. An ABI milestone was reached when Erica Ryrholm Martin, DH '72 was announced as chair for the 2001 reunion in Tucson, Arizona. Never before had the next reunion been announced so early.

The program continued as numerous thank yous went out to the Atlanta reunion team, the ABI board, and others who were instrumental in keeping our organization going (see accompanying article). The sports prizes were awarded, the door prizes — a beautiful table cloth from Syria and a gold puzzle ring — were given away, the raffle winners drawn, and then the highlight of the evening: the live auction! An exquisite Arab wedding dress donated by the Ryrholm family was claimed by Gordon Golding, DH '70 after a short but intense battle. That was just a warm up for the big tug-of-war for the incredible Arabian sword set donated by HRH Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz ibn Saud to the ABI President to be offered at the reunion. The bidding reached a frenzy, with bids being fired back and forth across the ballroom by Jane Davis, DH '70 and Bo Long, DH '77. It appeared as if the crowd was at a tennis match, their heads moving right to hear from Jane, then left, anticipating Bo's response. Bo won the coveted swords in the end, with an incredible and unbeatable bid of \$4,000!! Bo was pleased with his prize, the ABI happy with the extra income, and Jane, though sad about not winning the swords, was happy that she didn't have to make a hasty trip to the bank for a second mortgage. Then the party began as the lights dimmed and the dance music blasted. Brats tore up the dance floor to tunes from their youth. It was a special moment when the DJ put on a CD of music from the nightclubs of Beirut. The intoxicating mix of a danceable beat with the sway of ancient Arabic tunes sent shivers down the spines of everyone in the room.

Monday morning dawned to find many of Sunday night's revelers still going strong. Most, however, were packing and gathering for coffee and goodbyes in the canteen. The "See you in two years" mantra was heard wherever you turned. It was difficult to leave this little piece of home, but the emotions were softened knowing that our next "home," Tucson, would be ready to welcome us by the time we recovered from the SandBlast in Bratlanta.

Shukran again to the Atlanta team for all their hard work in providing our group with another incredible reunion weekend.

LIVE AUCTION DONORS

His Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz ibn Saud
The Ryrholm Family

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Lee Ingham, RT '72 for importing our raffle, auction, door prize, and sports prizes
Jeff Hutchins, DH '62 for being the Atlanta Auctioneer Extrordinaire
Hania Shiblaq-Saleh, DH '77 for importing the gifts for the Atlanta Reunion Committee, and for sharing the intriguing music typical of the Beirut nightclubs
Leslie McMillin-Banando, RT '62 for selling over 75% of the Atlanta raffle tickets

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sarah Manwaring-Mitchell DH'77 — ABI Treasurer Emeritus

The 1998-99 ABI income statement presented below shows a top-level status for the close of the 1998-99 ABI Board. Thanks to a greater level of donations than we expected (particularly from a couple of very generous donors), a very enthusiastic response to the Atlanta Reunion raffle and auction, and the Atlanta Reunion Committee coming in more than \$5,000 under budget, a healthy \$30,255.61 is being transferred to the 2000-01 ABI Board.

As part of the closeout activities of the 1998-99 Board, an audit (as required by the ABI Bylaws) was performed on a volunteer basis by Ms. Ann E. Oskam DH '74. In her 29 January 2000 report to ABI President Mike Crocker, she states that she "combed the records presented to [her]," and, aside from some inconsistencies arising from the reunion accounts which gave us more cash than we could account for on a Brat-by-Brat basis, she, "...found them to be an excellent diary of the activities conducted by the Brats. The detail and precision ...made for an easy, although voluminous project. It was a pleasure to perform this audit." The results of the audit (including the schedules and statements provided by Ann) were voted on by the ABI Board and are now part of the official record. Many, many thanks to Annie for performing this audit. With the audit wrapped up, transfer of funds to the new ABI Treasurer, Kathy Montgomery, was completed.

Also presented below is the budget for the 2000-2001 ABI Board. Due to the greater than anticipated rollover funds, we are allocating an extra \$7,000 to the Tucson Reunion Committee for special reunion fund expenses, \$1,000 for 2003 site search expenses (site selection was previously done by Board members at their own expense), and \$2,000 for a database upgrade. Although final details have yet to be worked out, we anticipate that this database upgrade will result in an on-line capability for financial records for ease of ABI Board and Reunion Committee coordination as well as other improvements. Also, note the ABI now fully funds the website. Endless thanks are due Mike Crocker for being the creator and keeper of the site for these many years.

ABI INCOME STATEMENT 1999-2000

Start-Up Funds (1998-99 Board)	\$9,631.49
Income (1999-2000):	
Administrative Baksheesh	12,094.00
ABI Proceeds (ABI Sales, Newsletter Ads, etc.)	70.00
Donations	6,104.00
Post-1997 Reunion Merchandise Sales	871.52

Income (continued):

Post-1997 Reunion Directory Sales	1,209.33
Reunion Registration /Merchandise	57,217.62
Reunion Late Fees	2,940.00
1999 Reunion Raffle & Auction Proceeds	7,754.77
Total Income 1999-2000:	\$88,261.24
Expenses:	
ABI Newsletters	(8,499.29)
Miscellaneous ABI Expenses	(251.58)
1999 Directory Expenses	(5,100.99)
1999 Reunion Start-up / Admin / Postage	(1,338.13)
1999 Reunion Expenses	(51,539.51)
2001 Reunion Expenses (Raffle)	(863.26)
Bank Fees	(44.36)
Total Expenses 1999-2000:	(\$67,637.12)
Transfer to 2000-2001 Board:	\$30,255.61

ABI BUDGET 2000 - 2001

(Effective 01 January 2000 through 31 October 2001)

Start-Up from 1998-99 ABI Board \$30,255.61

Projected Income (2000-2001)

Administrative Baksheesh	12,350.00
Donations	4,000.00
ABI Proceeds	200.00
1999 Directory Sales	800.00
2001 Reunion Raffle/Auction	3,700.00
2001 Reunion Registrations/Late Fees	55,000.00
Projected Funds Available 2000-2001:	\$106,305.61

Projected Expenses (2000-2001)

Miscellaneous ABI Expenses	(500.00)
Reunion Start-Up Expenses	(600.00)
Newsletter Mailings	(13,500.00)
Reunion Registration Mailing	(2,500.00)
CRC Expenses (incl. Class Rep Mailings)	(500.00)
Raffle/Auction Expenses	(550.00)
Directory Printing/Mailing	(9,000.00)
Reunion Expenses	(55,000.00)
Special Reunion Fund Expenses	(7,000.00)
2003 Site Search Expenses	(1,000.00)
ABI Web Site	(1,270.00)
Database Upgrade	(2,000.00)
Bank Fees	(150.00)
Total Projected Expenses (2000-2001):	(\$93,570.00)

Projected Start-Up Fund for 2001-03 Board: \$12,735.61

RECIPE BONUS

MISAKKA'A

From the RT Women's Group 1972 cookbook,

What's Cookin'?

- 4 1/2 lbs eggplant
- 2 lbs ground beef
- 3 onions (medium size)
- 3 cups water
- 1/2 head garlic
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1 Tbl shortening
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 1 can (70 gms) tomato paste

Skin and slice the eggplants and sprinkle with some salt (other than salt from the ingredients) to keep the eggplants from darkening. Leave the skinned and salted eggplants for 10-15 min, then wash and dry them before frying. Heat cooking oil and fry the eggplant slices. **BE SURE THEY DON'T DRIP WATER BEFORE YOU PUT THEM IN THE HOT OIL.** Divide the fried eggplant into two equal parts. In a medium-sized baking pan (12 x 9 x 1.5 inches), put half of the fried eggplants to make one layer.

To Make the Filling:

Chop onions fine and squeeze garlic or chop it fine also. Mix together and fry in shortening until brown. Add meat, salt, black pepper and allspice and continue cooking. In a separate pan, fry the pine nuts until brown and add to the meat mix after it is cooked. Take this mixture and put on top of the eggplants in the tray to make a second layer. Put the rest of the eggplants on top of the meat to make the third layer. Dilute the tomato paste in 3 cups water and put it on the eggplants so that all the tray is covered with the sauce. Put in 350°F degree oven for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 250°, cover pan, and cook for for 15 minutes more.



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We want to make sure Brats everywhere can stay in touch. Please let us know if your address information or area code/phone number has changed.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Name: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

District/Year:* _____
District (DH, RT, AB, or UD) Year of 9th Grade Graduation

Address: _____
Street/Post Office Box

City State/Country ZIP+4

Telephone: _____
Area Code/Country Code Telephone Number



Mail to: AramcoBrats, Inc., c/o Sherri Dent-Moxley, 675 Cypress Tree Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730-9271 U.S.A.

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Your contributions keep ABI alive – please respond today!

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This is New Address Information — Please Update ABI Records

1999-2001 Administrative Baksheesh: _____
(\$15 U.S./ \$20 International)

1999 ABI Directory: _____
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SAN ANTONIO 2000 REUNION

The 22nd reunion of Aramco Annuitants will be held in historic San Antonio, deep in the heart of Texas. Special room rates for the reunion are available from Thursday, August 31, to Monday, September 4, 2000.

The theme of this reunion is *THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE*. The reunion will be held at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio (<http://www.marriott.com/marriott/satdt/index.htm>). Planned activities include tennis, golf, bridge, and a banquet.

The reunion welcomes all the generations of Aramcons, and all Brats are enthusiastically invited to attend. Registration opens to Brats on March 31. Go to the www.aramco-reunion2000.com website (which is very well done, by the way) for complete details. You can download the registration package and get more information about room and meal fees.

See you in San Antonio,
Sally Aslan, Reunion Co-Chair
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Incidentally, to be kept up to date on reunion organization and to receive materials, you might want to subscribe to the annuitant quarterly, the "Al-Ayyam Al-Jamilah" (Pleasant Days). Subscriptions are free and are available from Aramco Services Co., P.O. Box 2106, Houston TX 77252-2106.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by Mike Polhemus DH '66 – ABI Director at Large

The ABI began in the fall of 1995 to look after Brats' financial interests. Since then, the ABI has become much more, mostly because some dedicated people volunteered their time and energies to ensure that the ABI evolved to meet the needs of a rapidly growing membership. Some of the people on the current Board have served two, three, even four terms, and they are ready for a well-deserved rest. On behalf of the ABI Board, I ask that you consider volunteering to serve. Look within yourselves and see if you don't have the desire and ability to help us continue ABI's viability by serving on the Board.

We need dedicated people to carry on the ABI charter: to ensure that connections between Brats are maintained, that directories are published, and that reunions get organized. You only need three things to serve on the ABI Board: a commitment to continuing the ABI's proud history, a willingness to spend a couple of hours a week working on Board issues, and daily access to e-mail so that you can participate in Board discussions.

Please consider serving to keep this extraordinary thing of ours alive and well in the years to come. If you are interested in serving in either an elected or appointed capacity, you can contact me at polhemus@itexas.net or call me at 817-326-5459. I'm often out of town for short periods, but I promise to return your e-mail or call.

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