

# THE SHIPMATE

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## Fish Fry

On October 11th the Cahoons hosted the annual fish fry at their home. This was well attended and we had plenty of food. Mickey and Margaret Ann Riggs surprised us by coming. They were in the area visiting their son. Roy had just had surgery a couple of days before but he insisted on frying the fish. After all, he caught them! Frank Johnson cooked the very best hush puppies. If you have not attended one of our fish fries, you need to mark your calendar and plan to attend next year. Thank you Lanier, Roy, Frank and everyone else who made this so much fun, and especially their daughter Kathleen who was on kitchen detail.

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On October 18th Classmates met at the Cradock Middle School to present a beautiful plaque with an etching of our school (the one we all attended), to the principal, Dr. Sanderlin, and a check in the amount of \$500 to be used for either for uniforms or library books. She was so appreciative and promised it would be put to good use. I really wish you all could have seen this beautiful plaque. You would be so proud! There were about 15 present. We then went down to the "Square" to see who and what was there and watched the parade. It wasn't the most beautiful day but it's always fun to get together.

Have you check the Cradock web site recently? It's worth checking - you will need plenty of time to read all the information there. Someone is doing a bang-up job keeping it up-to-date. That's [www.cradock.org](http://www.cradock.org). Thank you webmaster.

Can you believe our Shipmate is even posted!

## Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon will be at the home of Juanita and Woody Wood on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. Their address is 1420 Bridgeport Trail, Suffolk, VA 23432. Directions are as follows: Route 17 across Godwin Bridge, at the stoplight turn left on Crittenden Rd. Go to end and turn left on King's Highway. At the second street turn left. Their home is the third house on the left.

If you are coming from Route 58, take the bypass to Route 10, come off ramp like going to Smithfield to Route 125, turn right on King's Highway at the old country store and the 7-11. Go to Bridge Point Road, turn left third house on left. In case you get lost, please call Juanita or Woody for directions. Their telephone number is 757-255-2456.

This will be covered dish. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

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Greetings Alumni:

Happy Holidays to one and all. It is hard to believe this is the year 2008. It seems like just yesterday (1990) some of us sat down to plan for the 40th reunion. Now we will be planning our 60th reunion in 2010! It hardly seems possible because I know I am not 20 years older. I quit aging at about 39. Okay, I know I look older than 39 but when I look at some of our classmates, i.e, Barbara



Weikert McKinney, Shirley Lyon Hartung, Donnie Wimberley, Billy Brennan, Barbara Ferebee, Tommy Kincaid and Mae Rogerson Thompson, and I could go on but why depress myself any further! Hey! Here is a challenge for each of you. Look through some of your old photos and find one or two you would like to share with us. I found the one below and because it brings back to mind a favorite time of mine, I decided to share this one. This was my Senior Sunday School Class in the early 90's at Cradock Baptist Church. Joyce Overton Jonak's mother, Mrs. Overton, Bob Melvin's mother, Ronnie Ward's mother, and some of you may remember little Mrs. Outten. I don't think you would know the other ladies. They were quite a group to teach. They knew more about the bible than I could ever hope to know, but seemed to enjoy my teaching style. We did have a lot of fun and they kept me on my toes. I did far more studying for our lessons than they knew. Oh well, enough reminiscing on that subject. Do take my challenge and dig through your old photos and find a good one to share. Write a story to go with it or a memory or two. This way we can all enjoy memories from the past and, after all, that's what keeps us all so young. I pray you all do have a Happy Holiday and a blessed Christmas. Irma DeLauri



**World Travelers** Barbara Ferebee Johnson and Ann Berryhill Stafford report on their recent European trip.

Ann and Barbara's Old World Prague and the Blue Danube River Boat Cruise with stops in Budapest, Hungary, Bratislava, Solvalia, Vienna, Melk, Linz and Salzberg Austria and Prague, Czech Republic.

We had a fabulous trip down the Blue Danube River starting with scenic sailing to see Budapest by night. (The river really is not blue.) The chain Bridge is spectacular lit up at night. The next day we opted to see Budapest and pick up some trinkets. BIG MISTAKE!

First, Budapest is divided with Buda on one side of the Danube and Pest on the other side. The sides are linked by the Chain Bridge. We were with the group on the Pest side and were to meet the bus at a specified time to return to the ship. The group split up to do whatever, and Ann and I somehow arrived at the pick up spot only to discover we had missed the bus. Oh jolly fun, two bimbos without the Hungarian \$\$ to hire a cab; so Ann said not to worry, we'd just find the river, and follow it back to the ship! Here we encountered another problem...we couldn't find the river. Now, it's hard to loose a river, but somehow we managed to do just that. At this point, we're just wondering aimlessly on the Pest side with not the slightest idea of what to do next, when what to our wondering eyes did appear, but our tour director!

When he realized we were not on the bus to return to the ship he opted to stay and try to find us. I guess we sort of stood out from the locals since he didn't seem to have too much trouble finding us. Bless this fine gentleman who had \$\$ to hire a cab and get



us back to the ship. I believe all 136 passengers had heard of our adventure by dinner.

After sailing all night, we arrived in Bratislava, Solvika. That morning we enjoyed an Apple Strudel demo on board the ship and that afternoon we ventured into Bratislava for a walking tour. No problems getting back to ship.

Sailed away and arrived in Vienna, Austria on Sunday. Enjoyed leisure time in the city and returned without incident. On Monday we again ventured into the city and returned to the ship. Sailed the next day via the Wachua Valley with its landscape of sculptured hills and medieval towns built along the river. Then to Melk, Austria where we had just enough time to shop for a few souvenirs; then sailed to Linz, Austria. We opted for a side trip to Salzburg. Salzburg has quaint little shops with wrought iron icons describing what awaits you inside. Oh yes, Mickey D was granted the right hang their icon. It's a gold leaf "M" inside a black wrought bracket. Salzburg is where much of The Sound of Music was filmed. It's also the birthplace of Mozart.

Back on board we enjoyed the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

The next morning we disembarked and headed by bus to Prague, Czech Republic. Along the way we stopped in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. What a beautiful quaint little town with many scenic views! We then divided up into groups of 8-10 to have lunch with a Czech hostess or host. Wonderful food! Then to our hotel in Prague. The next morning we toured Prague and we were all given a ticket to return to

the hotel via subway in a group with specified meeting place to head to the subway. Well at the meeting place I spied a little gift shop right next door. Thinking I had plenty of time, I slipped away without telling anyone, and went shopping one more time. Even peeked out before paying for my purchases and the gang was still out there, so I went to pay for my trinkets and when I went back outside, I was all alone in Prague! Well, I knew they couldn't be very far ahead walking to the subway, so I took off running. There were two choices, either turn right or left...I went right. Never did see the group. So now I'm lost in Prague without my buddy, Ann, but I had my trinkets and a subway ticket! I remembered that the tour guide had said we would take the "green Line" to get back to the hotel. Well, after running on cobblestone streets for what seemed like eternity, I finally saw a green arrow pointing into the bowls of Prague. I managed, with some sign language to ask a young girl if I was on the right track for the "Green Line" and she nodded yes. I finally got back to the hotel, even before the rest of the group. I've never been so grateful to see a place in my life.

The next day, feeling very cocky and sure of myself, and somewhat of an expert on the subway system in Prague, Ann and I ventured on our own to a lovely shopping center several subway stops away. We had a great time shopping, and a wonderful lunch. Then headed back to the hotel only we took the "Green Line" going in the wrong direction! We had to ride it to the end of the line, get off and get another one going in the right direction.

So ended our adventures and misadventures on our Blue Danube Cruise. The next day we headed back to Tidewater. Barbara Johnson

The next Shipmate will be coming out in February with a calendar of events for 2009. We would love to hear from all of you with any news and don't forget to send pictures. My e-mail address is maerthompson@verizon.net and my address is 4200 Summerset Dr., Portsmouth, VA 23703, or just call me at 757-483-6902.

Many of our classmates are having health problems so please remember them in your prayers.

Phyllis Sykes is having back surgery 11/24.

LaRue Norris Newsome is having a hip replacement next week. Also, remember her husband, Zeke.

Polly Pope Slepín lost her son recently. He had been sick for a long time.

May Philpott's daughter, Sharon, has been seriously ill for some time and has been in the hospital for the past several weeks.

Irma DeLauri's son, Pat, was to have surgery on his eye 11/20, but because of other health concerns, it has been postponed for now.

Roy Cahoon is recovering from recent surgery.

I am sure there are many more that I should mention but, unless you let me know, I can't put it in the newsletter.

I stopped by to see Barbara Bisese yesterday for a short visit. She said to tell everyone "hello" and that she misses coming to our events. If you would like to send her a card/note her address is 4775 Bridge Rd., Suffolk, VA 23435.

## In Memory



Carolyn "Kitty" Avis Braithwaite  
Class of 1949



Donna Joyce Raley Lavin  
Class of 1950

*Best Wishes for a  
Happy Holiday Season and a  
Happy New Year*