



March, 2015 Aruba Chronicle Update

Rentals in Aruba: Unit 5-B at Wacamaya Village is available for rent. Owned by **Don and Betty Domes** [54-61], the 1 bedroom unit has a king bed as well as two singles in the living room (pull out sofas). It is ½ mile from Palm Beach and 1 mile from the Tierra Del Sol golf course. See the unit at www.condosinaruba.com (click on 5-B). To rent, contact Anita Truman at 1-800-780-8293 or anita.truman@rogers.com.

Florida reunion: April 18, 2015 at the Hillsborough State Park in Zephyrhills FL. Your contact is Jerry Barnes, 1910 John Arthur Way, Lakeland FL 33803; (863) 284-9049 - he does not have e-mail.

Dick Rosborough ('49) reports he has talked recently with **Pauline (Morgan)** Young ('47) and that she sounds in good health and her two children are fine. He also reports all is A-Ok in Henderson NC where he lives with his wife Jan. His sister **Susan** ('66) is doing fine, as well. My brothers, **Jim** ('53) and **Donald** ('57), will join them in November so that they can enjoy their annual reunion with the changing mountain landscape.

Lake Murray, SC is a long way from Collingwood, New Zealand, but **Don-'63 Burson** and his wife Tricia made the trip to visit and stay with **Reg Turner -'58** at his wonderful "Song of the Tui" Bed & Breakfast. Nestled on the top of a hillock, overlooking Hobbit country, they exchanged fond memories of their island far away and enjoyed good company over Reg's excellent meals. As expected, Reg was the consummate host and guide as he escorted Don & Tricia around "Middle Earth" to visit panoramas seen in the films. It was a great time and great trip.

In the February issue we reported that **Astrid Jackson** had suffered a heart attack and stroke on January 26. We've learned that she is doing really well and is even stronger than before. She and **Ron** are being well looked after by their daughters, Leah and Kirsten. All are in Miami. The Jacksons were with Lago from 1961 til 1966.

Frank Barnes ('59) and wife Ann will travel to Aruba April 22 thru 29 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They plan to stay at the Renaissance and tour the island, as Ann has never been there.

Frank Binetti-61 (fkbinetti@gvtc.com) has started a list of names of folks who played a part in our lives (the first list below). He asks that you add to the list (**Marca (van Ogtrop-64)** Piehuta already has) and periodically he'll send it for inclusion in the Chronicle. If you can correct spelling or fill in missing first or last names please let him know. As he says, "It might be fun to remember them." Frank has agreed to be the clearing house so respond to him; he'll periodically provide updates for the e-mail Chronicle.

Courtney-liquor bar
 Shorty-Jr. Esso Club
 Mrs. Ekelson - Jr Esso club
 DeCuba - post office
 Frank - barber
 Jose - barber
 Victoria - Esso Club Soda Bar
 Chester - soda bar
 Sharkey - bar

St. Vincent - manager of Esso club
 Piet - bowling alley
 Hodge - Asst. manager of bowling alley
 Irvin - bowling alley
 Sgt. DeBoor - colony policeman
 Brinkman - colony policeman
 Roy Brown - golf club pro and wife Trudy
 Brisin - golf club cook
 Flanders - asst. manager/cook at golf club

Luther - umpire
Band - Leo's Band (Island Ambassadors)
Dentist - Dr. Reeves
Dentist - Dr. Grubbs
Dentist - Dr. McDermitt

San Nicholas Sports Stadium/Lago Sports Park
Baseball pitcher - Sam Jacobs
Ernesti - man who drowned at dos playas
Hair dresser - Paria Allen
Mrs MacPherson – High School Secretary

Marca (Van Ogtrop) Piehuta's list - 4/7/2015

Skippy Culver - made the best bbqued pork at the golf club picnics
Ivan Arndell at golf club called Piet the long ball hitter
Mr. Tucker and Mr. Gladman - refs at Sunday baseball games
Rudy Yzer colony service who all the women swooned over...mamma called him often to ask if holes in walls in boys' bedroom could be repaired (my brothers played catch with baseballs). I keep in touch with his children in Florida...Rudy and Isabel both have died.
Our wonderful gardeners...jaoa, Miguel
Mr. Van Gijn manager with Mr. Saint Aubyn at the Esso club
James in the club bookstore
Courtney's brother in Esso club bar
Mr. Vocks at commissary
Mr. Spitzer, Mr Dirkmat, police dept
The Chinese Gardener who delivered from hydroponic gardens in his truck
Mr. Schlageter with the PanAruban
Mr. Kirkman with sea scout boat
Mrs. Anderson - roller skating lessons
Dorothy in soda bar (Sharkey's girlfriend)
Mr. Wilson (what a smile!) In bamboo room
Mrs. Van Gaalen - other hairdresser
Miss Athmer - ballet teacher
Mrs. Welch - tap and dance teacher
Mr. Biddle - hoop skirts and bustles and other musicals
Mr Koolman with Caribbean ambassadors and Sunday band concerts at club
Mrs. Thompson - Christmas choirs ... And donuts
Mrs. Donovan's donuts
Mr. Vint - Esso club movies and special shows like Satchmo and Chubby Checker ... I think Mr. Welch was also responsible
Our loving housekeepers and second mothers: Lucy, Denny, Flo, Lexie, Winnie, Maria, Maub, Madelyn, Evelyn, Lydia
The men who cleaned the bathrooms in the colony: Mambo, Coco De Red
Leo Kuiperi. At Aruba trading o'stad
Tony - high school custodian
Eddie (I think) - grade school custodian
Mr. Schmant at Aruba trading San Nicholas (also the Bali)
Mike Hagedoorn at Spritzer & Fuhrman
Mr. & Mrs. Berlinsky at Aruba peasant shop? Or Berlinsky & Son?
Helen Leon
Nurses: Isabel Yzer, Miss Wiley, Miss Clark, Terry, Anita (dimples), Mimi Lampe
Mr. ? with Maduro & sons travel agency...brought tickets to the door (!) All I remember is his smile and he drove a blue Mercedes
Mr. Kelly on the grace line
Carlos on TCA
Bishop Holterman, Fr. van Baars, Fr. Erkamp, Rev. Evans
Was there a Slim of Slim's garage?

Also I seem to remember Flanders (?) a tall handsome black who drove a taxi in San Nicholas? Arm out always with big wave big laugh?

Daphne - Jansen's maid

Mrs. Dorwart - Girl Scout leader

Mr. Dorwart - huge telescope, offered night-time star gazing; learned about all the constellations

Mrs. Lucas - receptionist at Dr. Reeve's dental office

Mrs. Quiram - office manager at grade school

Miss Arends – high school office manager

Of course Mrs Minton was forever the Kindergarten teacher

Suggestions of other people that worked in Lago/Aruba that we may remember.

Golf Course Caddies

Colony Service personnel

Grammar and High School Custodians

Gardeners

Maids

Summer Recreation Program names of people.

Ship Captains

Doctors and Nurses.

Gene and Margo (Honey) Keesler ['56 and '61) spent a week in Aruba in February. "We stayed at the Sea Breeze Apartments in Savaneta, not too far from the Balashi Beer Plant. We hit the usual places: Baby Lagoon, Esso Club, Colorado Point, Dog Graves, Lago Community Church, etc. My cousin **KK (Kennedy-63)** Steinorth and husband Carl were also down on vacation so we drove around together going to many good restaurants. We also visited **Ida Lee Downey** and her daughter **Donna Lee** at their house where we talked about our beloved coach. We had a nice BBQ at **George Jansen's** ('62) house with **Babs (Ammon) Wood** ('62), **Cisca van der Linden** ('57), **Carl Beyer** ('61), KK and Carl Steinorth, Gene and Margo (Honey) Keesler attending. We had a great time talking over old times and memories. We noticed that traffic really builds up around the Oranjestad area compared to the old days. I think the population is now around 150,000 and everyone seems to have a car."

Memorials

Thanks to **George Cvejanovich** [48-79] for passing on information from Exxon/Mobil regarding deaths in 2014. They include **Jessie Crombie** of Pompano Beach, FL (died November 14 2014); **Bill Hochstuhl**, Middletown, NJ (died March 2 2014), **Charley Overstreet**, Casselberry, FL (died May 9, 2014) and **Dean Thompson**, Seattle, WA (died May 6, 2014). Some of these have been previously reported by the Chronicle.

Sue Bailey passed away Dec 18, 2014. The Baileys lived in Aruba from 1980-1984. Sue was born September 8, 1944 in Houston. She made a gallant fight against cancer before her passing. Sue was a loving mother, grandmother, and wife. She was married for 52 years to her high school sweetheart, Jerry Bailey, who she now leaves behind until they meet once more in God's Kingdom. Sue is preceded in death by her mother Fannye Lee Coburn and her father Cecil Uriah Coburn, and her brother Doyle Coburn. She is survived by her husband Jerry, daughters Debra Goley of Goodyear, AZ, and Barbra Coffee of Henderson, NC. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy; duVal Goley, Jr., Bailey Goley, Austin Coffee, and Anna Coffee. She is also survived by her brothers Jarvis Coburn of Dallas, TX and Glenn Coburn of Lago Vista, TX, and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. Sue was a member of Hillcrest Methodist Church, where she first met Jerry. They attended Aldine High School in Houston. Her mother owned Lacey's Flower Shop on US 59 at Aldine Mail Route. Sue was Jerry's best friend and companion in their adventures over 5 decades across the world, working

to support him as he became a chemical engineer from the University of Houston, then with Texaco in Port Arthur, TX and New York, NY, and then with Exxon in Aruba and the Middle East. As Jerry became President of Exxon in the Arabian Gulf, she dined with royalty and heads of state, but always with the grace and polish of a true Texas woman. She was always the wind beneath his wings, and made everyone in her presence feel inspired and important. He said his life was a success because of her. Her accomplishments would fill volumes, but ever so humble, it was always about others. She was a skilled bowler of national accomplishments, and a repeated national and state writing award winner when she wrote a sports column for the Port Arthur News. She managed Hayes Realty in Port Arthur as a real estate broker. Along life's path her church was foremost, from Hillcrest in Houston, to Aldersgate in Port Arthur TX, South Amboy NJ Methodist, to Bay City TX Methodist, to most recently Liberty Methodist in AZ, where she and Jerry often spent time. After returning to Texas in 1997, Sue opened Sue's Quilt Shop in Bay City. She was a renowned quilter and teacher, and her numerous quilts will bring happiness to many folks around the world for years to come. At the same time she acquired an iconic home in Bay City and renovated it to receive a Texas Historical marker, as Bailey House, which she operated for 8 years as a bed and breakfast. It stands today as a visible monument to her legacy of community participation. Sue enjoyed her travels and interface with church members and quilting friends everywhere. She led a Blue Bird girls group in Port Arthur, and most recently was leading a Girl Scouts group in Goodyear, AZ. She was a friend to all, a helper, a leader, and a listener, and an example of how a skilled businesswoman can balance her work and family and church and friends to be an inspiration to many. Her Godliness was evident when she spoke of her Lord as she often quoted Psalm 46:10; Be still and know that I am God. The world has lost a saint and Heaven has received her. The family hosted friends for visitation at Rosewood Funeral Home and funeral services were held December 23, 2014 at Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble TX. Condolences may be left online at www.rosewood.cc Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to support Girl Scouts of America Troop 2150 c/o Debra Goley at 18585 W. Capistrano Ave, Goodyear, AZ 85338. Sue is survived by her husband Jerry (18585 W Capistrano Ave, Goodyear AZ 85338) and daughters Debra Goley (goleys@goleyhouse.com) and Barbra Coffee (Babscoffee@gmail.com). Debra is married to duVal Goley, son of Gene and Laura Goley.
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=173556725#sthash.FWY5GhBQ.dpuf>.

Eleanor Miller, a resident at Windchime at the Village in Kingsland, died peacefully at Seton Highland Lakes Hospital, Burnet TX on February 14, 2015. She was 95 years old. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Carter Miller, in 1993 and her granddaughter, Rachel Taecker. Eleanor was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She attended college at the University of Richmond, Virginia (BS in Biology) and worked for Merck Pharmaceuticals during World War II. After a few years of long-distance courtship during the war, she married Cart Miller in 1944 and joined him at Lago/Esso Refinery in Aruba, Netherlands Antilles. It was a great life adventure in overseas living that lasted over 24 years. In 1968, Eleanor and Cart moved to New Jersey, followed by retirement years in Texas. She lived her final two years in assisted living under the loving care of the Windchime staff. Eleanor was an active member of the Seroe Colorado Community Church in Aruba including its Women's Guild and choir. For many years she led Brownie and Girl Scout troops and had a special interest in children, providing support to a local orphanage as well as to children using the hospital. She also ran the community library. Eleanor was a crackerjack cook and baker, a skilled seamstress and artist, and a gifted gardener. She meticulously painted marvelous Aruba landscapes in her own special style. Most of all, she was a wonderful lady with a good and loving heart who enjoyed her family, especially delighting in her grandchildren and greats. Next to being with family, her favorite place to be was her garden. Eleanor and Cart were avid birdwatchers and naturalists. They enjoyed shell collecting and Eleanor honed her life-long gardening skills. The family spent many weekends exploring beaches and other spots on the island of Aruba. In 1960-61, the family moved temporarily to a small oil town in Venezuela, returning to Aruba after a year. During retirement years they enjoyed travels and Elderhostel tours as far as Australia and New Zealand. Eleanor is survived by her

daughters: Leslie Johnston (119 Harvest Trail, Tow TX 78672 and lesliemj@swbell.net) and Lyn
Taecker (4442 Ellicott St NW, Washington DC 20016 and lyntaecker@gmail.com).