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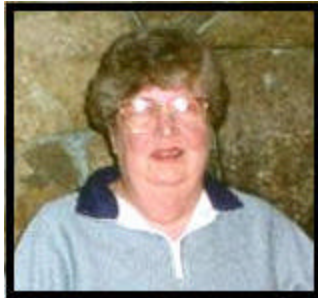
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Welcome to [brentonian.org](http://brentonian.org) - home of Brentonians on the Net! Here's what's new for the month of **May 2001**:



Sad news... Ms. Lani Mortenson, a former faculty here at Brent in the 60's died last April 7, 2001 at the Olathe Hospital. She was 61 yrs. old. Lani spent three years in the Philippines teaching at Brent School. More information is available in the [Guest Book](#).

Lani attended the [Asilomar 60s Reunion](#) where I met her (the photo on the left was taken at this reunion in November 1998). She was instrumental in organizing other 60s reunions and the 60s Alumni Fund. We will miss you Lani.

### MAY'S DC BRENT EVENT NEW

The votes have been cast and counted for May's DC Brent Event in honor of Gerry Geronimo's visit to DC. It will be dinner, Monday, May 28th at 7PM. I've chosen Medaterra at 2614 Connecticut Ave, NW. It is a Lebanese/French/Spanish/Egyptian restaurant with mezze and tapas as well as Middle Eastern entrees. In other words, something for everyone! The desserts sound intriguing, especially the rice pudding w/ mango!

Here is a [review](#) of the restaurant from the Washington Post.

Some origami friends of mine from New York and Japan will also be visiting DC that weekend and will join us for dinner.

Tentative Attendees: Gerry Geronimo, Norman Mau, Terry Rhodes Lewis & Geoff (return from Italy on the 24th), Roy McDonald, Roy Sewall, Cindy Shaw, Marcia Mau & Frank Moy, and Jan Polish + 3.

I'll call in a reservation on Friday, the 25th and give them a final count on Sunday, the 27th.

Susan Fertig-Dykes has photos of the Back to Brent Dinner in Baguio in March and I have photos of a brunch in San Francisco in March. Susan has a copy of the alumni directory which she'd like you to help update.

See you on the 28th!

- Marcia Mau

### KEEPSAKE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Betty Halsema Foley's "KEEPSAKE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY" has been published by her son Douglas. It is a 240 page illustrated paperback covering her life from birth in Manila in 1914 to liberation in 1945. Six chapters deal with her experiences in World War II. Copies are available from Paper & Ink., Inc., 9015 E. Via Linda #108, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, tel. 480-860-9449, e-mail [copyfastprinting@earthlink.net](mailto:copyfastprinting@earthlink.net) for \$20 postpaid in USA, \$30 overseas.

Betty was one of the first three girls admitted to the school, a member of Brent's class of 1931 and taught math at the school 1937-38.

Bob McKay, class of 1942, is frequently mentioned in his sister Mary McKay Maynard's "MY FARAWAY HOME," which will be published in May by the Lyons Press, Guilford, CT. When the Japanese invaded the Philippines, Mary and her parents were in Surigao (Mindanao Mother Lode mine). They did not meet until 1945, after the McKays had been evacuated by submarine to Australia and Bob was liberated at Old Bilibid.

Thanks to Jim Halsema '36 for this information.

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### BRENTONIANS AT THE MASTERS

Casey Pearson '65 submitted the photo on the right (click on the thumbnail to enlarge) of himself, his wife Barb, Greg Schuchmann '67, and Greg's wife Linda.

Can you guess where this picture was taken?

Thanks Casey.

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### SF BAY AREA DINNERS



Class of '71 and '72 members recently met for dinner at the [Buckhorn Steak & Roadhouse](#) (Winters, California) and [The Dead Fish Crab House and Prime Rib](#) (Crockett, California) to organize a 30 year reunion for the Class of '71.

In attendance at the Buckhorn were Gerry Geronimo '71, Craig Hunter '71, Jennifer Robinson '72, Shirley (Thibodeaux) Price '71, and her husband Karl Price.

In attendance at The Dead Fish were Gerry Geronimo '71, his wife Tammy, Craig Hunter '71, and Jennifer Robinson '72.

The Class of '71 Thirty Years Reunion will be held in



Southern California probably in July. Southern California has been selected because the majority of the Class of '71 are located here: Faith (Barros) Escobar, Charlie Batongmalaque, Fern Villaluna, and Damon Woods. Other Brentonians are also welcomed to join the Class of '71 for this reunion. Stay tuned here for more details about this upcoming reunion.

Click [here](#) or on the thumbnails to view more photos from these dinners.

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## BACK TO BRENT DINNER

**Faith (Barros) Escobar '71** submitted the following article covering this dinner held last March:

It started with a dinner on a Thursday nite. The guest of honor was Ralph Graves, a graduate of the 20's and former Time-Life Editor. He gave an inspirational speech over the dinner mentioning much of what we experienced (specially the boarders) - the woodpile, demerits, the girls dorm, sneaking out into the woods, and ringing of the bell during meals at the dining hall.

We were presented in batches by decades. The 50's and 60's were represented by a few who lived in baguio (the Easter school scholars) and who came over - Susan Fertig, anyone remember her? When it came to the "terrible" 70's as we were referred to by emcee Mike Pearson (a faculty member), there were 3 of us - me and the two Benitez, Phil and Marlo (who were acknowledged for the dinner catering services of Mario's)-sikat pa rin (still well-known!) There were a lot of younger ones in the 90's.

The next day was chapel (reminisces of where I got married 21 years ago) and a picnic lunch on neutral before the unveiling of the statue of Bishop Brent - a few meters from our donated plaque (it's still there!) on a circular waiting shed. So as you enter the Brent gate, the 9 foot bronze statue greets you! The Ambassador of Canada and the US Consulate Officer were guests of honor. Before the actual unveiling, the rain started to pour so we, spectators, and the statue were wet! The afternoon was a basketball game - nothing compared to when Fern and Lance played! Sad to say all the alumni boards in the gym went down during the earthquake.

There were also former faculty members - Mrs. Ruff was there though hard of hearing and the librarian, Mrs. Albarracin who was there during our Senior year (and was also our librarian at Brent Manila for 10 years before retiring).

Attendance was not that good because it was during working days and although the publicity was good - Brent had a 2 whole page feature in the national paper, it was not enough to draw alumni back. In charge of the alumni is a certain Agnes Barros who happens to be a long lost 2nd cousin of mine (remember my Dad died when I turned 18 and really did not get to know all his relatives) and who knows nothing of our history as she is just newly hired.

**Fil Benitez '71** also submitted the following (via an email to Joe Assad '71):

We had a great Brent Alumni dinner at the Dining Room sans Boarder food. Mario's catered to the 75 persons who attended. Everyone and everyones cousins were looking for you (Joe

Assad '71) and Louie (Quisumbing '71). Ursula said invites were returned. For some reason, I couldn't find your office and res. tel. no.


Guest of honor was Ralph Graves, former Editor-in-Chief of Time-Life. He was in the Class of 1941. His stepfather was the American High Commissioner in the Philippines and was the stepson of Pres. Woodrow Wilson of the U.S. The family escaped the Japanese invasion with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Quezon family through Corrigidor. This dude is eastcoast Brahmin, WASP and really a good speaker. Well of course, Time magazine honcho. His brother was President of the National Geographic under Gilbert Grosvenor (grandson of founder of Nat. Geo. Alexander Graham Bell....ring a bell?).














Tomorrow is the unveiling of the ninefoot statue of Bishop Brent on neutral. It was nice listening to the stories of a Brentonian boarder. You would have related Joe. Told Marsh Thompson how nice to hear of simpler days in Brent and Baguio. Seems not much has changed in six decades. Even the tunnel under Ogilby was already discovered and was the unofficial smoking room, albeit not allowed and of the tobacco variety.

I finally leaked our big secret: Senora Palacios santa banana Spanish flag buried under the altar of the Chapel. Ursula's eyes almost popped out. Good thing Mr. Pecua and Mr. Wilcox were not around.

Of course, Faith Barros was there. So was Bridgette Rulitte '69; Rod Feliciano, Mike Pearson, Marlo Benitez, Mrs. Ruff, and many more.

### New and Updated Entries This Month

(If you see  after your name, please [email me](#) your correct email address.)

Name	Class	Location Today
<a href="#">Abejo, James</a>  <b>NEW</b>	(attended '79-'81)	Los Angeles, California
<a href="#">Assad, Joe</a>  <b>UPDATED</b>	'71	Manila, Philippines
<a href="#">(Burrill) Swisher, Angelika Elizabeth</a>  <b>NEW</b>	'68	Pemberville, Ohio
<a href="#">Colvin, Leanne</a>  <b>NEW</b>	(attended '73-'75)	Richmond Hill, Canada
<a href="#">Conde-Prieto, Dinggot</a>  <b>NEW</b>	'83	Puerto Princesa, Philippines
<a href="#">(David) Nepomuceno, Sharon</a>  <b>UPDATED</b>	'79 (attended '75-'78)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
<a href="#">(del Rosario) Diaz, Jayne</a>  <b>NEW</b>	'88	Virginia Beach, Virginia
<a href="#">Devine, Opal</a>  <b>NEW</b>	(attended '85-'88)	Pattaya Beach, Thailand
<a href="#">(Devine) Jones, Sherry</a>  <b>NEW</b>	'87 (attended '84-'87)	San Diego, California
<a href="#">Domingo, Jeremy Benjamin</a>  <b>NEW</b>	(attended '86-'87)	Quezon City, Philippines
<a href="#">Engstrom, Mike</a>  <b>UPDATED</b>	'59	Reno, Nevada
<a href="#">(Francone) Gerlach, Christyne</a>  <b>NEW</b>	(attended '66-'67)	Corpus Christi, Texas
<a href="#">Go, Oliver</a>  <b>NEW</b>	'95	Santa Clara, California

<a href="#">Gotianuy, Yvette Candice</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'90	Cebu, Philippines
<a href="#">Irvine, Bill</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'71	Willowbrook, Illinois
<a href="#">Irwin, Louise</a> ✉ NEW	(attended '86-'90)	London, UK
<a href="#">(Johnson) Gil, Jennifer</a> 🌐 NEW	(attended '81-'84)	San Mateo, California
<a href="#">Koszykowski, Karla</a> ✉ NEW	(attended '87-'88)	Lebanon, Illinois
<a href="#">Laburada, Martin</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'86	Manila, Philippines
<a href="#">Lawless, Robert</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	Teacher ('63-'65)	Wichita, Kansas
<a href="#">(LeCroy) Cukrowski, Karen</a> ✉ NEW	'80 (attended '70-'80)	Abilene, Texas
<a href="#">McKay, Robert M.</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'41 (attended '37-'41)	Cameron Park, California
<a href="#">Pablo, Kathlyn Kaye</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	(attended '99-'00)	Pasig City, Philippines
<a href="#">Pate, Alan</a> ✉ NEW	'70 (attended '64-'69)	Raleigh, North Carolina
<a href="#">Penner, Keith</a> ✉ NEW	'85 (attended '74-'76)	Damascus, Maryland
<a href="#">Quezon, Manuel L. III</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'89 (attended '87-'89)	Quezon City, Philippines
<a href="#">Santos, Emmanuel R.</a> 🌐 <del>UPDATED</del>	(attended '87-'93)	Angeles, Philippines
<a href="#">Villaluna, Lench C.</a> ✉ <del>UPDATED</del>	'76	Manila, Philippines
<a href="#">Young, Richard</a> ✉ NEW	(attended '64-'68)	Charleston, South Carolina

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