

2009 Kansas City IVS Reunion Gathering

Alex, Gary Siamphone		Laos '68-'72	
Armbruster, Manfred		Vietnam '62-'64	
Aylesworth Jani, Linda Jani Subhash		Vietnam '67-'69	I left IVS after Tet Offensive, but stayed in VN for 18 months with CRS, mostly in KonTum. Afterwards, I got MS at Purdue where I met and married Subhash Jani. We've lived since 1972 in Macomb, IL, rearing 4 children. Now retired from teaching at Spoon River College, I've been on McDonough County Board since 2002.
Beery, Galen Doris		Wash. '59-'62 Laos '62-'67	1959-62 IVS/DC Recruiting Secretary. 1962-67 IVS/Laos Administration, 1967-72 USAID/Laos Community Development Advisor, refugee work. 1972 MA. 1975 Directed CWS Refugee Resettlement office, Arkansas. 1977-80 Directed Malaysia interviewing Vietnamese "Boat People" refugees: sent 50,000 to US. Lao court interpreter. President local historical society. Wed in 1994. Retired: read, write local history, travel.
Benson, Sally		Vietnam '67-'68	Worked with International Resource Center/Indochina Mobile Education Project, Asia Resource Center (all returned IVS volunteer founded), and Clergy and Laity Concerned (previously Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam) and also Campaign to Oppose Return of Khmer Rouge and Asia Pacific Center for Justice and Peace. Married Steve Nichols who was an active partner in all of this work.
Berliner, Richard		Vietnam '66-'68	Returned to VN with COR; back to DC with Dispatch News Service. McGovern campaign. Lobbyist in DC. Received MBA at Harvard; to DC, as Edward Kennedy's press secretary. Worked at Tufts University. Two children born. Moved to Birmingham as community organizer. Started Habitat for Humanity here.
Betts, William		Vietnam '63-'65	65-'69 PhD. MPH preventive medicine/public health. '67-8 Peace Corps Training Coordinator for PC placement in central Pacific islands. '69-'98 US Public Health Service Senior Officer Indian Health Service/Scientist Director USPHS. '70-'80 US Project Director Yugoslavia Health Research Study. '98-2009, PRO BONO national health consultant for Native American tribes nation-wide.
Biron, Rachel Gonzales		Vietnam (Nurse)	Missionary nurse in Saigon, Vietnam, 1960-1964. Cared for IVS sick with hepatitis and other illnesses. Retired in 1999. Active in Church and community health fair. Traveled many places -- Cairo, Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Greece. Celebrated this August our 50th nursing anniversary with Alaskan cruise and attended college alumni convention in Vancouver, Canada.
Borton, Ray Verena		Vietnam '58-'60	Drove home overland. Married Verena, Dutch girl who waited for me. Picked up a PhD and three children while working in Montana, New York City, Ethiopia, California, and the Philippines, finally settling in Davis. Still there, enjoying retirement, grandchildren and our vacation home at Sea Ranch.

Bunck, Renee & Bunck Steve		Laos '70-'73 '69-'73	<p>Celebrated 39th anniversary of our 1970 marriage in Vientiane, Laos. Have two children, daughter Tina with two Peace Corps tours in Africa behind her and now in graduate school in Leeds, England, and son Craig a graphic artist with wife and three children.</p> <p>Renee: 25 years of software support at Midland Lutheran College; 10 years teaching ESL and computer programming; passions - Nebraska and family history, bird photography.</p> <p>Steve: finished doctorate with one goal – understand quantum mechanics; chemistry professor for 23 years; now industrial project analyst and software architect; passions - classical and jazz guitar, photography. Recent travel – Honduras & Morocco. Both improving their Spanish for future travel.</p>
Cayer, Marc		Vietnam '67-'73 (P.O.W. '68-'73)	<p>Agronomist, active with IVS only a few months before my 5 years as POW in North Vietnam.</p> <p>Work 25 years for the Provincial Government in Quebec: information about crop, farm management and youth establishment on the farm. Have organised 30 agricultural tours for the farmers (2 days or more in Canada and USA). Back to Vietnam in 1988 with my wife. Make a trip every 2 years.</p>
Chilton, Mike Simone		Vietnam '60-'65	<p>SEAsia: Six years, USAID/DCI Thailand..Four years, SVN public/private sector. Pacific Northwest: Eight years, Agriculture Services Corp. Salem/OR..Seventeen years, operated own company, produced/mktd specialty seed int'lly. Currently:Grant evaluator, Oregon Community Foundation, Portland, OR. Board Regents, National College Naturopathic Medicine, Portland, OR.Board Directors, Antique Powerland Museum Assoc., Salem/Brooks, OR. Board Directors/VP, Friends Willamette Valley Wildlife Refuges Complex, OR</p>
Compton, Lin & Compton, Carol		Laos '65-'67	
Eastman, Clyde		Vietnam '59-'61	<p>We live in Mesilla, NM. I retired, after 31.5 yrs at NMSU. I also lived and worked in Peru, Paraguay, The Gambia and Jordan. Wanda and I have 5 daughters, 3 plus one son-in-law were PCV's. Our first grandchild (a boy) was born 5/30/09.</p>
Ems, Kristin Lehman		Laos '66-'69	
Falasca, Bob		Vietnam '58-'60	<p>After Viet Nam with IVS ('58-'60), three IVSers and myself drove a VW minibus to Europe to get home—23 countries, 27,000 miles, and seven months. Drafted into US Army – three schools, internal guidance repairman, Nike Hercules Missals. Then Penn. State Grad School – Plant Breeding. Then 33 years in Washington, D.C. with Armenian Seed Trade Association as lobbyist and meeting planner. Now retired 10 years in D.C. Two tours to Hungary, one back to VN. Enjoy TV: Gardening, Travel, History, Discovery, National Geographic and Animals.</p>

Fox, Kim Hoa Tom Fox		Vietnam '66-'68	Yale graduate school, Southeast Asian studies; Vietnam stringer, New York Times, Time magazine; reporter, Detroit Free Press; editor, Washington Star; editor and publisher, National Catholic Reporter. Organized trips to Vietnam. Three grown children; three grandchildren, one on the way. Sorry I can't be with you.
Fuller, Don		Vietnam '63-'65	Two years in Truk, Mariana Islands as ESL Teacher (1965-67), taught in Monterey, CA and then back to Viet-Nam - 9 months (1968). Elementary teacher (15 years); Principal (17 years) in Sacramento. Travels: France, England, Brazil, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Prague, Mexico, Canada, Japan, China, Bahamas, Viet-Nam (2001, 2007, 2009). Children: Christine (w/3 grand boys) and Son. M.A.1973 and Ed.D 1980.
Gates, Geoffrey Deborah Rasmussen		Vietnam '70-'71	
Gilbert, Marc Friend/Historian	NEH Endowed Chair in World History College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Friend/ Historian	As a student of rural development programs in Asia and Africa since the 1970s, I have always felt a kinship with IVS volunteers and was most happy when post-war Vietnamese greeted me with the phrase "Have you been here before?", not meaning "Were you a soldier in the American War?" but ""Were you in IVS?." Why?" Because "You look like an Eveessa." After years of collecting interviews with IVSers, I am now working in Cambodia to improve their education system. I am now a TAB (Teachers Across Borders) guy.
Hesse, Richard		Laos '68-'70	Richard Hess Laos 1968-1970. Traveled and married (Charlene), MA instructor, director of and evaluator of training and employment programs for a county and state of Michigan, widowed, retired, docent MSE art Museum, attend Lao reunions.
Hintze, Roger		Vietnam '66-'68	
Hunting, Jill (Sister of Pete Hunting)	www.booktour.com/author/jill_h unting hunting@vom.com	Friend of IVS (Vietnam)	Before writing Finding Pete, I was a magazine and book editor, and wrote about food and wine. I'm working with the U.S. Institute of Peace to create a sculpture that honors civilian war casualties, called the Book of Remembrance, for the Institute's new headquarters, currently under construction in Washington, D.C.
Keirstead, Richard		Vietnam '59-'61	Service with USAID in Vietnam & Thailand included wooing & wedding Joan & birth of Steven & James. Settled near Joan's hometown 1968. Pursued multiple careers, retired & now gather & garden, volunteer for charity, witness for peace & watch grandchildren grow.

Kelly, Jim		Vietnam '59-'64	Attended graduate school at the University of Iowa. One year in Taiwan with Church World Service. PhD in Geography from the University of Kansas. Professor at University of Hawaii at Hilo since 1975. Recently retired. Still live in Hilo. Enjoy taking pictures. Divorced. Two children.
Jerry Kliewer, VN		Vietnam '66-'69	
Koegel, Richard Elfrieda		Vietnam '57-'59	Update: wife: Elfrieda; 3 children, 4 grandchildren. 2002-present: retired; build houses with Habitat for Humanity; produce fruits, vegetables, firewood; Play with brass ensembles. 1967-2002: U. of Wisc.: PhD, Professor, Researcher (also USDA-ARS). 963-67: Director, Young Farmers Training Center, Niger .Public. 1961-62: MS Utah State U, 1959-61: Vietnam, USAID contractor.
Krotz, Dan (Friend)		Friend	
Kumar, Lala		Botswana '79-'81	Born and educated in India. Aug. 79-Aug. 81- IVS Volunteer in Botswana. Before IVS, worked as UN Volunteer in Lesotho. After IVS worked for the Government Botswana, Commonwealth Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization of UN and USAID in 11 countries in 4 continents. Immigrated to USA in 1999. For last 10 years have work for the University of Missouri Extension as a Horticulture Specialist based in Kansas City. Wife is a teacher in an elementary school. Son works in Washington DC area; daughter married and working in New York.
Lanier, Verle		Vietnam '59-'61 Wash. '61-'62	Retired with 36 years government service -- USAID/VN; USDA's International Agricultural Development Service, Foreign Agricultural Service (tours in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Egypt, Philippines, Netherlands), Farm Service Agency; and the Peace Corps. Enjoy golf, hiking, and square dancing with my wife Tonie.
La Rue, Everett & Hanne		Laos '61-'63	
Laverentz, Larry	Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program Contractor, ACF Office of Refugee Resettlement	Vietnam '61-'63	Seventeen years in the domestic Refugee Resettlement Program and currently administers the Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program in DHHS in Washington D.C. His wife Melody lives in California, son Eric is a Presbyterian minister in Overland Park, Ks. and daughter Marni works in Washington D.C. on maternal child health programs for Africa.

Lewin, Howard	Custom Wood Design [REDACTED] www.customwooddesign.com customwood@earthlink.net	Laos '63-'65	Married Gerry in Vientiane, Laos June 21st 1974, Children: Katherine Gabrielle 8/75, Timothy Kipp, 1/77 and Penelope Meg 3/1980. Established Custom Wood Design 1975. , Became a nationally known wood turner. @1985 Began teaching adult ed. in January of 1990, Published articles on Woodworking Patented on one of my inventions, Published "Sunsets, Bulldozers, and Elephants."
Luche, Tom & Winnie	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '57-'59 Wash. '72-'74 Bd., '96-'02	Published many articles on Woodworking. Issued a patent on one of my inventions. Published "Sunsets, Bulldozers, and Elephants: Twelve Years In Laos The Stories I Never Told." Began teaching on the side in January of 1990 and retired from that in June 2008.
Meyers, Willi & Dali	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '63-'65 Wash. '65-'66	Dali Jan72, Naila 31, Celina 29, MS in Ag Econ UP Los Banos, IRRRI fellowship, then PhD Ag Econ U of Minn, USDA DC 77-79, ISU Prof 79-03, WB DC 99, FAO Rome 99-02, MU prof 03-present, FAPRI 84-09, projects in Indonesia 84-92, Baltics 89-08, Hungary 92-96, Ukraine 97-99, 05.
Mohr, Francis & Tay	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '64-'66 & '67-'68	
Nichols, Steve	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '67-'68	IVS tour in Viet Nam cut short in 1968 by obligation to respond to draft notice. (Occupational & CO deferment requests denied.) Prosecuted for refusing induction; sentenced to 3-yrs probation, during which time I had a maintenance job at a student residence in Wash.,DC. Got law degree, worked with DC firm representing cities against utility companies. Later joined IVS Board; attended 25th Anniv of IVS-Bangladesh representing IVS-Washington. Currently working on behalf of non-profit organizations.
Numi, Carlie	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '63-'65 & '67-'68	Involvements: anti-war movement; Women's Liberation; communal living. I worked for AFSC (23yrs); divorced, raised two children, remarried, became a Quaker; lived in NYC, northern California, Philadelphia, Hanoi, Maryland/DC, now in a retirement community in rural PA. Travels: Europe, Israel-Palestine, Southeast Asia. Interests: international affairs, especially the Middle East; supporting communities I am a part of; and maintaining enduring friendships.
Parke (McDowell), Renate	[REDACTED]	Vietnam '63-'65	Since 1965, I've taught preschoolers through adults: English, ESL, Special Education, and now reading. I've lived in Kenya, Malaysia, England, Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont. I most care about: family (daughters Laura and Kimberly); friends; church and community service; chorus; book groups; NAMI; ushering (world cultural events); and fitness fun.
Pulcini, June Marvin May	[REDACTED]	Cambodia '63 Vietnam '64-'65 Laos '65-'70	I.V.S. tour ended Sept. 1965 - worked in Laos until 1970, moved to Hermosa Beach, CA with daughter, Andrea & Ron (divorced), married Marvin May (daughter, Melody), still live in HermosaBeach! Worked at Tite*Nites & now property management, my main involvement - education and international development....board member of IVS, ARC, EMW, CHEER, CAST, ADA, UUSC. Traveled to Laos '86, 2006, VN '91, '96, 2006 & 7, Cambodia '91, 2006 & 7, Ecuador & Peru '89, China '81 & Tibet 2000. Host and attend IVS reunions whenever possible!!!

Pulcini, Ron		Cambodia '63 Vietnam '64-'65 Laos '65-'70	
Schmidt, Don		Vietnam '60-'62	
Schreiber, Phil & Mai		Vietnam '61-'63	Phil Schreiber IVS/VN from July 1961 to June 1963. USAID/VN from June 1963 to January 1966. Married Mai April 1966. Worked in Washington until Sept 1967. USAID Laos until January 1974. Farmed in Oregon until 1993. Worked for seed company in McMinnville until 2006. Retired on the farm until present.
Shirk, Anne		Wash. '94-'99 Ex. Dir. '99-'03	
Small, Leslie Loan Anh		Vietnam '62-'64	Married in Saigon 1966. Ph.D. Cornell 1972. Ag Econ faculty member Rutgers University 33 years. Research on irrigation management and financing in Asia. Lived in Thailand, Philippines and Sri Lanka. Two delightful children. Sang in wonderful chamber choir many years. Retired 2007. Moved 2009 to Quaker-based retirement community.
Sommer, John		Vietnam '63-'67	Hooked by IVS into an international development and education career, subsequently served on Ted Kennedy staff in Vietnam, co-wrote Vietnam: The Unheard Voices; worked for Ford Foundation (mostly in India); Overseas Development Council, Peace Corps, and AID (Washington, DC); School for International Training (Vermont-based); Eisenhower Fellowships (in Philadelphia); etc.
Stevens, Charles & Judy		Vietnam '62-'64	
Stockton, Carl & Jill		Vietnam '63-'65	
Stoltzfus, Gene		Vietnam '63-'67	Five years ago I retired to northwest Ontario where I live with my wife Dorothy Friesen. Since departing Viet Nam 42 years ago my life has skirted the edges of peace and justice work until the 1980s when I was part of the group that founded Christian Peacemaker Teams which I directed until I retired. Now I do some speaking/travelling in North America and overseas, make twig furniture, do a blog and enjoy a cedar cabin on a lake.

Sutton, Paul		Vietnam '58-'60	
Swift, Sabina & Steven		Vietnam '66-'68 & '68-'70	Sabina Fajardo married Steven Swift in 1972, worked in the insect/arachnid collections of Bishop Museum for 25 years, moved to the University of Hawaii in 1999, raised two lovely children Leilani and Todd. Happy grandmother to Neva, 21/2 years old, looks forward to retirement, travel. Steve Swift here: Home from Viet Nam autumn '70, spoke out about the VN War, did three semesters of Mandarin at UMass, got married, settled in Hawaii for Asian Studies Program. Taught 22 years at Maryknoll High, then managed data at Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, retired, now doing as much volunteer work as I can. Aloha.
Walker, Phil & Cathy		Vietnam '63-'65	Cathy - Raised three children!, Participated in Vietnamese refugee resettlement, Taught ELD to Vietnamese, Hmong, Lao and Mien students in Fresno. Accompanist for two choirs, and Organist/Director at church. Retired, now teaching piano and enjoying grandchildren. Played organ at Votivkirche in Vienna in June for 200 voice choir. Phil - Completed Masters degree in Social Work, engaged in part time teaching at Calif. St., Univ. Fresno and Fresno Community College. Has maintained a private practice in family counseling while providing clinical supervision for post Masters candidates seeking professional licensing. Active member of Fresno Community Chorus. Semi-retired in Sierra foothills.
Westover, Phyllis Lowell Smithson		Vietnam '63-'65	Professor/administrator 22 years; MA & PhD; adult degree program consultant; humanities editor for literary magazine; wrote documentary films and published essays, fiction, reviews; served on Boards of nonprofit organizations; enjoy travel, skiing, swimming, hiking, theater and music with my best friend and husband, Lowell Smithson, and walks with greyhound, "Bella."
Wolf, Louis		Laos '64-'67	Peace and justice activist. Co-founder (1978) of investigative magazine CovertAction Quarterly/CovertAction Quarterly. Returning with Dolores my wife of 29 years from 3-week Laos- Vietnam vacation (2005), suffered sudden blood clot and gangrene; leg amputated. Became active in 9/11 truth movement (2006), work with Rock Creek Free Press newspaper. Dolores diagnosed with kidney cancer; survived twice as long as predicted but died in 2008.
Wolfe, Ray & Beth (Hansen)		Laos '69-'72	We went our separate ways after becoming friends while with IVS in Laos. Beth married, had 2 kids, divorced, and became a single mom working as a dietitian in Michigan. Ray was a bachelor working as a programmer in Oregon and doing volunteer activities. After 18 years with no contact, we reconnected as a result of an IVS reunion. We married, raised kids, and enjoy life together in Lowell, Michigan. Beth is working with kids who have diabetes. Ray's job was outsourced to India; he is a substitute teacher now. Beth (Hansen) and Ray Wolfe
Woodson, Larry		Laos '64-'71	11 years in Laos; 7 with IVS. Kansas Department of Agriculture for 29 years. Osage County Commissioner for 4 years. Have served in numerous clubs, boards, and service projects. Khao Lao Overbrook Newsletter Editor - 20+ years. Married for 31 years; two step sons, two grand daughters. Arizona Snowbirds.

Worthington, Linda

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Wright-Parsons, Ann

Vietnam 62-'64 (VN), '64-67 IVS Wash,DC), married '66, Honolulu 68-'70, PI ('70-72), Honolulu '72-'74, Ann Arbor
'62-'64 ('74-'75), Jakarta ('75-'82), Bangkok ('82-'87), Dhaka ('82 - '87), Jakarta ('87-'93), MA Anthropology 93,
Wash. AnthroDept., Am Mus Natural History ('94-2001), Director, Anthro Museum, Northern IL U (2002-present), 2
'64-'67 kids, 2 grndkds. son w. Barclays Global Investments, London, daughter @ Kaiser Permanente, Kona, HI.