



# JFKS Alumni Association

## Newsletter

no. 2, 2002

### Fun Day Edition

The Alumni Association is organized to promote and support the general welfare of the John-F.-Kennedy-School and to offer a forum through which alumni can stay informed of school-wide and alumni issues.

## Dear Alumni!

**Welcome to the second edition of the JFKS Alumni Newsletter for 2002! In this edition we want to report on some of the Alumni events that occurred since our last edition. We'd also like to inform you about some upcoming JFK-school events between now and December. In addition, we have included a report about Faculty Alumni and will spotlight some people who have and continue to make JFK extra special. We hope that you will enjoy reading our articles and will pass the information on to your fellow Alumni.**

\*If you and your class have interesting events to report on, please share them with the entire Alumni Community.  
Mail to: [Classnotesalumni@jfks.net](mailto:Classnotesalumni@jfks.net)

---

### „Class Notes“

## Looking back at the 20th reunion of the Class of `82

The Class of `82 held its 20<sup>th</sup> reunion last June. On Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, class members, spouses and former students of other classes met at the restaurant *Theodor* at the Theodor-Heuss-Platz in Charlottenburg. Although we were left with a relatively high bill from people who didn't pay their drinks at the end of the evening, the gathering was a success. A group of about 15 went on to party at a disco; this was probably responsible for the lack of energy on Saturday with some of us! Approximately one hundred people attended the events throughout the week-end. We were and are very grateful that the school's administration allowed us to meet at the school. A special thanks goes to Herr Schürmann and Herr Schaffer who not only accompanied us throughout the day and evening on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, but also for their welcoming words. Rumors have it that Herr Schaffer was seen dancing to the popular Eagle's song *Hotel California*.

The program included a film which was made back in the 80's, a volleyball game, a performance of the JFK Barbershop Quartet, and a very good catering service. Herr Schürmann also gave us a tour of the school. The evening ended with a "class dance", reviving the music of our former school dances. All in all we had a very special reunion. Again, we owe many thanks to the school for letting us celebrate on well-known grounds. I personally would like to also thank all of those who organized the event (thanks for letting me be the DJ). A special thanks to all of those who made long trips to be there. Responses concerning the reunion show that we will probably meet in five years! More information concerning the reunion – including pictures taken on the two days – can be found in the internet: [jfks82.com](http://jfks82.com) !!

John-C. Hagen (Class of `82)

## **Alumni Picnic**

The poor weather forecast caused many Alumni to stay away from Schönower Park on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, although those who did come had a good time playing, talking, eating, and actually managed to stay dry! Classes `82, `83, `85, and `90 were represented and all those there felt it was fun to have an annual Alumni Event for the whole family. We will set a new date for another picnic in the Spring.

## **Snowbirds (Zugvögel)**

The idea took root in June, 1996 when Bärbel Sotscheck and Gudrun Adam retired. Many retirees expressed their wish to keep in contact with JFK. In 2000, Bärbel took steps to organize a “former” teacher, principal, secretary gathering and the first meeting took place on January 30, 2001 at the “Block House”, SBhf. Zehlendorf. The turn-out was highly above any expectations. The second meeting at the Block House on October 2, 2001 was smaller, but the enthusiasm continued.

George Kamp suggested the name “Snowbirds” (Zugvögel). Retirees in the United States who flee the wintry northern states to enjoy the Florida sun are referred to as Snowbirds... a reference to fleeing the snow (?) or the snowy – colored hair? Our group has a name and, thanks to Ann Goedicke, each member is presented with a wee snowbird figurine which she discovered in the south of Germany.

A Christmas coffee was held at Ann Goedicke’s home in December 2002, a regular meeting took place at the Block House in February, 2002 and Inge Muirhead has invited the Snowbirds to her home in Vogelsang in June and September 2002. We are “flying” high. We meet again on Nov. 19, at the Block House.

Ann Goedicke has compiled a list of members and she, Bärbel Sotscheck, or Jean Hagen would be happy to hear from any interested persons who would like to attend our functions. Jean Hagen (Snowbird since July 2002)

## **Alumni Stammtisch**

Several “get-togethers” have drawn Alumni to the Mystery Island Cafe every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month. Classes from the 70s, 80s, 90s, as well as 2000 were represented. Some evenings were well attended, others found just a few of us there. Memories were shared and former teachers were discussed at length. So far, the only teachers to attend were George Kamp and Teddy Pfeiffer – Nieguth. The cafe provides a very casual atmosphere and we hope to see more of you at the upcoming Thursday evening get-togethers. Spread the word!

## **CLASS NOTES**

*This space is reserved for your future articles ,news, and short messages.  
Please mail these to: [classnotesalumni@jfks.net](mailto:classnotesalumni@jfks.net)*

## JFKS AND ALUMNI Calendar of Events (Sept. 2002-Dec.2002)

September 2 (Monday)	Labor Day – School holiday
<b>*September 9 (Monday)</b>	<b>Alumni Association Organizational Meeting 19:00 GR116</b>
<b>*September 19 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Alumni Stammtisch/Get-Together 20:00 Leibnizstr. 17</b>
<b>*September 27 (Friday)</b>	<b>Alumni Association Reception 18:00 JFKS-AULA</b>
<b>*September 28 (Saturday)</b>	<b>JFKS 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Fun Day 11:00-17:00</b>
October 3 - October 20 October 21(Monday)	JFKS Fall Vacation School resumes
<b>*November 4(Monday)</b>	<b>Alumni Association Organizational Meeting 19:00 GR116</b>
November 14-16 <b>November 19(Tuesday)</b>	ISTA Performance, small Aula 19:30 <b>Snowbirds meet at Block House Steakhouse 18:00 S-BHF Zehlendorf</b>
<b>*November 21(Thursday)</b>	<b>Alumni Stammtisch/Get-Together 20:00 Leibnizstr.17</b>
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 12 (Thursday) December 17 (Tuesday) December 21(Saturday) <b>*December 28(Saturday)</b>	Elementary School Winter Concert-Aula 19:00 High School Winter Concert – Aula 19:30 Christmas vacation begins <b>Irish Harp Alumni Get-Together 21:00 Giesebrechtstraße/Ecke Sybelstraße</b>

*Note: All alumni events have been noted with an \*. All dates could be subject to change. For additional information about JFK-events, please get on-line at [www.jfks.net](http://www.jfks.net) or look out for the upcoming newsletter.*

*The Alumni Stammtisch will take place on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every second month.*

### **Editorial Info:**

The editorial staff: Birgit Begehr, class of '85, Elisabeth Hoedt (former Hagen), class of '83, and John-Christoph Hagen, class of '82. We want to express our sincerest thanks to Marla MacKay, class of '86, who has again generously offered to print the paper free-of-charge for us. The newsletter can be read on the jfks web page [www.jfks.net](http://www.jfks.net). To obtain a printed copy, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: John-F.-Kennedy-School c/o Alumni Association Teltower Damm 87-93, 14167 Berlin. The idea of the newsletter is to inform alumni of upcoming events, goings on in school and to provide a forum for your own information. The section „Class Notes“ is meant to grow with your help in the future. We will provide a „mailbox“ ([classnotesalumni@jfks.net](mailto:classnotesalumni@jfks.net)) for you to send in your information. We do, however, maintain the right to edit your letters. We will not print rude or racist statements of any kind.

***A Big Request: We´re still working on compiling an alumni address list and need YOUR help!! Please inform us of who keeps your class´s address list up-to-date or mail your class list to Hauke Dämpfling, class of 2000, who will compile the lists for us. His address is: [Hauke@zero-g.net](mailto:Hauke@zero-g.net). He will keep all data secure and confidential - addresses will be released only with permission. Thank you!!***