

# BRADY NEWSLETTER

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



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**Happy New Year! Holy Calendar, Batman, it's 2010!! (a 60's flashback, sorry ☹. ) I haven't attempted a newsletter since September, 2008, so decided it was time to do some catching up! It is one of my New Years' goals to get back to doing this 2-3 times a year, so before I go back to school on the 4<sup>th</sup>, I decided there's no time like the present to work on accomplishing my goal! There's lots of news to catch up on from your siblings and their families so without further ado, here's the latest!**

### News from Jim & family

I have decided that the time has come for me to take steps toward retirement. 10-29 was my last day on my employment with Western Truck School. I felt that the long hrs(10 hr days) and long commute are too much on my hip problems as well as advancing age (although I try not to admit it) Also my patience with students is not what it used to be. Hopefully I can find something closer to home with less hours . Anyway it was a good career for the last 5 yrs but I feel the time has come to move on. Maybe I will actually have time now to get acquainted with my grandchildren! Hope you are all doing fine. GOD BLESS Jim

### A note from Monica:

Attached is a photo from our annual trip to Bates Nut Farm in October. Sarah Alice is doing great! Madeline is happy to be a big sister and Robert and I are thrilled. Sarah is now sleeping through the night so we are starting to feel more normal again.



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## News from Rhoda & family

It was so great to see Rhoda, Grant & all the Grizzles at our reunion in June! Steve was the official wagon puller, pulling Gabrielle and Elizabeth around the park! Gabrielle turned 4 in July. Pam, Robert & all their girls, were there. No one recognized Robert after he lost so much weight by running and eating healthy....wow....go figure...I guess it does work! Julie, Rudy, their 2 beautiful daughters and Cheri were also there so it was nice to see everyone. Grant was our awesome grillmaster!



*Elizabeth, Gabrielle & Big Steve*



*Mayette & Grant*

## News from John & family:

These past months have been mostly filled with various work projects, and social events at Corpus Christi Church. The highlight of these past months was our Reunion in San Diego. It was so great to see so many of us gathered together there. The years have gone too fast....the little people I remembered are not so little anymore...and now we have all these new little people who seemed to be having lots of fun with their new found cousins! The whole experience was a reminder for me that we truly do need to connect more often! Along with my accounting work, I have been helping Mayette with her business, The Corporate Collection, a company that does promotional items for both large and small businesses. We also provide all the PT gear for Santa Ana College Fire Academy classes. In September I was able to get back to see the Wild Family in Victor. Lots of great hiking, seeing the aspens begin their Fall change, and sharing (a little) wine with Bobbi. *Note from Ashley:* "I'm excited for the newsletter! I found myself missing it last month. =) As for me, I am moving back to Aliso Viejo!! I will be student teaching next semester and am hoping to be able to do it at mine, Jeff and Anie's Alma Mater (Aliso Niguel). I am doing my observation hours there this semester and finishing up my two credential courses at Cal State Long Beach. As for work, I am working as a resource instructor in the Math Center at Long Beach Community College, and as a teacher/tutor at Mathnasium Learning Center in Tustin. I am available for math tutoring from grades one through high school, so please spread the word and let me know if you need a business card. =) I am dating an amazing man named Jason and I cannot wait for you all to meet him!



*John & Mayette – Huntington Beach*



*John & Jake in Idaho@ the Wilds*

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## News from Jan & family

Well, it's been a full year of change for our family. Elizabeth turned 2 in November. She is the light of our lives. She and her Mom & Dad will be moving this week to their 3 bedroom condo in Rancho Santa Margarita...yeah! Their new address is: [102 Rabano, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688](#) It's only 10 minutes from Nana & Papa's so we are very excited. David will have a longer commute to Burbank for work but this place is much nicer & bigger than the place they sold in Buena Park. Jeff and Anie also bought their first home in Trabuco Canyon, not far from David & Christina. Stephen worked for UPS over the holidays and has a new appreciation for the hard work those drivers do. He has an interview tomorrow for a company in Irvine, so hopefully 2010 will bring him good luck in his job search. We know so many people around here who have lost their jobs and pray that 2010 the economy will turn around and help everyone find jobs. Steve still works for Broadcom and I still work as office manager at Barcelona Hills Elementary School. I love my job, but the budget cuts definitely make it harder to do my job the way I'd like to! We need a paper fairy to drop about 200 reams of white paper at our school periodically!

## Message from Anie: Exciting times for Jeff and myself!

I graduated nursing school in February and after passing my licensure exam, I got a job at Bristol Park Medical Group in Mission Viejo as the South County Float Nurse. I started August 31 and so far I love it! I have even taken care of "Nana and Papa"! I am such a pain in the rear, just ask "Nana"! HA HA HA :) Jeff continues to be VERY busy, not only at Broadcom, but with YTM Microsystems (his OWN company) designing and building different components for concept cars! He went to the Detroit, Chicago and New York Auto Shows for cars he did for Ford, Chrysler, Hyundai, Kia and a few others. I was able to tag along to the New York show! Yan and our friend Amanda joined us later in the week for a fun little vacation in April! We saw Phantom of the Opera...ON BROADWAY!! Yeah, I cried in the first 5 seconds of the opening song I was so excited to be there! The most exciting news of all, in September we moved into our very own house! Yep, that's right we are on our own. We have been painting and decorating, getting it as ready for the holidays! We look forward to everyone visiting us very soon! [Our address is: 6 Jericho, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679](#)



*Elizabeth(& Husky) – Christmas 2009*



*Elizabeth – 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday party*

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## *News from Donna & family:*

Note from Nicolette: We are thrilled that it is FINALLY cooling off, no more 110 degree days for a while! Donna & Richard took a trip to Sedona a few weeks ago to escape one of the last scorching weekends, had a great time. Brendan started a new job that he loves, he's very happy. Jeffrey & his girlfriend Sabrina are engaged! He proposed to her in Huntington Beach, all very excited. The wedding is set for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for Sabrina & her horse/dog/cat in *Canine Corner*. I started my 4th year as a preschool teacher and love my new class. Mark Allen & I just got back from a fun trip to our favorite getaway... Rocky Point! Also, forgot to add some important news! Jeffrey graduated with his Biology degree from ASU in December. Yay! Donna & Richard have a new address: [3731 Charleston Ave., Glendale, Az. 85308](http://3731.CharlestonAve.Glendale.Az.85308).

## *News from Kathy & family*

Kathy and family are all doing fine. Kevin started freshman year at Valley Vista High School and is getting into the high school scene. Jessica is Desert School Credit Union's stellar teller and is working their special events when she can (Coyote Games, community events, etc.), Kenny is working for Marco Construction and still in his Aliso condo, and Kathy is teaching the never boring seventh graders Language Arts at Parkview Elementary (teaching writing to the texting generation is quite interesting..... idk, cul8r, 2, 4u, etc...!!) Arizona's great weather time is finally here! We drove up through Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, and on to Flagstaff last Sunday to see the changing colors of fall.....it was so beautiful! We took the chairlift at Snowbowl up to 11,500 feet.....20 degrees and windy!



*Kathy & Jessie*



*Jessie & Kevin*

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## News from Bobbi & family

Greetings from Victor, ID, and Seattle, WA! We were all sorry we missed the reunion in August- but we saw a lot of pictures and everyone looks great! Maybe next summer? Since then everyone here is staying on the road and out of the hospital!

Tom has rebounded from his surgery and is off fishing in Montana for a week. A day of fishing beats a day of working no matter how cold and snowy it is! Jake has started his senior year at Seattle U after spending a fabulous summer in NYC. He worked on the pier under the Brooklyn Bridge and experienced the city life in the Big Apple to the fullest. If you'd like to see some great pictures, check out his blog at:

<http://somegreatfire.tumblr.com>. Charlie just completed his first year as an Electrician Apprentice with Mountain Electric in Jackson. He started the schooling part in September, which involves traveling to Casper every 6 weeks for a week of studying. He spent a few days in Washington DC this summer with his girlfriend, Carly and will be heading to see her again over NewYears in Maryland. Business has actually picked up for me lately and I've been getting some practice closing some transactions! I spent 4 fun-filled days with Jake in NYC where Jake tried and I think, succeeded, in showing me every inch of lower Manhattan. Stephen Brueggeman came out and spent a few days with us this summer and so did brother John. All fun and memorable times. Stay safe, healthy and happy and enjoy the holidays!

### **Now here's Matt straight from Laramie, WY:**

I am in my last year at UW..finally :)..I am in classes this fall and then I am doing my student teaching in Riverton, WY in the spring. I will be in a 4th grade classroom. I met the kids last month and it should be exciting and challenging. And then graduation May 8, 2010!!!! I am also substitute teaching in Laramie as well as coaching a jr jazz girls basketball team, 1st-3rd grade, should be interesting. Bernie is doing great! He turned 1 year old on Halloween! I'm not sure if I sent a puppy picture last time so look for his puppy pic with the bowtie and his current grown-up YANKEE LOVING SELF :) in the *Canine Corner*.



Bobbi & Jake in New York!



Bobbi Wild, Realtor

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## ***News from Steve & family:***

Steve and Jennifer are still busy with work, we did manage to move over the summer to Irvine. Our new address is: [2801 Main St. #337, Irvine, CA 92614](http://www.2801mainst.com). But stay tuned, this is a segway to what may be, and could be, a bold and headline breaking move.

Tyler is a junior and playing baseball at the University of Oklahoma. He should see playing time at pitcher, outfield and some first base. He loves the school and is looking forward to the season, which starts in February.

<http://www.soonersports.com/sports/m-basebl/okla-m-basebl-body.html>

Brooks is a junior at Mater Dei, a knuckleball pitcher, and spends his spare time juggling and unicycling. Go Sooners, Go Monarchs!



***Tyler @ the University of Oklahoma***



***Brooks on Halloween  
I feel safer already!***



***Steve, Brooks, Jennifer & Tyler  
Christmas, 2009***



***It really is the happiest place on earth! \***

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## Canine Corner

Well, welcome once again to the ever popular Canine Corner!



Monet, Nick & Argo



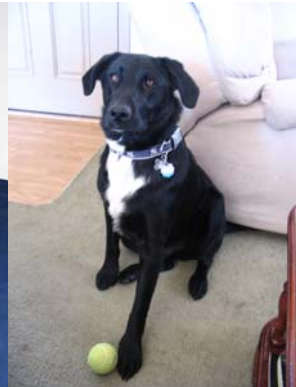
Monet & Sabrina



Charlie with Betty, Sami & Bernie!



Bernie



Loyal Yankee Fan



Mark Allen with Otis & Willie



Jessie hiking with Shilo



Elizabeth hiking with Molly & Amber  
(*& her faithful husky!*)

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Photos from our 50 year Brady Reunion on arriving in California!

*“California Dreamin’”*

*Date of Reunion: June 13, 2009*

Many thanks to Jim for organizing this wonderful, memorable event! Thanks to Kelly for the awesome shirts she made for all of us!



*Rhoda & Jim's family (not everyone could make it, but this is the group that was able to gather for the reunion! (missing: Donna & Bobbi & their families (except Nicolette), Stephen Brueggeman, Tyler Brady, Kevin Delgado to name a few! All of you & anyone I forgot to mention were truly missed) Hope we see you at the next reunion!*



*Nicolette & Mark Allen modeling our shirts!*



*Grant enjoying Monica's homemade cake!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!!**

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