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Between the Lines

Welcome to the second issue of *Salute*, Bryant College's publication for its Loyal Guard. Since our last issue, America has plunged into a time of great introspection that has inspired us to see our communities and our own lives with fresh eyes. We have become even more thankful for the long-term relationships that have enriched our lives.

The members of the Loyal Guard have prevailed through many highs and lows in the 20th century. You have met the best and the worst head-on during some of the most turbulent years of our history. And throughout all this, you have maintained a very special connection with Bryant that has helped this institution move forward and develop new generations of leaders in business, the nonprofit sector, and government.

It's no coincidence that we've called this publication *Salute*.

The members of the Loyal Guard are the heart of *Salute*, and we hope your involvement in the publication will continue to grow. Response to the first issue was so overwhelming that we've added a new "Letters" section. This issue's "On the Front Lines" feature is based on a letter we received from Bill Charboneau '50, whose wartime recollections are preserved in a video archive founded by Steven Spielberg.

Send us your news, photographs, and ideas for articles so that we can ensure that each issue is something you will look forward to receiving. I can be reached by e-mail at alumni@bryant.edu, by mail at Office of Alumni Relations, and by phone at 401-232-6040.

I look forward to hearing from you – and to seeing you on campus this fall for the induction of the Class of 1952 into the Loyal Guard. The ceremony is set for September 28, 2002 ... see you there!

Best regards,

Judy Mastronardi

Director of Alumni Relations

REFERENCE MATERIAL
DO NOT REMOVE

Meet the Loyal Guard CLASS OF 1951

A harp and flute provided an elegant ambience last October 20, as President Ronald K. Machtley welcomed the 50th reunion of the Class of 1951 back to Bryant for a special brunch celebrating the induction of 18 members of the class into the Loyal Guard. Special guests included retired faculty member John Renza '43, Alumni Association President Richard Carriere '82, '87MST, and General Reunion Chair Burton "Buzz" Waltman '76.



Loyal Guard Attendees:

Anna Fitzpatrick Barry
 Frances Almonte Beals
 Patterson Macdonald Benero
 Joan Greywacz Carrington
 Phyllis Zammiello Cicchelli
 Gennaro Companatico
 Milton Cummings
 Edward Gaito
 Russell Gasking

John Halpin
 Wilfrid Hebert
 Milton Lewis
 Durwood Lindsay
 John Moynihan
 David Shaker
 Gail Smith Walker
 Donald Walsh
 William White

CLASS NOTES

1931

Ann (Sargood) Donegan of Gardner, MA, has five grandchildren, all college educated. Three sons are engineers. One grandson graduated from Cornell and received a five-year scholarship at Dartmouth College in research.

1933

Ethel (Singer) Altschuler of Mount Vernon, NY, is 87 years old. Ethel attended her 50th reunion and hopes to come back again.

1934

Antonette (Montecalvo) Mahon of Northport, NY, is a widow. Antonette has four children who live in different parts of the country but visit her quite often. She has six grandchildren. To keep busy, she is involved with church activities and other organizations.

1938

Mary (Wilson) Gibbs of St. Albans, WV, has a great grandson, Ryan Scott Harless, born January 15, 2001.

1939

Hilda (Veroff) Rosenthal of West Hartford, CT, has been a homemaker for more than 50 years. Her husband is a retired partner (CPA) of Blum Shapiro in West Hartford. Their oldest of three sons is the managing partner at Blum Shapiro. Their second son is a CPA in New York City and the third son is a restaurateur with five restaurants in the Hartford area.

1941

Eva (Gelineau) Theroux of West Warwick, RI, will be 80 years old in November and is a retired dental hygienist. Eva and her husband raised seven children and have seven grandchildren – one of whom died tragically at age 11.

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FOND MEMORIES ...

Dear Ms. Mastronardi,

Thank you for sending me Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Loyal Guard Salute*. How I did enjoy it. I'm sorry that I could not attend the Class of 1950's induction, but because of distance, old age (75), and health reasons (I lost my left leg last July 11th) it was impossible for me and my wife, Nancy, to attend. I'm glad you listed the attendees. I remember some of them quite well. Especially, I remember Jane (Carmody) Crooks, Harold Patch, Joe Sasso, and Al Herman.

William F. Charboneau '50

BACK TO THE WORKFORCE ...

Dear Mrs. O'Connell,

I so enjoyed reading the article in the Bryant *Salute* about you and your sister. I was in the Class of '57 and was fortunate to have both of you in the secretarial program.

My years at Bryant prepared me very well for what life held for me. I was an at-home mom for many, many years, but when my husband died in 1981, I was forced back into the work market. It was at that time that I was grateful for all the training I received at Bryant.

Although I have visited Bryant's Smithfield campus many times, I still love the facility on the East Side. It was, after all, where I met my husband.

Please give my fondest regards to Mrs. McLaughlin and good wishes to both of you in your retirement. You and Mrs. Mac were an inspiration to all of us girls and you should know that you'll not be soon forgotten.

Eileen Salvadore Lancia '57

AN ELEPHANT'S EYE VIEW OF SOUTHEAST ASIA ...

Henry Gaudet '58 and Edwin Taylor '59 and their wives recently returned from a trip to Southeast Asia visiting Cambodia and Thailand. Cambodia offered Angkor Wat—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest temple in the world and other temples Angkor Thom, the Bayon, and Baphoun, Terrace of the Leper King and Terrace of the Elephants. Thailand was more sophisticated and offered temples such as the Grand Palace and various Buddha temples. The highlight of the trip was the half day at an elephant camp where we fed the elephants, watched them perform work tasks, watched them bathe, and took an hour trip through the jungle atop an elephant. This was truly an adventure for us that we shall always remember.

... AND AN EYE FOR DETAIL

Just a short note to say hello.

I frequently wear the president's hat. He gave it to me at the Bryant Club of Boston meeting this spring, as he felt I was the oldest one in the room. Oh well.

As a hobby, every month for the past 10 years I proofread an eight-page nursing paper for a friend, and proofreading volume one, number one for the fun of it I found none. Well, maybe you should have indented the very first word, "Welcome."

At any rate, keep up the good work.

Irwin L. Sydney '58

A CAREER IN EDUCATION

Dear Judy,

I enjoyed reading your first *Loyal Guard Salute*. It doesn't seem possible that 61 years have vanished since my graduation in August 1940 in Advanced Secretarial Work. My main teacher was Dean Blanche Stickney. I was her "office secretary" for two weeks. I also vividly remember that a pen was the required tool for dictation. No pen, no class. Getting a left-hand pen in those days was not easy.

Mrs. Messner was my typing teacher. Lord! Do I remember that time. Fifty typewriters and speed tests. I was so frightened I was unable to function as I should. My first effort was 30 words, 33 errors. I made it, thanks to her.

I had a free period for Mr. Russell's class in penmanship. All my hard work for eight years in grammar school really paid off!

I was an executive secretary for 12 years and I was married for 47 years. My husband was a local pharmacist. I have three wonderful children, Paul Conrad, born in 1950, Guy Raymond in 1953, and Janine Elaine, born in 1954. I stayed home with my children until my last child was in second grade. In 1961, I was recruited by our local priest to fill in teaching to replace a nun who needed an immediate operation. I taught school for 31 years.

While teaching, I was matriculating at UMass Dartmouth, then SMTI. After night classes and summer classes, I received my B.A. in Arts and Humanities in 1974.

Although I was in education, Bryant's name opened many doors for me. Also, I could take all my notes in shorthand!

Yvette Pruneau Desmarais '40

The HOTLINE

Rhode Island and BRYANT ALUMNI on the web

TUSCANY, BRYANT-STYLE!

Lush countryside. Striking architecture. Exquisite cuisine. If these sensory treats appeal to you, consider joining fellow Bryant alumni on a special trip to Tuscany this fall!

Travel is never more fun than it is when experienced with friends. With that in mind, Bryant has put together an alumni vacation package to one of the most charming regions of Italy.

Amid rolling hills, magnificent vineyards, and olive groves, the Tuscan village of Cortona will welcome you. The tiny village of Montepulciano, in the heart of Chiana Country, will open its quaint cafes. And medieval Perugia, an ancient Etruscan city-state, will show you its many treasures. In the walled city of



Assisi, you will visit St. Francis Basilica.

Bryant has teamed with Alumni Holidays International to offer this exciting package. Organized tours will ensure that you won't miss a thing, and enough free time will be included to let you make the trip uniquely your own. Round trip travel, accommodations, three meals a day, and excursions are included at \$2,295 per person.

AMICA INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO BRYANT ALUMNI

You've probably already received a letter in the mail describing our new Personal Lines Insurance Program. We've selected Amica to underwrite a full line of personal insurance products for Bryant alumni. If you haven't looked into it yet, you may want to do so. With one easy phone call, you could be on your way to getting a better deal on car, home, liability, or life insurance. Call (800) 242-6422 for a free rate quote. Or visit the Web site at www.amica.com.

This new benefit to Bryant alumni is part of the Alumni Association's strategic plan to expand alumni services.

CLASS OF 1956



PHI SIGMA NU top row (left to right): Clyde Wade, Marty DeSomma, Charles Leventis, Joe Rose, Bill O'Neil, Joe Trepani, Bill McQuinn bottom row: Tony Sacco, Bob Talbot, Fred Valiante, Dante Ursini, Don Alvin



(left to right) President Ronald K. Machtley, Marty DeSomma, Bill McQuinn, Tony Sacco, Bob Talbot, Fred Valiante

On the *Front Lines*

with William Charboneau '50

Bryant alumni have many distinctions, but it's probably safe to say that William Charboneau '50 is the only one who has a framed letter from Steven Spielberg on his wall.

By the time he enrolled at Bryant in the fall of 1946, Bill was a decorated World War II veteran. In 1945, as a rifleman with the 355th Infantry Regiment, 89th Infantry Division, he helped to liberate a concentration camp.

"From that day on we knew what we were fighting for," he remembers. "I was 19 years old at the time, but I became a man that day."

Years later, he recorded his personal impressions of the experience for the video archives of Survivors of the Shoah, established by Steven Spielberg in 1994 after filming "Schindler's List." The Shoah Foundation was founded to tape and preserve the testimony of Holocaust survivors and witnesses; it has collected more than 50,000 eyewitness testimonies in 57 countries and 32 languages.

Fate stepped in to bring Bill's story to the attention of the Foundation through a friend of a colleague of Bill's son, Anthony (yes, it is confusing). In December 1998, she sent a film crew to Bill's home in Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston. About a month later, a tape of the interview arrived—along with a letter of thanks from Spielberg.

"The Shoah Foundation had done many thousands of interviews with survivors and wanted



At home in Pasadena, Texas, Bill Charboneau '50 prepares to record his memories of the Holocaust for the archives of Survivors of the Shoah.

to tape interviews with liberators," Bill says. "I feel quite honored to have been included in this group.

"I get very angry with neo-Nazis and their ilk, who say that the Holocaust never happened."

During the war, Bill received 10 awards, not the least of which were the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. After an honorable discharge in 1946, he enrolled at Bryant and earned a degree in Business Education in 1950.

His career took him from Rhode Island to Houston, Texas, where he retired from Brown & Root, Inc. as chief accountant in 1985. He took another job with Houston Natural Gas – now Enron Corporation – and ultimately retired from there in 1990.

Bill and his wife Nancy have lived in Pasadena, Texas for six years.



BRYANT WELCOMES 1863 SOCIETY TO ANNUAL BRUNCH

On Saturday, April 27, 2002, Bryant welcomed some of its biggest fans back to campus for the third annual 1863 Society brunch. Hosted in the Heritage Dining Room in the Bryant Center, the annual brunch offers a great setting for renewing acquaintances, meeting new friends, and catching up on college news. Most importantly, it represents the college's best opportunity to express its gratitude to those who make possible all that we do.

The 1863 Society – named for the year that Bryant was founded – was established in 1999 to recognize individuals who have remembered the college through a bequest or life income plan. Members of this select group are listed in Bryant's Annual Report on Philanthropy and are invited to special VIP events on campus throughout the year. Most importantly, they are building an enduring legacy by helping to assure Bryant's financial stability into the future.



Class of 1942 enjoyed their 25th reunion in 1967

Save *the* Date

for the 2002
Loyal Guard
Brunch and

induction ceremony for the Class of
1952 on Saturday, September 28,
2002 at 9:30 a.m. The event will be
held in the Heritage Dining Room,
located in the Bryant Center.

IN MEMORIAM

Alice (Hines) McLaughlin, 83, passed away on February 16, 2002. Mrs. McLaughlin taught secretarial studies at Bryant for 38 years, as did her sister, Dorothy (Hines) O'Connell, with whom she lived. The sisters, who retired from Bryant on the same day — July 31, 1983 — were profiled in the last issue of the *Salute*. A 35-year resident of Warwick, RI, Alice had wintered in Boca Raton, Fla, for the past 16 years. Alice was the wife of the late James J. McLaughlin.

Class Notes continued

1944

Shirley (Fine) Szabo of Fayetteville, NC, enjoyed the 50th reunion. Shirley has two daughters and a grandson who graduated from Duke University and another from the National School of Math and Science.

1950

Stanley and Harriet (Mark) Weintraub of Albany, NY, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 8, 2001. They marked the date by repeating their wedding vows after a family Passover seder in their Albany home. Harriet wore her original wedding gown and was attended by two granddaughters. Stan and Harriet have three sons and four grandchildren. They met in 1948 while they were both students at Bryant.

1951

James A. Ward of North Falmouth, MA, remarried six years ago to Anna and was fortunate to gain three daughters and two grandchildren. Jim is the Northeast Regional Director of the United States Submarine Veterans of WWII.

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