

BRADY NEWSLETTER

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



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Hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and ready for another school year. So far this has been a very challenging year at school for me. With budget cuts big time at our District (I've already used up most of our supply budget for the year! It wasn't difficult since they cut our budget in half) and less staff to help, I am a little stressed these days! Oh well, as our district likes to tell us: "*You just have to get used to doing more with less*". Nice motto for the year, huh? Oh well, it can only get better, right? Well, let's see what all of you have been up to these days:

News from Jim & family

Jim had a great time visiting the Wilds in Idaho and going to Jackson for the first time ever! A rather large herd of buffalo crossed the street in front of their car at the park. Jim wants me to remind all of you that next June 11 will be the 50th (yes, 50 believe it or not) anniversary of our invasion of (I mean arrival to) California. He thinks we should start planning a reunion maybe at a park in San Diego for our family to remember Mom & Dad and the brave chance they took starting over in the Golden State. Sounds good to me, Jim! Maybe the next newsletter I'll have more news about plans for that get together.

News from Monica:

Attached is a photo of Madeline, she will be 3 in November...time flies and they grow like weeds! I'm still working at Bumble Bee part time in Marketing on a new label design that will be on your favorite retail store shelves this fall. I also just became a Pampered Chef consultant so if anyone would like a catalog to help me grow my business I would appreciate it! Madeline is starting a part time pre-school, and also a dance class which she loves.



Maddie

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Maddie & the Delgado girls enjoying the summer!

News from Rhoda & family

Steve and I went to Pam & Robert's wedding in April, which was really beautiful, so I'll attach some pictures from the wedding. Gabrielle is the cutest little walking doll you've ever seen and started preschool recently. It is run by nuns and she loves them! She already knows all her letters, numbers and colors and shapes! Desiree is such a great big sister to her, just like her little mother.



Pam & Robert Taylor



Rudy & Desiree Lopez



Rhoda & Grant, April 2008

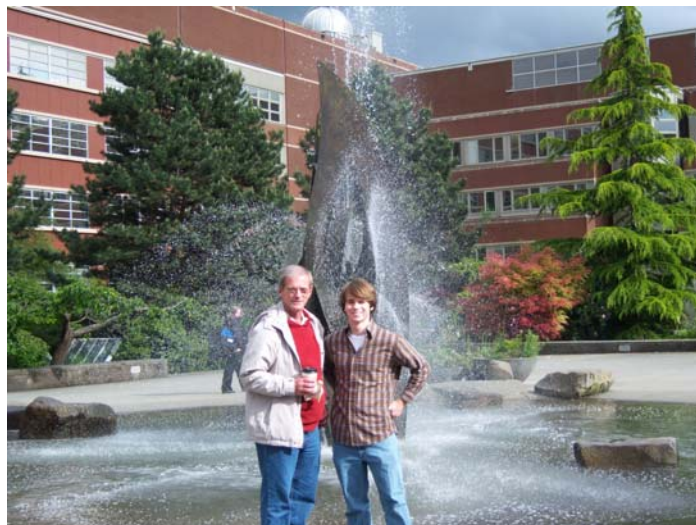
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News from John & family:

Update from Aliso Viejo.....Ashley graduated from Long Beach State at the end of May with a degree in Mathematics. She has been accepted into the Credential Program and will now start her final year before taking on classrooms of high school students. FYI to locals: Ashley is no longer at BJ's Restaurant. You can see her at Stadium Brewery in Aliso Town Center, particularly on Saturday nights. She celebrated her graduation with a Caribbean Cruise. John has continued to tend to his accounting clients while starting in to a couple of new ventures, most notably for the extreme change....he is doing healthy dinner demonstrations for Salad Master Cookware. It's a huge change and having a great time. Since the last Newsletter, he has been fortunate enough to travel to the Philippines for 3 weeks in February. That trip was followed in June by a 2 week trip to Jackson Hole and Seattle. It was great to spend time with the Wild Family; see Charlie star for the Jackson Giants; and visit Jake at his very awesome Seattle University.

Here's the news from the Carlsens:

Dakotah is starting High School this year (can't believe it!), Savanna is heading into her 2nd year in middle school & both are playing club soccer again. Aurora is inching her way up the elementary school ladder going into 2nd grade and playing her 3rd year of softball (she's got her eyes on pitching soon). Cooper is enjoying his Montessori school & growing like a weed! Chad has launched an energy drink called "Detoxx Energy Drink" that is working its way into the stores (they're working on a contract with 24 hour fitness-keep your fingers crossed & keep an eye out for it!) & Hope By the Sea is still going strong (they were on Intervention again which should be airing on A&E on September 29). Kelly is busy building her business as a Promotional Products Consultant (& keeping on top of everyone's schedules!) They've been out on the boat a few times this summer, 1 great trip to Bass Lake & a few quickies to Big Bear - Dakotah ,Savanna & Chad are quite the wakeboarders !



John & Jake at Seattle University-June '08

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John with Matt & Charlie in Jackson – June 2008



John with Mayette & Mayette's niece Cynthia
Baguio Country Club, Baguio, Phillipines, February 2008

The Carlsens Wakeboarding



Savanna



Dakotah



Chad

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News from Jan & family

We have all been very busy with work & school, but our favorite pastime is hanging out with Elizabeth! She can crawl, pull herself up, and keep us all entertained for hours! I'll see if I can find a picture or two of her to attach to the newsletter, but no guarantees. Broadcom had a family party (Jeff & Steve both work there) and we entered Elizabeth in a "diaper derby". She was in the little crawler division. She was the tiniest contestant but she crossed the finish line in 2nd place...yes, we have a silver medalist among us!



Being Elizabeth's Grandma.....Priceless!



Future Walker!



Good Morning Sunshine!

Diaper Derby!



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News from Donna & family:

Donna and Richard got away to Vegas for their 3rd wedding anniversary and had a great time. Donna really doesn't have any more news &/or photos this time so next time I will give her twice as much space in the newsletter! She did want me to tell everyone "hi" and hopes you all had a fun summer....so until next time...that's all for now!

News from Kathy & family

Kevin had the right idea on beating the Arizona heat this summer. He took an introductory Scuba class, really liked it, so ended up taking the complete course, and is not an officially Certified Scuba Diver! He is still playing guitar, and started his 8th grade year a few weeks ago. Jessica hit the books this summer at Estrella Mountain College, and just registered for the fall semester. She's dividing her time between school, swimming, and working as a server at Chili's. Kenny was able to visit a friend in Minnesota this summer, and continues to drive for DHL and works a few days a week with Marco Construction...lots of cool pictures can be found on both of his websites.....www.socalearthmovers.com or www.kensdiecastconstructionmodels.com. Kathy is teaching 6th grade Language Arts and Science and is already in full swing at school.....Arizona starts their school year earlystudents arrived August 11!! Jessica, Kevin and Kathy got to visit with Uncle Ferdie and Aunt Annetta early this summer when they were in Tucson...very fun! Be sure to give us a call if you're cruising through the Surprise, AZ area :).



Kevin beating the heat his way!!



Aunt Annetta, Kathy, & Uncle Ferdie

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News from Bobbi & family

We are doing well up here in the northwest. Matt and Charlie are back in Laramie for the year and Jake just returned to Seattle. This summer was Matt's first venture into a coaching job...just happened to be Charlies last year of Legion baseball that he got to coach! They had a good year, even with Charlies accident at home plate (which by the way he is back to normal and good as new-thanks for all the prayers!) and missing some of the season he was named on an 18 member All-State team for Wyoming. Jake went back to school a month early to begin training for his gig as an RA for the dorms at Seattle U. Bobbi has obtained her Idaho real estate license and is now working at Sage Realty Group in Driggs, ID the website is sagerq.com. Tom bought the driftboat he has always wanted and is getting ready for his fishing trip in October to the Bighorn river in Montana. Thats it...except anyone wanting to participate in the "2nd annual Wild Turkey Trot" let us know and we'll send you a registration form!



Coach Matt of the Giants with "little" brother Charlie



Jake in Seattle

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News from Steve & family:

Baseball season ended for the Bradys in July, both boys had great seasons. Tyler's Cypress team made it to the California State Super Regionals in San Luis Obispo. He has one more season for the Chargers, and has 2 schools interested in his outfielding services - Long Beach State and Univ. of Oklahoma. He's going on a recruiting visit this fall for a Sooner football game and tour.

Brooks is starting his sophomore year at Mater Dei. He is turning 16 in October and will start working at Vons with his brother. Over the summer he spent time growing, and mastered the unicycle.

We took a family trip to Seattle, went to a Mariners game, took the Boeing tour - saw 747's being assembled, went by and saw our old house in Issaquah, and saw flying fish at the fish market. Steve and Jennifer are fine and looking forward to baseball to start up in February!

Tyler – 2008 – Cypress College



August 2008 – Brooks & Tyler @ Safeco Field

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Canine Corner

Well, it's been a year since Amber had her toe amputated due to a malignant bone tumor and she is doing fine, thank God. The vet had said it may spread but I'm so glad it didn't. She is crazy about Elizabeth, and very protective of her. It reminds me of how Smokey was with Bobbi in Rhode Island. She & Molly are best friends and when Molly isn't here Amber literally cries and gets depressed. (I know, like mother, like daughter ☺) I hope you enjoy the pictures below that Bobbi and Kathy sent. Be sure and send me pictures of your pets so they will feel special too! The Orange County Register is having their annual My Dog's Face contest. You can go to www.ocregister.com/pets to enter your dog's picture (locals only) and/or vote. (anyone can vote) We will be entering Amber & Molly, of course. Voting ends on Sept. 29 (11:59 p.m. pst) Another cool website to visit is Huntington Beach dog beach @ www.dogbeach.org. They love frolicking in the ocean!



Shilo Rudenski-Brady



Sami Wild



Betty Wild

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**Bob Hope Memorial in San Diego
(U.S.S. Midway in background)**



Steve next to Statue of Bob Hope



Another view of Bob Hope Memorial

Just wanted to share these photos we took this summer at the Bob Hope Memorial by the U.S.S. Midway carrier in San Diego. It is really a nice tribute to Bob Hope and all our veterans and current service men and women.

May God bless all our troops and keep them safe from harm and return them to their families soon. (We all know someone in Iraq and Steve has a nephew there with a wife and new baby at home.)

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