

BRADY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is dedicated to & spiritually guided by our beautiful Mom,
Rhoda Alice.

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Happy New Year 2008! Hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and enjoying the New Year. 2007 went by so fast and we all have lots to look back on so let's see what's been happening with all of you! This newsletter will be written in a different format than all the others. Whenever possible, I am cutting and pasting your emails so they are written in *your own words*. It's easier for me and then you are hearing directly from each other. I hope you like the new format!

News from Jim & family

Jim wants to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for him during his prostate cancer surgery and recuperation. He really appreciates all the love and support shown to him by everyone. The surgery was a success and he is just glad to have it behind him and to start the New Year with it over with! He is enjoying his new laptop and getting to be quite the computer wizard! This will be his first newsletter I can email him!! Monica has been working back at Bumble Bee Foods and will stay until March while the Product Manager is on maternity leave. She is really enjoying being back at the Bee. She ran her first 5k with Kevin Delgado (Mary's husband) and they didn't walk or stop so she was pretty excited about that! You go, girl!! (& guy ☺)

Jim, Kenny & Michael (8/07)



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News from Rhoda & family

It was great to see Rhoda and Grant at the reunion this summer! Grant keeps busy with the Ventura Volunteer Police Department going on patrol a couple times a week. Rhoda & Grant enjoy their walks along the beach and every May they participate in the annual Arthritis walk. They have done this walk 6 years in a row! Rhoda said most of their family gatherings are at their place since they are near the beach. Pam, Cheri, Julie & all the granddaughters are doing great and as busy as ever! Congratulations to Rhoda and Grant on their 45th wedding anniversary coming up on January 26th!



(L to R) Grant, Rhoda, Steve, Jan, Donna & Richard at Brady reunion

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News from John & family:

Ashley is looking forward to her last semester at CSULB, graduating in May. She will then start work on her Teaching Credential with High School Math as her career target. She is also very happy to be making the trip to Long Beach in her new Corolla. It has a much better chance of successfully making the trip to campus than her previous car. She has also started back to teaching dance classes and performing. She will be performing at half time of the Anaheim Arsenal semi-pro basketball team on February 20th.

John is happy with his new apartment and his new roommate---Ashley. Big news is that he will be taking 3 weeks out of the middle of The Tax Season to visit the Phillipines and Hong Kong with some Filipina friends. Very excited about this trip which starts February 11th!

OK, here's the info on the Carlsen clan:

Not too much going on. They're heading off to Mammoth Jan 23rd to do a little snowboarding and a lot of freezing. Dakotah is getting her braces off in the next month or so (in plenty of time for high school-yay!). Savanna has decided to add softball to her extensive sports agenda so we hope she loves it as much as all the others. Aurora just turned 7 and is getting ready to start another year of softball herself. Cooper is looking forward to turning 2 in February & starting a few days a week of Montessori school (well he may not be looking forward to that part, but Kelly is!). Chad & Kelly are chipping away at their house renovations (1 down...hundreds to go). Hope by the Sea has another episode of Intervention airing on Jan. 28th (so far) at 10pm. Hope all is well with the rest of you!



(L to R) Kenny, Michael, Kelly, Ashley, Kevin, Nicolette, Brendan, Jeff Arthur & Jake (8/07)

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News from Jan & family:

Of course, the happiest event that took place in our family was the arrival of our first grandchild, Elizabeth Anne, born on November 5th to David & Christina...she is truly a blessing, the cutest, sweetest, smartest baby ever! (okay, I know all grandmas say thatbut in this case its true!) We are in love with our little angel and I'll see if I can find a picture of her to include in the newsletter (ha ha!) The staff at my school threw me a surprise "grandma shower" and have shared in my joy ever since! Jeff and Anie went on a beautiful vacation to Kauai, Maui, and Oahu in August and had a great trip (picture below). Anie ended the year with a health scare with blood clots in her legs and lung & spent a week in cardiac ICU, but we are happy to report she is doing much better and is starting LVN school (Licensed Vocational Nurse) in February. Jeff and his work crew (Jeff, his best friend Yan, Steve (Dad) & David) have been working many hours (besides their full time job) at Metalcrafters, building concept cars for Dodge, Chrysler, Nissan, Toyota, Hyundai and Chip Foose. The cars have been highlighted in the LA Times, OC Register, Motor Trend Magazine and many others. Jeff & Yan have been in Detroit the last few days showing the cars at the Detroit International Auto Show. Steve (Dad) loves his new job at Broadcom, after working on ambulances the past 3 years. This job is more up his alley and he gets to drive to work with Jeff! David is happy to be in his new position at Nickelodeon . He is a digital clean up artist on Fairly Odd Parents. Stephen and David are taking me to Hollywood Saturday night to see a show called The Fab Faux. It has something to do with the Beatles, that's all I know!



Elizabeth's First Christmas...my bunny straps keep my cute little cheeks warm at Disneyland!

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Christina, David & Elizabeth at Disneyland



Elizabeth Anne – 2 months old



Jeff & Anie in Maui

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News from Donna & family:

We all had such a great time last summer at the reunion seeing everyone. We rented a house down by Huntington pier for a week, Me & Richard, our 4 kids , & a few of their friends . it was such a great time , we're hoping to do it again next summer. I'll let you know! I took a trip to Wyoming , by myself for 4 days in October. It was a great time , already had snow! I had not been there in 18 years- so it was awesome! a cool thing happened, we had some buffalo cross the road right in front of us! (see pic) Brendan & Jeff just finished another semester at Az St. Univ.(Brendan - environmental science, Jeff- biology/vet. science) & doing great. Nicolette is enjoying her teaching job. Her long-time boyfriend Mark graduates in May with his masters in architecture. We all enjoyed the Christmas season , but Richard & I are glad to have our work at the post office return to normal! Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!



Real live traffic stoppers!



Bobbi & Donna in Jackson Hole



An Arizona Christmas



Huntington Beach

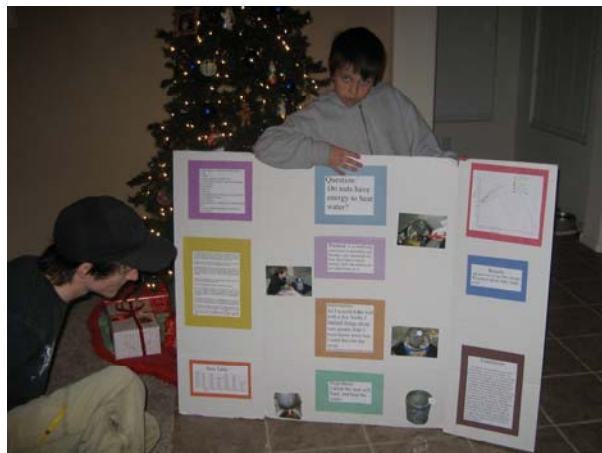
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News from Kathy & family

Kenny is still living in his Aliso Viejo condo, working for DHL (just hit the 5 year mark!) and keeping up on his construction model website (www.kensdiecastconstructionmodels.com). Jessica is also living in Aliso Viejo, enjoying her apartment, and working for Downey Savings. She recently passed the CA Notary Licensing test, and became a Notary Signing Agent! Kevin and I are "growing roots" in Arizona with school, work, church, etc... and it's feeling like home. Kevin is busy with friends, guitar, and school (...was awarded 3rd place in the Parkview Science Fair! Have you ever wondered if nuts have enough energy to heat water? If so, talk to Kevin for the inside scoop!) I am teaching 6th grade Social Studies and having fun exploring our new territory. Kenny and Jessica spent a week with us over Christmas.....it was great!!



Kevin, Kathy, Jessie & Kenny in Arizona



Kenny admiring Kevin's science fair project

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News from Bobbi & family

We spent this Christmas far away from any cold, white stuff...first Christmas with no snow! We went on a fabulous 5 night Baja Christmas cruise. Left on Christmas Eve and spent Christmas day out at sea. Cabo san Lucas was a lovely 80 degrees. We had a blast and enjoyed every minute. No phone, no computers, it was a real get-away. I'm attaching a few photos. Matt and Charlie are doing well at UW and Jake is loving Seattle. I am completing the process of getting my real estate license this month so anyone looking for property in Montana or Idaho ...give me a call!! Happy New Year everyone!



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News from Steve & family:

Brooks is a freshman at Mater Dei HS and absolutely loves it. He is on the freshman baseball team and looks forward to taking the mound with his infamous knuckleball. He is entering the Newport Beach Film Festival with a film he has been working on called "Killing Time". A 5 minute comedy about what a kid at home alone can achieve with a video camera. If he wins, the film will be played at the Lido cinema in Newport. Tyler had a very successful baseball trip to Australia. They won the Gold Coast tournament and Ty was featured in the Brisbane newspaper (attached). His 1st college baseball season starts January 19th at Pepperdine for the Cypress Chargers. He also received his 1st letter of interest from the Minnesota Twins! Jennifer started a new job as a clinical manager for United Healthcare and her office is in Cypress, a few miles from Tyler's school. Steve is busy with work and creating the graphics and video for the Mater Dei baseball program. Looking forward to the 2008 baseball season!



Brooks



Tyler



Aunt Jennifer holding Elizabeth



G'day Mate!

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Tyler shrugs off disability to pursue dream

Bernie Pramberg
BASEBALL

AMERICAN teenager Tyler Brady was born with one good arm, but his love of baseball has hit the disability out of the ballpark.

Tyler, 18, surprised and inspired seasoned baseball fans with his athleticism and skill for the American Eagles team which has just completed a tour of Queensland.

"This kid is a phenomenal

athlete," said Tom Nicolson, boss of Major League Baseball in Australia.

Born with his left arm ending just below the elbow, Tyler is a strong right-arm pitcher who bats left-handed.

When pitching he tucks the mit in the crook of his left arm and then rapidly switches the glove on to his right hand after delivering the ball.

"There's nothing I can't do that I'd like to do," he said. "I've hit pretty well and pitched well

on the tour. I plan to continue my career to see how far baseball will take me."

Brady's goal is to emulate fellow Californian Jim Abbott, a baseballer also born without a hand, who played 10 years in the major leagues for four clubs.

"I've met Jim Abbott a couple of times and would love to achieve what he did in the game," he said.

Brady, who finished high school this year and will start college when he returns to the US, first picked up a bat as a

two-year-old.

"My dad had me hitting off a tee as soon as I could stand up," he said. "I've played the game ever since."

Between games against the Queensland Under-18 squad on the Gold Coast, Tyler had time to indulge in his other sporting passion, surfing.

"I enjoyed a couple of days on the board off Point Danger but the surf was pretty flat," he said.



'THERE'S nothing I can't do that I'd like to do' ... American Eagles surprise packet Tyler Brady. Picture: Adam Head

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Canine Corner

A bit of sad news this time. I guess I'm better with dogs than fish. We won a beta fish in an exotic centerpiece at a wedding and our house got so full with Christmas decorations I decided to put the fish bowl on the patio until the holidays were over. To make a long story short, when I went to put the fish bowl back, I noticed the fish was frozen. Our weather has been a bit colder than usual, but I didn't really think much about it. Amber had to have a toe amputated in August due to a malignant bone tumor, but seems to be doing well so hopefully we got it in time. Anyway, here are a few pictures of man's best friend:

Briscoe Carlsen



Stephen & Molly



Briscoe Carlsen



Amber Rose Brueggeman



Amber & Molly Brueggeman



Shilo & Jessie Rudenski

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West Coast Brady Reunion

Everyone had a great time at the West Coast Brady Reunion held in August in Irvine. Uncle Paul's family did a great job organizing everything and there was a great turnout. It was wonderful to see Aunt Catherine, Aunt Martha, and lots of our east coast cousins we haven't seen in years. I'm so glad we all got to see Uncle Paul one more time and spend quality time with him. He was called to heaven on October 24th, and before his passing we lost Aunt Peg and Uncle Joe. I'm sure they are all enjoying some stories of the good old days with Mom and Dad, Uncle Matt, and Uncle John and all our other relatives. Uncle Ferdie and Aunt Annetta weren't able to make it, but Uncle Ferdie made earrings for all the "girls" in the family and made sure they were all given to us. Everyone appreciated all the time and energy John Comolli has invested in the family tree. Printed out, it was hanging all along the wall for us all to see. Thanks John! It was nice spending time with all who could make it and we look forward to the next East Coast reunion in Rhode Island, hopefully in 2009.



Uncle Paul, Steven & Jeff
(Uncle Paul's nametag says "Paul Brady, Founder")



The "kids table" (L to R) Ashley, Jake, Stephen, Jennifer, Nicolette, Mark, Christina, David, Anie & Jeff

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East Coast News

Uncle George turned 96 on December 20th! I talked to him in early December and he was doing great. He had some sad news in his family this year. His grandson, Kevin (Roberta's son) died in a freak diving accident in Florida. He was only 40. Uncle George went to Florida with Brenda for a celebration of Kevin's life. Our hearts go out to his family.

Well, that's all for this newsletter. Look for the next one in July. Until then, take care, stay safe and keep in touch!



Most Photographed Baby of the Year!

I leave you with this photo of a beautiful sunset taken at Newport Beach by Steve Brady on a recent bike ride.....amazing!



Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much