



Bay High School

Class of 1962

September 2011

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Reunion update,

Would like to take a moment and send a heartfelt *thank you* to all the classmates that have been so generous with donations for the reunion. Your donations have enabled us to make deposits as needed. We plan on making the 50th Reunion Weekend a VERY SPECIAL event. We are trying to keep prices reasonable for all events....as we want this to be “an affair to remember” but also affordable for everyone.

So the official countdown has begun....and on September 15 we will start counting down the days on the website (with a counter) until we all get together again.



GeezeCats sang the National Anthem at a recent Indians Game.



Save the Date ~ September 14-16, 2012



4000 Mile Circle of Friendship Tour by David Batley

Heather and I arrived in Bay, following a visit in early August to our daughter's home in Iowa. We spent three days there, and fortunately, the weather was a wonderful relief from our hot Georgia summer. We had dinner and beers with Al and Lynne Nelson, visited all the old haunts, including Batley's Beach, ate fresh Lake perch, watched the great sunsets and had ice cream at Huntington, and just enjoyed ourselves.

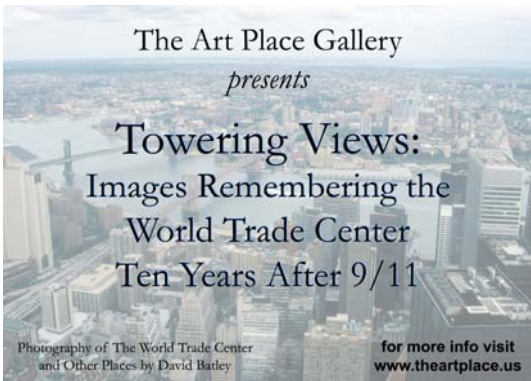


Following our visit to Cleveland, we spent several days in New Hampshire and then travelled a little further southeast to the coast of Maine. I had called Chic Kennedy and he had invited us to stay at his place in Ocean Park. Chic spends part of his summer there. A great place, right on the beach. We had fun there and Chic gave us the deluxe tour of the surrounding area.



We had a weekend stopover in New York City, so I could get photos I needed to complete an exhibit project connected with the 10th anniversary of 9/11. We left New York City, and headed south to Wilmington, Delaware, where we were invited to stay with Gayle Gosewisch Franta and her husband, Dick. We had a great visit there at their beautiful home. Gayle and Dick fixed us a wonderful home cooked meal that was a nice break from our eating out during the trip.

We finally arrived home on August 23, tired, but happy and thankful for our wonderful trip, where we were able to connect with old friends and classmates. I noticed my trip odometer was about to turn to 4000 miles. I'm sure it would have been even more miles had I followed the instructions of "Alice," my GPS, who throughout the trip, insisted on sending us in crazy directions and scolded me by telling me, "when safe, make a U-turn." We followed our instincts and did just fine.



A Few Words About Upcoming Photography Exhibit.

Ten years ago, in August of 2001, and just a few weeks before the events of 9/11, Heather and I were in New York City, where I was attending an arts conference as part of work with a regional arts agency. I was on an arts tour of Lower Manhattan, and the tour concluded at an arts studio on the 92nd floor of the North Tower, World Trade Center. I shot a number of photos of the surrounding Manhattan area through the windows of the studio that day. Following the events of 9/11, I had always wanted to do something with the photos. Last year, I was invited to exhibit them at a local arts center in Atlanta coinciding with this year's 10th anniversary of 9/11. I had planned to go back to New York this year and get photos of the Ground Zero site and the rebuilding progress. We visited the site while in New York this August as part of our trip. The photos will complete the exhibit, titled "Towering Views: Images Remembering the World Trade Center Ten Years After 9/11," scheduled to open September 8 and runs through September 30. I hope to put the images on my website following the exhibit.



We would like to acknowledge the following classmates for their generous donations to the 50th Reunion.

- Lynne Dee O'Neal Barth
- Dave & Heather(Hall) Batley
- Mary Hinzman Blair
- Sandy Chrystal
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Adventure in Serengeti NP, Tanzania, East Africa

By George Gehrke



George in Serengeti

Last year, Pam & I journeyed 12,000 miles in our 5th wheel RV for three months to Alaska and back from North Olmsted, Ohio. This year we were enticed by Pam's adventurer girlfriend Linda to join her on a photo safari to Tanzania along with her daughter Michelle and another girlfriend named Millie. Four girls and a guy sounded like a good deal to me so we were in.

In preparation for the trip I read numerous books about the Great White professional hunters in the early and mid 1900's including President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt's one year African hunting safari after his presidency. I wanted to know everything about the five most dangerous big game killers in Africa, the lion, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and rhinoceros. I later learned that nothing prepares you for a face to face encounter in the wild with any of these animals.

Our journey began at the Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania, East Africa after flying almost 24 hours from the U.S. to Amsterdam, Netherlands to Kilimanjaro. We arrived at night and baggage, camera packs etc. were all loaded onto an old bus that would take us to

Arusha, to meet up with our assigned safari guides and the other 11 adventurers joining us. I am beginning to believe that women are more adventurous than men as our group consisted of 11 women and 4 men.

We traveled the next ten days in close-sided 5 to 7 seat Land Cruisers with open hatch roofs for us to stand up and take photographs while observing the magnificent animals and birds. Morning and late afternoon game drives were taken in Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and the sensational Serengeti National Park.



Female elephant & baby

The game drivers have astounding eye sight and are keenly aware of each animal's distinct behavioral patterns that presented us with tremendous photo opportunities. On one occasion in the Serengeti we were alerted to an injured Thompson Gazelle still alive with a broken leg surrounded by vultures just waiting for it to die. We continued ahead on the dirt road for about a half mile when the driver noticed a lone hyena far in the distance looking in the direction from where we came. The driver told us the hyena is not strong

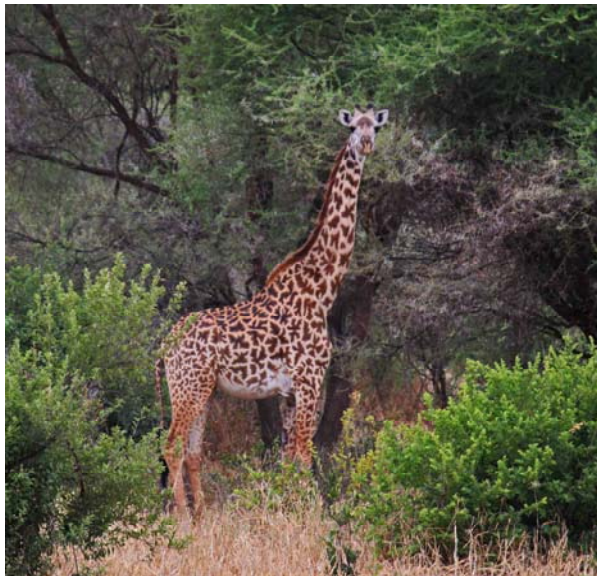


Hunting Hyena

enough to kill strong animals his size and knows that the sight of vultures means food is near. We backed up to the gazelle and waited for about a half hour with binoculars trained on the hyena cautiously closing in to the prey. The hyena frequently stopped, sniffed the air and was constantly aware that their main predator, the lion could be lurking in the tall grass waiting for him! Soon the hyena saw and heard the wounded gazelle and without hesitation it sprinted the last 50 yards and pounced on it before flipping it in the air and then began to quickly eat before any other animal could claim his hard earned prize. The vultures closed in confident the hyena would leave some scraps. We were all stunned how fast the hyena charged and used his vicious teeth and powerful jaws to kill the helpless gazelle. Suddenly, our anticipation of being close to witnessing a lion kill a zebra or wildebeest as seen numerous times on TV ended right there. It was too scary actually being there and a hyena is small compared to a lion.

We experienced numerous wild adventures during our tented safari in the Serengeti including a sleepless night hearing a lion growling

close by while on the hunt. I constantly worried if lions like smelly socks. On another night a huge Cape buffalo decided to munch the grass next to our tent and occasionally snort to keep us awake and alert all night like we were the ones on guard duty! We also had a very large unwanted African bull elephant pull a tree down beside our tent and then loudly trumpet while several people posed and excitedly took flash photos. What were we thinking? Fortunately, there was no Jackass movie material.



Giraffe in Serengeti

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Our most vivid and lasting memory of the Serengeti Safari is without hesitation driving in the midst of a million zebras and wildebeests on their annual migration from the Serengeti in Tanzania through the Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya. It was spectacular to see thousands of animals grazing, running, drinking, but always moving in one direction. The noise sounded like billions of angry bees.

Our 14 day safari ended too soon and we no longer need to dream of someday going to Africa. Thanks for the memories, Africa! We will return.



Serengeti Safari Tent

P.S. George will also answer any emails if anyone is interested in going to Tanzania or would just like to comment on the article. Send him an email at

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Checking in.....Diane DeGarmo Cody

In July, we enjoyed our DeGarmo family reunion in Cleveland, took time to see the sights, Lolly the Trolley, and my old houses, Jim and my favorite haunts and business locations. It was really fun.

Some of my family (Jack Melody '62 and Kathy Melody '66 and Don Hollingsworth '61) are part of the DeGarmo family and Bay alumni too. There were 30+ people there. I know my parents would have been so roud seeing us all together.

We added another grandchild to the family this June. Collin Cody now makes three boys and one girl. Our son Jason and his wife Eliza still live only four minutes from our house, while we still lobby for our daughter Jennifer, he husband Rob and daughter Ashlyn to move closer. We still fit in at least 5-6 visits to Florida a year to share in her growing up. Hard to believe she starts kindergarten this year.

Everyone is still healthy and busy. We are very blessed.

September Birthdays

- 2 Doug Larson
- Joe Ridill
- 6 Rick Geissenhainer
- 10 Barb Nichols
- Bonnie Gillingham
- 12 Kathy Brant
- 17 Tom Pecoraro Thomas
- 18 Donna Patterson
- Kay Walzer
- 27 Judy Emling
- 28 Cheryl Steck
- 29 Carol Hill
- 30 Jim Bogner

