



President's Message

Nashville 2010! WONDERFUL! Joe & Franca pulled off an excellent reunion, as we all knew they would. They promised us that the Opryland Hotel and all events would be ready for us after the flood, and they were true to their word. What a super five days bathed in the beautiful decorations of the season. Now they have challenged Lynn & me for Italy 2011. Thanks again to the Rutters who, by the way, have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Congratulations!

Hosts Gift! It has been a tradition of the ARA to collect donations to provide a gift to our reunion hosts, as a token of our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Association. The Rutters elected to let the \$200 raised be donated in Taylor Erhart Bailey's honor to the Adult Congenital Heart Association. (Franca did let us present her the special cookbook *Flavors of the Friuli* which brought back many great memories of her hometown, Udine.)

Congratulations...to Sally Eaves for winning the special \$200 door prize to be applied to her 2011 Reunion fee. And Emily Povey won the big tin of Jack Daniels pecans (and promptly hid them from us!). Norma Lasher won the DVD movie of "Letters to Juliet" filmed in many of the areas we visited during our 2008 reunion in Italy.

2011 Reunion in Italy! Everything is GO. If you haven't already, now is the time to get those airline arrangements made.

Much more information was emailed to all participants and those on the wait list on December 15. [Full details](#) are in this Afterburner. By now you should have already sent your second payment check of \$600 per person to Ben.

Post Reunion Cruise! Over 80 people are also going on the cruise --- 11-night Mediterranean & Holy Land. Very little additional space is available. Contact us now if you want to do this.

2012 Reunion Hosts...and 2013! The "class of the 70s" was eager to step up and volunteer. During our business meeting in Nashville, we had two presentations for future reunion sites. As a result, a vote was held and decided that the 2012 reunion hosts will be Tom & Elaine Horton in Savannah, Georgia. The 2013 reunion will be in Vegas, hosted by Doris Burnett with Nancy and George Beckwith. The 2012 information will be announced in an upcoming Afterburner. Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time for these wonderful venues. Reunions do not get held without the work of volunteers and we appreciate all of you.

Website! The website has been updated with photos from Nashville, as well as info in other areas. Check it out at www.avianoreunion.com.

In this Issue...More new member names. Don't miss the Italy Reunion update. And...lots of photos...

ARA Officers

Ben Catalina - President
Rodger Gracey - Vice President
Emily Povey - Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Leone - Editor
Lisa Ringler - Webmaster
Tama Tillman - Board Assistant

FUTURE REUNIONS

2011 Italy - Hosts: Ben & Lynn Catalina
Dates: October 8-15, 2011
2012 Savannah, GA - Hosts: Tom & Elaine Horton
2013 Las Vegas, NV - Hosts: Doris Burnett with
Nancy and George Beckwith

WELCOME New Members

Henry (Hank) & Susan (Sue) Janosky

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Friends of Lew Erhart

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Relatives of Joe & Franca Rutter

CORRESPONDENCE

From Fran & Paul Mobley

(10/25/2010) – Thank you for this wonderful update of the events coming up shortly and in the future. So exciting. Enjoyed reading it all. Sorry we can't be there in person, but still have wonderful memories of great times at past events.



From the Johnson Girls

(11/23/2010) – We love reading the Afterburner to keep up with ARA news. Sadly, Mom's traveling days are over. She...has difficulty seeing and can be shaky on walking. All things considered, she is doing remarkable well. Anne moved in with her about 15 months ago – it's been good for both...Please extend our warm regards to all at the reunion.



**Reunion 2010 Headquarters
Nashville, TN**

DUES ARE DUE!

The current year dues are now due. Check your label and if it is highlighted in green and still shows 2010, you need to pay your dues now. Checks should be made payable to Aviano Reunion Association and mailed to: Emily Povey, 626 East Davis Blvd, Tampa, FL 33606. Dues are \$15 per year. Those that receive the Afterburner by email should contact Emily to see if they are current.

empo@tampabay.rr.com
Now is also a good time to update us with any changes to your roster listing including addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.



SAD NEWS

Member (Margaret Leone's brother) *Michael Corcoran* passed away after a short illness.

Long time active member (1987) *Richard Corradini* passed away on December 4. Another long time member (1987), Dayton Taylor, is sad to report that his wife, *Norma*, also passed away last year. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of all these ARA members.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

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AVIANO REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes – BUSINESS MEETING, Nashville, TN on November 29, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ben Catalina presiding.

Time: 5:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections made to the 2009 Minutes, a motion was made by George Hefner to accept them as printed. Seconded by Sally Eaves and unanimously carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- President – Ben Catalina reported that there are no major issues ongoing within our organization, all appears to be going well, we have had several new members join, our organization is in the black, and the 2011 reunion is on track. Jay Maust recruited sufficient new members to earn a free one year membership. Ben encouraged more members to get involved in recruiting new members. Our organization will grow only with each member's personal involvement. He thanked Joe & Franca Rutter for their hard work hosting the 2010 reunion, and again thanked Linda Kazarian and Mike Hansen on their success with the 2009 reunion in San Diego.
- Vice President – Rodger Gracey also encouraged members to help recruit to help our organization grow.
- Secretary/Treasurer – Emily Povey asked members to let her know when their mailing/contact information changes. Also said there were pins, badges and badge holders available for sale.
- Editor – Nick Leone asked for any suggestions for articles for the Afterburner and asked members to submit photos for publication. He also reminded members to sign-up to receive the Afterburner by E-mail. It's faster and colorful.
- Webmaster – Lisa Ringler was not in attendance, but Lynn mentioned what a nice job Lisa had done in totally redesigning the website.
- Board Assistant – Tama Tillman was not in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2011 Italy – Ben & Lynn Catalina
 - Ben provided an update on the reunion agenda and recommended all members check our website for more information. He stated that our 80-person maximum has been reached, but that there is a wait list. Since there are only five people currently on the wait list, he encouraged the "undecideds" to send in their deposits to him and get on the wait list now.
 - Ben will email a reunion status update to all registrants in December, providing recommended air schedules as well as hotel recommendations for those wishing to visit Rome prior to the start of the reunion. He also reminded the members that the next payment due date for the 2011 reunion attendees will be January 15, 2011 for \$600 per person.
- Future Reunions – Future reunion locations were discussed.
 - Elaine and Tom Horton volunteered to host a reunion in Savannah, Georgia.

- Doris Burnett partnered with George and Nancy Beckwith and volunteered to host a reunion in Las Vegas.
- After discussion, the membership voted and approved the reunion in Savannah for 2012 and the reunion in Las Vegas for 2013. All five members were applauded for stepping up to volunteer for these events.
- Proposed Amendment change to ARA By-Laws
 - ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS --- Paragraph 4 & 5 currently reads:
- 4. Full business meetings will be held in odd-numbered years whenever possible. Business meetings in even-numbered years will be restricted to selecting the site for the next even-numbered year's reunion, unless the president identifies an emergency subject to be resolved.
- 5. Reunions will be held each calendar year that a Reunion Chairman and site can be identified. When possible, reunions will be held in Italy; otherwise, in the United States.
 - It is recommended that paragraphs 4 and 5 be amended to read:
- 4. Business meetings will be held each year at the annual reunion. The annual reunion will be held at a location agreed upon by the membership, with a goal of having a reunion in Italy at least every three years.
 - Explanation for change: While our association originally met every two years, we have met every year since 1993. Since we meet each year, we should conduct full business meetings each year. Through annual meetings we can continue to better promote the Association as well as give the members an opportunity to participate in meetings each year, and help continue the success of each year's reunion.
 - Bill Davis made the motion for the bylaw change to be accepted. Seconded by Lash Lasher and unanimously carried.
- Lew Erhart introduced his friends Henry and Susan Janosky. They immediately paid their dues and joined the association.
- Ben mentioned that Lew Erhart has become the oldest active member in the Association. Nick Leone made a motion that Lew be given a 'life membership'. Seconded by George Hughes and unanimously carried.
- Prizes.
 - The 2010 reunion had an early registration contest. All members who paid their deposits by March 31, 2010 had their names entered into a drawing for \$200 credit on their 2011 reunion cost. Sally Eaves won the \$200 credit.
 - There was also a door prize of a three-pound tin of Jack Daniel's 'Old No 7' Whiskey Praline Pecans. Bill & Emily Povey won.
 - Continuing the annual tradition of awarding an Italy-themed DVD to an attendee, the movie "Letters to Juliet" was donated by the Catalinas. The winner was Norma Lasher.

Adjournment: 6:09 PM

Submitted by: Emily Povey, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Amalfi Coast & Southern Italy Aviano Reunion 2011 Update

Just in case you deleted that email of December 15, here is the information again.

FLIGHTS:

The first item that needs your attention is your air travel to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport (FCO). Airline reservations can now be made. Take advantage of better pricing and schedules now. Remember that Rome has two airports; the airport you want is Fiumicino (FCO). Our reunion begins on Oct. 8 and ends on Oct. 15. For those of you continuing with the optional Med & Holy Land cruise after the reunion, it begins at the Port of Civitavecchia on Oct. 15, and ends there on Oct. 26. Remember that most flights from the USA to Rome are overnight --- you depart USA one day and arrive Rome the next day.

All major airlines fly into Rome daily. Please schedule a flight that arrives Rome (FCO) in the A.M. --- prior to noon on Oct. 8 --- to accommodate our bus pickups at the airport. If you arrive at the airport in the afternoon, our scheduled bus transportation may not be available, so you may need to travel to our first reunion hotel in Sorrento at your own expense.

For folks departing for home the day the reunion ends on Oct. 15, do not make a reservation earlier than 2 p.m. It will be at least 12 noon before we can arrive at the Rome airport from our final reunion hotel. Reunion participants will be transferred to either the airport or the cruise port that day.

For folks departing for home after the cruise ends on Oct. 26, please do not make a reservation to depart any earlier than 11:30 a.m. That is the "official legal recommended flight departure time" per Norwegian Cruise Line to catch a flight after clearing the ship. Remember also that the Port of Civitavecchia is over 30 miles from the airport.

Of course, if you plan to arrive in Rome a day or more prior to the reunion, or stay a day or more after the reunion or cruise, arrival and departure times are at your discretion.

If you plan to use frequent flyer miles, we also recommend you book those reservations now. Frequent flyer seats are increasingly hard to come by, and the procrastinator never wins.

Once you make your airline reservations, please email your flight schedule to Ben.

HOTELS:

If you plan to arrive Rome a day or more early, which we recommend, especially for first-time visitors, you may want to consider staying at one of the following hotels. We can make these reservations for you, or you may do so on your own. Please contact us for details and pricing.

1. [Hilton Rome Airport](#) (in the airport area)
2. [Courtyard Marriott](#) (near the airport in the town of Fiumicino)
3. [Hotel Alimandi Vaticano](#) (near the Vatican)
4. [Residenza Cellini](#) (central Rome)
5. [Hotel Bargo del Mare](#) (in the town of Civitavecchia, near the cruise port)

If you want to arrive a day early just to get over the jet lag, relax, and sleep in, we recommend hotels 1 or 2. If you want to do some touring in Rome on your own for a day or two, stay at 3 or 4 or anywhere else you prefer. And if you want a nice inexpensive place to stay after the reunion or cruise but before your flight departs, use 2 or 5.

NOTE: Anyone staying in Rome or elsewhere prior to the reunion is responsible for getting their own transportation to the airport on the morning of Oct. 8 in time to meet our tour bus. The actual bus pickup times and location will be provided later in September after we get everyone's flight schedules.

PASSPORTS:

Now is the time to check those passports. They MUST be valid for at least six months after the completion of your travel. Pre-trip visas are not required for our reunion or for the optional cruise.

SECOND PAYMENT:

Your second payment for the reunion (\$600 per person) was due by **January 15**. Checks (CHECKS ONLY) must be made payable to Ben or Lynn Catalina and mailed to:

Ben Catalina
8510 Aesop Lane
Universal City, TX 78148

The Euro adjusted balance will be due June 15. We will provide that balance amount to each attendee by email in late May.

CRUISE INFO:

Cabins on the post reunion cruise of the Med & Holy Land are still available. Another available option you may want to consider is a 16-night transatlantic cruise from Rome that departs on Oct. 26 and arrives in Galveston, TX on Nov. 11.

QUESTIONS? HELP?

Reunion Info? Flights? Rome hotel? Trip Insurance? Let us hear from you! We'll be happy to help in any way.

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Amalfi Coast & Southern Italy Reunion Summary

Tours by Roberto, Roberto Bechi's company that we have used for the past three Italy reunions, has prepared a wonderful itinerary that I am sure we will all enjoy. And since Roberto's assistant, Anna, is from that southern region of Italy, she has helped tailor it to perfection. Having worked with us in the past, and getting to know us, they have developed some unique touches in the itinerary that only Roberto and Anna can do.

The dates are October 8 to 15, 2011. A 7-night itinerary, concentrating on the Amalfi Coast area to include four nights in Sorrento, two in Matera, and one in Lucera. The full itinerary details are listed on our [ARA Website](#). NOTE that we've had a hotel update. In Sorrento, we are now staying at the [Hotel Corrallo Sorrento](#), a nicer ocean front hotel with no change in price.

Key payment due date reminder:

Jan. 15, 2011: \$600 per person interim payment (\$800 single) ARE YOU LATE???

June 15, 2011: Balance of per person total

NOTES: (1.) **The balance due on June 15 will be computed using the euro exchange rate on that date and will be based on the total per person rate.** (2.) The deposit was refundable until December 31, 2010. (3.) Any cancellation at any time after December 31 is non-refundable unless we are able to substitute another member(s) to take your place. All payments **MUST** be by check.

Where to send payments:

Make checks payable to Ben or Lynn Catalina, and mail to:
 Ben Catalina
 8510 Aesop Lane
 Universal City, TX 78148

NOTE: *The wait list currently has four couples' names on it. If there are reunion cancellations, those on the wait list will be notified. If any deposited members on the waitlist do not move up by travel date, their payments will be refunded.*

Questions? Email or call Ben or Lynn at
888-522-7447 or 210-658-8388
 or bcatalina@satx.rr.com.



Aviano Reunion 2011 Attendees

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| Ben & Lynn Catalina | Jeff & Erin Catalina |
| Jay & Jane Maust | Betty Farmer & Al Richardson |
| Bill & Emily Povey | Dave & Maryellen Scherer |
| Bill & Gloria Walker | Sally Eaves & Guest |
| Mike Hansen & Linda Kazarian | Pete Ross & Bea Jernigan |
| Joe & Franca Rutter | Jean & Heinz Kunz |
| George & Nancy Beckwith | Dan Hayes & Guest |
| Jaime & Belinda Vazquez | Tom & Cheryl McIlroy |
| Bill & Dee Davis | Brent Ives & Karen Szkarlat |
| George & Diane Hefner | Carol Davis & Tom Elpers |
| Jim & Jill Dohr | Zane & Margaret Hoit |
| Al & Lou Currie | Tom & Carolyn Scannell |
| Rodger & Betty Gracey | Glenn & Martha Heckman |
| Tom & Elaine Horton | Paul & Cheryl Glaza |
| Gene, Jean, & Gay Ives | William & Barbara Lloyd |
| Faye & Victoria Ives | Lou & Astrid Ondrusek |
| George Hughes & Josie Webb | Ursula Dominguez & Connie Brown |
| Doris Burnett & Guest | Mark Rutter & Christina Murray |
| Joanne Harrit & Neva Cole | <i>Members on the waitlist include</i> |
| Nick & Margaret Leone | Topper & Carole Long, Jim & Imo |
| Phil & Hilda Howerton | Willis, Jonathan Scannell, and John |
| Lew Erhart & Taylor Bailey | & Renee Javorek. |

Cruise the Mediterranean

The reunion fun need not end in Italy, as Ben and Lynn will host a follow-on cruise roundtrip from Rome to the Holy Land and Egypt. We currently have over 80 people deposited for this wonderful 11-night itinerary.

We'll board the Norwegian Cruise Line Jade in Civitavecchia (Rome's port city) on October 15, returning on Oct. 26. We will visit the ports of Alanya, Turkey; the island of Cyprus; Haifa and Ashdod, Israel; Port Said and Alexandria, Egypt. Day trips as well as overnight trips will be offered at the ports, providing opportunities to visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, the pyramids, and other biblical historical sites. Some of the shore excursions are now available on www.ncl.com.

Because our group rates are so much lower than the current price, our unsold group space is subject to recall by the cruise line soon. If you want to join us on this cruise, please contact Ben or Lynn now.

NCL Jade, Oct 15-26, 2011

Day	Date	Port
Sat	10/15	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Sun	10/16	At Sea
Mon	10/17	At Sea
Tue	10/18	Alanya, Turkey
Wed	10/19	Limassol, Cyprus
Thu	10/20	Haifa, Israel
Fri	10/21	Ashdod, Israel
Sat	10/22	Port Said, Egypt
Sun	10/23	Alexandria, Egypt
Mon	10/24	At Sea
Tue	10/25	At Sea
Wed	10/26	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Nashville Reunion 2010



Bert & Maurine Prudhomme



Lash & Norma Lasher



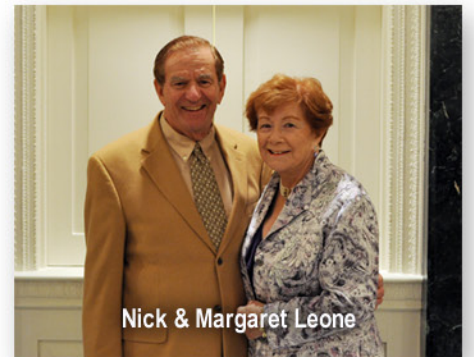
Dana & Dean Willsey



Taylor Bailey & Lew Erhart



Lynn & Ben Catalina



Nick & Margaret Leone



Mike Hansen & Linda Kazarian



Bill & Dee Davis



Nelda & Jim Hall



Josie Webb & George Hughes



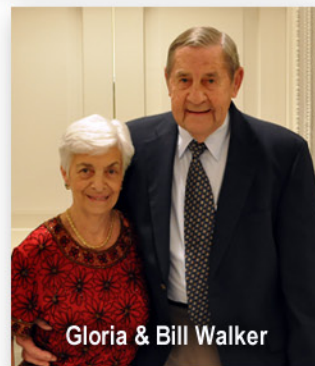
Jane & Jay Maust



Emily & Bill Povey



Jaime & Belinda Vazquez



Gloria & Bill Walker



Daria Christenson



Betty & Rodger Gracey



Sally Eaves



Elaine & Tom Horton



Ray & Marilyn Walbridge



Al & Lou Currie



Franca & Joe Rutter



James & Sandy Black



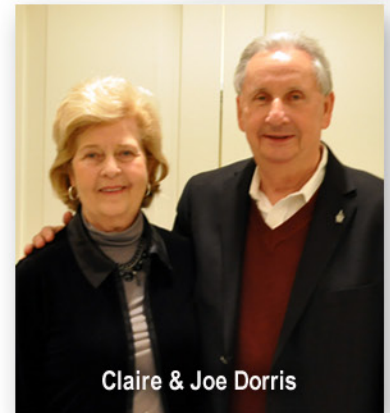
Doris Burnett



Neva Cole & Joanne Harnit



Hilda & Phil Howerton



Claire & Joe Dorris



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