

BRADY NEWSLETTER

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



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As we say goodbye to 2006 and another year of memories, and say hello to 2007 with hopes and dreams of good things to come, I thought I would close out the year with another issue of the Brady Newsletter. The last issue was back in June so we have some catching up to do on each other's lives. We are all a little older and hopefully a little wiser and filled with the Christmas spirit. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and looking forward to the New Year. So, without further ado, let's see what the 8 of us and our families have been up to!

News from Jim

Jim was promoted in July to the Lead Instructor position at Western Truck School in San Diego. Congratulations Jim! Jim spent Christmas Day at Monica & Robert's house sharing in the fun of Madeline's 2nd Christmas! Monica has decided not to go back to work for now and is enjoying the whole motherhood experience. Good for you, Monica! Jim had a potluck at his work so he had all his kids and grandkids come to his work party. Thanksgiving was also spent with the whole family so his holidays were very special.



Madeline's First Halloween! What a cute ladybug!

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News from Rhoda

The Lopez family has been keeping busy as usual. Julie is in her 6th year of teaching. Desiree is a freshman in high school, just turned 14, busy with cheerleading and cross country. She is taking all honors classes so needless to say, she is a very busy girl! Her baby sister, Gabrielle keeps the whole family hopping now that she is 16 ½ months old and talking and being a typical toddler! She is a very happy little girl and loves her mommy, daddy and big sister!

News from John

Dakotah and Savanna played on the same Club Soccer team this year. In their last game, Savanna injured her hand on a play early in the game, continued to play the entire game with what was later found to be a broken finger. The family was very proud of her determination! Both girls played really well this year. Aurora also had a good soccer season, scoring a lot of goals. Cooper is anxious to be walking. He is constantly pulling himself up, standing wherever he can. He'll be running after his sisters soon! Chad recently returned from a weeklong business conference in Atlanta where he was able to spend time with several prominent people involved in the industry. Kelly has spent the last few months burning the midnight oil while scheduling referees for all the weekend soccer games. Ashley has finished up her time as a Regional trainer for BJ's so she can get back to school full time. Her last 3 training sites were in Arlington, Tx., El Paso, Tx. And Temecula, CA. Now she can be found behind the bar serving BJ's own brewed beers. John spends his spare time sending messages to the Angels on how they can best spend their money and talents to get back to the World Series!

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News from Jan

I had my Beatles fix this summer. The kids surprised Steve & I with tickets to the Cirque Du Soleil Show “Love” at the Mirage in Vegas for my birthday. We went to Zion National Park and stopped off in Vegas for the show on our way home. It was a big surprise and we loved it! We had a full house all day Christmas with lots of friends stopping by and Steve, Jennifer and the boys came by for dinner. Jeff and Anie went to Broadcom’s annual Christmas party which is always a big affair. This year it was held at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott. David started a new show at Nickelodeon called “Mighty B”. It was co-created by Amy Poehler from Saturday Night Live. Dave says it will be a major hit. Christina is in between jobs right now. We all went to Vegas in October for the SEMA show and had a great time. Stephen joined Matt Wild and Matt’s buddies in Vegas in November to celebrate his 21st birthday.



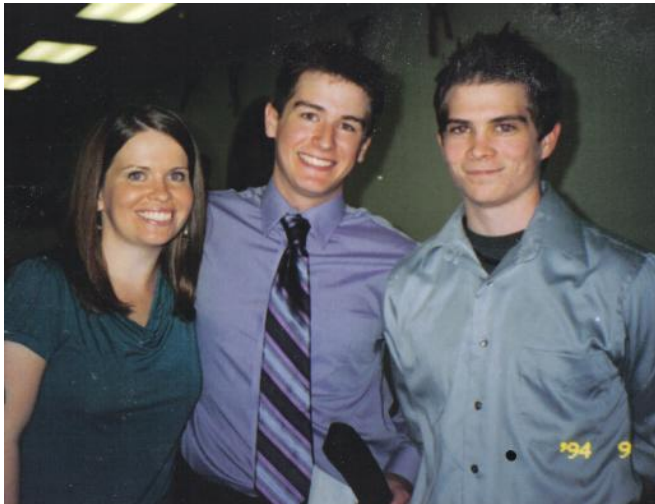
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News from Donna

Jeff Arthur earned his 1st degree BLACK BELT!! Congratulations Jeff! What a fantastic accomplishment! Nicolette emailed me a picture of Jeff, Brendan & herself taken at Jeff's award ceremony so that's where the picture below was taken. Donna & Richard have been working long hours over the holidays delivering mail. At least they don't have to battle the heat in the winter.

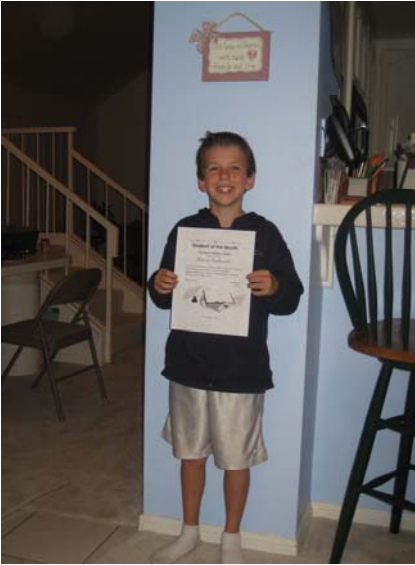


Nicolette, Jeff & Brendan

News from Kathy

Kathy is still teaching 4th grade...a class of 34 to be exact! Kevin is in 6th grade at Newhart Middle School and started off the year on a positive note by getting student of the month in September. (see picture below). He is very busy between school and flag football. Jessie is taking classes at Saddleback and is working through the management program for Sharper Image. We visited her at the Irvine Spectrum store a couple times over Christmas and I must say she *is* manager material! She is doing a great job and we wanted to buy things from her even though we weren't really shopping!! She also just celebrated her 21st birthday! Kenny is a driver for DHL and spent Thanksgiving weekend moving. He lives in a condo in Aliso Viejo.

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Kevin



Kenny, Jessie & Kevin

News from Bobbi

Well, the Wild household is all over the country these days! Jake is loving it in Seattle for his freshman year of college. He loves everything about Seattle, the town, the school (Seattle University), the people, everything! He already has a radio show on the University's radion station, KSUB..it is every Friday from noon to two (Seattle time) and it broadcasts through the internet so anyone can listen to him if you go to the school's website. He stayed at school for Thanksgiving but made it home for Christmas which I'm sure Bobbi was happy about. She had all 3 sons home and I know what that feels like. Matt is still doing great at the University of Wyoming. He just celebrated his 21st birthday in Vegas with some friends and Stephen drove up to meet them for the occasion. (see pictures below) The University of Wyoming happened to be playing UNLV the weekend of his birthday. Charlie is a senior in high school and just got a job at Ace Hardware which he loves and works about 20 hours a week. He is considering going to a construction tech school next year. Bobbi and Tom are looking forward to a trip to Wendover, Nevada for Tom's end of the year party & a 3 day extravaganza!

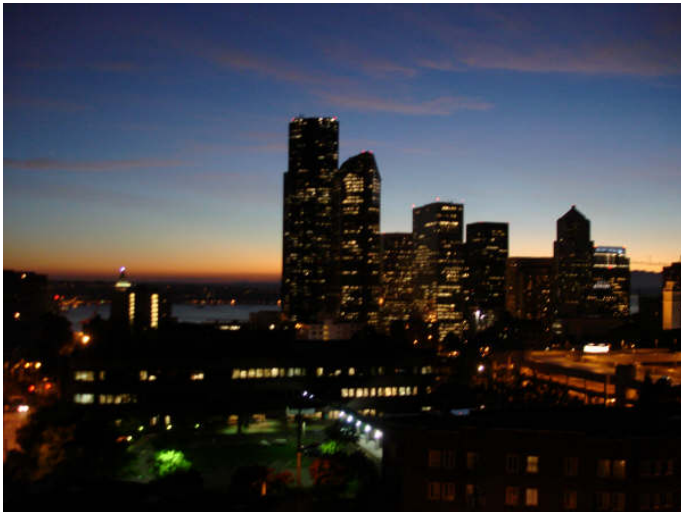
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Steve & Matt at UNLV vs. University of Wyoming game



Matt & Steve in Limo!



Jake's view from his dorm!



Charlie w/baseball trophy – His Jackson Legion team, the “Giants” won state championship!

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News from Steve

Steve, Jennifer, Tyler and Brooks are all doing fine. Most of their time has been centered around Tyler and his moving on to play baseball at the next level – college. They haven't decided which one yet. They were invited to and played a few weekends at Notre Dame (see photo below) and UNLV and others interested are University of Portland (Oregon) and Curry College in Massachusetts. Senior season is around the corner so time will tell. Tyler is on the Mater Dei Surf team this year. They have their competitions in Newport and Huntington Beach at 6:00 a.m. ,before school. (see photo below). Besides school & sports, he still works part-time at Vons. Brooks just started Boys Club basketball after completing his 8th grade football season. He gave piano lessons a month but it didn't take so he will stick to his drums. They had Thanksgiving at their house and Jan, Steve & gang came & enjoyed the annual homerun-athon. They hope more families can join in the fun next year!



Tyler Surfing



Brooks and Tyler near golden dome at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana – October 2006

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Canine Corner

We were in Vegas for Halloween this year so Amber & Molly got a pass on Halloween costumes. We'll make up for it next year. We walked them in a "Wag-a-thon" last spring and it was such a hot day we ended up in a water fight. Fun for us, but the dogs weren't too crazy about it. They continue to prove their reputation as "man's best friend". No matter what you do, they love you unconditionally and if I have a bad day at work or something sad happens I know they will cheer me up. This is why I devote a corner of the newsletter to dogs. In so many ways they remind me of innocent little children, the way they appreciate nature when we sometimes tend to take it for granted: a sunny day, a breezy day, a beautiful flower they have to stop and smell on our walks; so many days I see them sunbathing and just loving the warmth shining down on them; watching birds in the sky, the list goes on and on. So if you want to share a story or a picture of your dog or other pet, please know I will be happy to print it in this section!



Amber & Molly playing at Huntington Beach (Dog Beach)

"We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing"

George Bernard Shaw

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East Coast News

Uncle George called and also wrote to me. He just turned 95 on December 20! He is very excited that he has a new project to work on when the weather warms up. He is in possession of a tool chest that his Dad (Grandpa Hey) made back in 1905/06. I guess it was stored at Aunt Catherine's house (attic or basement) when we moved to California. Grandpa Hey had brought it from England when he moved here and kept his carpenter tools in it. Grandpa Hey gave it to our brother Jim during the 50's when "Jimmy" was raising turkeys at John Gillis and Mary (Grimes) Gillis' small farm/ranch in Diamond Hill, Cumberland, R.I. He thinks they used it to store grain for the turkeys/horses. When we moved from R.I. the chest was left in custody of Aunt Catherine. Now that he has it back again, he plans on cleaning it, sanding it and painting it and will send us the before and after pictures for the next newsletter. He said it weighs over 100 lbs. empty as it was reinforced with plenty of screws and bolts! It is in very good condition and he wants to make it into a fine piece of furniture. He will keep us posted on this exciting project. He said I guess it's true the old saying "What goes around comes around!"

The East Coast Bradys had a reunion last summer. We are all looking forward to the West Coast Brady Reunion next August. Many of our East Coast relatives will be coming so it will be great to see everyone we haven't seen in many years and meet some new relatives! I'm including the reunion website for you all to visit.

<http://www.bradyfamilyreunion.com>

Until next newsletter, take care, stay safe and keep in touch!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007!!!