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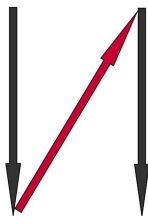
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GET WELL WISHES

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NEWSLETTER LAYOUT

Some of you asked about the new layout of the newsletter. It is a two-column format so you go down left column, to the top of the right column, down the right column and then onto the next page.



CLASS PICNIC!

Wow, 91 folks signed up and 88 attended our class picnic on September 18th. Best turnout to date for a class "luncheon/picnic". What a great time we had. We enjoyed great food, music, games, fellowship, great weather and a great time meeting and chatting with old friends. If you would like to see some pics from the event, go to the home page and click on the red "Picnic Pics" button. Don't forget, you have another chance to "get with it" at our December luncheon. We have a class luncheon/picnic every quarter on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next luncheon is at the Western Sizzler on December 18th and

we have room for 100! Stay tuned to our web site for the latest info and get your buns to the gathering.

Our world-renowned artisan, Gary Stenger, carved a letter opener from the Wye Oak tree as a door prize. It came with a certificate of authenticity signed by the governor. Is this guy talented or what? Donna Bush and Larry Keller were the lucky winners of the beautiful letter opener.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Carole Sue Ambrose – 10/16



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Pam Hess – 45 Years! Oct 19th



RECENT CLASSMATE EVENTS

Bob Cianelli

I arranged two outings in September for wounded Marines from the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. The first was a night at Oriole Park on September 12th. They received “All You Can Eat & Drink” tickets to club level seats and received Oriole memorabilia including shirts, hats, Cal Ripken Hall of Fame Induction pictures, etc. Their injuries ran the gamut from being shot, hit by shrapnel and in one case, stepping on and IED. You have to be with them and witness their outlook on life to believe it. What a fantastic group of American Heroes.



From left to right, Cpl. Rona Luli, Sgt. Joe Bradley, Sgt. Craig Siwarga, LCpl. Martin Roman and Family, Sgt. Abdul Madjid and Cousin, *Mary Klepper*, Cpl. Joe Paschal, and Sgt. Jason Torres. (*Mary Klepper is a former colleague of mine who was instrumental in arranging the event through the Orioles organization. Many thanks Mary, without you it couldn't have happened!*) Photo courtesy of Jim Jones of Ballparks Across America.

The second event was a professional boxing outing at Michael’s Ballroom Boxing in Glen Burnie, MD. Five wounded Marines attended the event. They had VIP tickets that got them into a buffet before the fights; all they could drink tickets and great seats. During intermission, they were put in the ring and recognized by a standing ovation from the crowd, serenaded by a singer rendering God Bless the USA and last but not least, took care

of a definite **“Marine Priority”**. The **“Priority”** is apparent in the second picture below when they made sure they introduced themselves to the round card ladies.



From left to right, Sgt. Stanley Mayer, LCpl. Stephen Bush, Cpl. Michael Mitchell, Sgt. David Budwah and Cpl. Danny Kwak.



I was humbled by their attitude, dedication and courage. It was an evening I will never forget.

[Phil & Kathy Brader](#)

Kathy and I spent a few days in Breckenridge CO in August, and had fun doing some "senior-suitable activities". If any classmates are considering a trip to Colorado next (late) Spring, Summer, or (early) Fall, we would suggest you entertain these two full-day activities.

Spruce Creek Trail is located near Breckenridge and Blue River. We hiked the Trail which was about 3.5 miles, 2000 feet of vertical rise, and took about 3 hours to get to the Mohawk Lakes. It was a mildly rigorous trek mostly under the canopy, with a few very nice vistas, especially near the top.



The next day we took a 14-mile rafting trip down the Arkansas River out of Buena Vista, CO. This stretch of the Arkansas has Class 2 and 3 rapids, and sometimes 4's depending upon snow melt and rain conditions. Attached is a picture of Kathy (9 o'clock) and myself (2 o'clock) and her sister & husband. The water was in the 45-degree range and wonderfully refreshing.



Miscellaneous

[New AARP Light Switch Cover](#)



[Remember When?](#)

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