



PNG/KLS/SPLC 2023 Reunion

February 1, 2023 Newsletter

GREETINGS WANTOKS

In this email you'll find:

- Information on the next Zoom Gathering - March 24th, 2023 at 7pm US CDT
- Information on the upcoming 2023 PNG reunion - some highlights plus reservations and fees
- Photos of past reunions

The Next Zoom Gathering

Date: Friday March 24th, 2023

Time: 7-9 pm US CDT

'Memories of PNG

Four MKs Tell Their Stories from the 1970s & '80s'

Have you ever wondered what life was like for our younger wantoks in PNG? This is your chance to hear and discuss their memories and stories.

Panelists:

Heidi (Schardt) Hollingsworth

Grace (Senff) Payne

David Radke

Jane (Sandager) Schubert

Mark your calendar and join us for an Interesting and fun Gathering!

Click on the link below to sign-up.

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Panelists



Heidi (Schardt) Hollingsworth

Left: Ron, Joy, and Else holding Heidi, taken in 1970 at Heidi's baptism

Right: Joel, Pippa, Saffie, Beren and Heidi taken in 2022

I was born in Lae and my parents (Ron and Else Schardt) lived in Boana at the time. I don't have memories of Boana, but I do have memories of the time we lived in Finschhafen and Lae. I left PNG when I was 17 and now live in North Carolina.



Grace (Senff) Payne

Left: Grace in first grade at Kainantu Primary A school around 1969.

Right: Grace in 2018

I was born in Abilene Texas on November 6, 1963. Our family moved to PNG as missionaries in June of 1964, when I was 7 months old. I have two older sisters, Tanya and Miriam. We were stationed at Raipinka and Kainantu. I attended KLS from 1973 to 1975 (4th-6th grade), then Ukarumpa High School until May of 1981. At the age of 17 I began college in the states at Texas Lutheran in the fall of 1981. My parents were then stationed at Ogelbeng. I have lived in Austin Texas since college and am married to Jay Payne. We have three grown children, Ryan, who lives in Dallas, Bailey in Portland and Matthew in Austin.



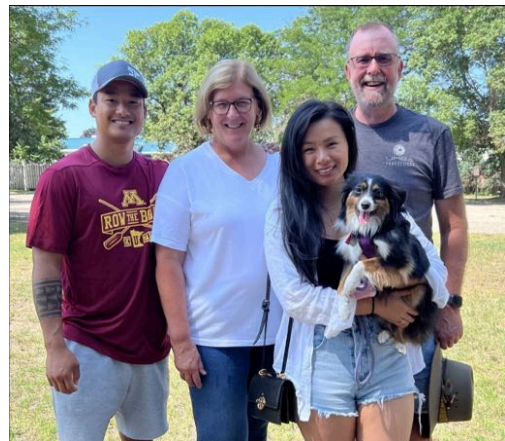
David Radke



Left: Grade 4, taken at Finschhafen Primary A School around 1971

Right: Current photo

I was born in Madang, the 5th child to Hermann & Myra Radke. As with many MK's, I was delivered by Dr Braun. At the time of my birth we were stationed in Asaroka, Eastern Highlands, moving to Finschhafen when I was 9 years old. Then our final station being KLS, which I attended as a Day Student for school years 6 & 7. I was almost 15 when my parents returned to Australia (September '75) and I think August 1975 school holidays was my final time in PNG. My parents both went to PNG in 1947, meeting each other in Finchhafen, marrying 4 years later in Madang. My childhood in PNG has had a deep impact on my life, mostly in a very positive way. I currently live in Brisbane, Qld, Australia, married to Naomi (Imbrock). We have 2 married daughters, one living here in Brisbane, and our youngest daughter lives in Adelaide, South Australia.



Jane (Sandager) Schubert

Left: Jane, John and Mark at St Peters in 1967

Right: Isaac, Jane, Clare and Daryl in 2022

I was born in the USA - South Dakota and grew up in Minnesota. My parents were volunteer missionaries at Kotna/Kitip in the Western Highlands. Dad was station manager and Mom a teacher at the Kitip 6th grade boys' school. I was 13 when my two older brothers John, Mark and I, we were left at St. Peters College. We were there a year. So left when I was 14. My younger brother went to an International school in Mt. Hagen, an hour from Kotna. I returned to PNG as a missionary working in the Head Office at Ampo. I met my husband - an Australian pastor there. We now live in Mitchell, South Dakota.

The PNG-KLS-SPLC Wantok Reunion

Thursday October 5 - Sunday October 8 2023

Where: Mount Olivet Conference Center in Farmington, MN, USA

Featured Speakers:

Ruth Van Reken - author and fellow MK. She will talk more about the effects of growing up in a third culture.

George Weiblen - University of Minnesota Professor of Plant and Microbial Biology, who visits PNG yearly for research that is centered on the interactions of flowering plants with insect pollinators and pests. He asked a question of our group in 2021: "How many of you have had malaria?" Many of us raised our hands.

Reservations: We will begin taking reservations May 1st, 2023. We will send a reservation form with full options in mid-April. Full payment will be due on August 1st, 2023.

Fees: Rates cover all program and facilities costs

For the Full Three-day Reunion Stay

Motel Rooms - single \$561.00 all meals

Motel Rooms - double \$419.00 all meals

Dorm Boarders - \$365.00 all meals

For Partial Stay

Dorm - 2 nights 6 meals \$245.00

Day Guest - 1 meal \$55.00

Day Guest - 2 meals \$72.00

Day Guest - 3 meals \$83.00

For those preferring to stay off-site, there is a motel option about 15 minutes away from Mount Olivet.

*On Saturday, we are planning a special remembrance service. The hour before the service will be music-filled. Do you have a musical talent to share with the group - whether it be singing or playing an instrument? We'd love to hear from you. Please respond through the email below.

If you have a question, suggestion or would like to volunteer at the reunion, please send an email to: PNGreunion2023@gmail.com

PAST PNG REUNION

Do you have a photo of a reunion that you would like to see in a future newsletter? Please send it to Cynthia (Mansur) Schoonover at gschoonover04@msn.com



First photo: 1976 KLS 25th Anniversary

Back left: Philip Holzknecht, Jonathan Frerichs, Else (Helbig) Schardt, Barbara (Mansur) Zadow, Kathy Zimmerman

Front left: Tom Brandt, Marcus Brandt, Matt Imbrock



Second photo: 2005 - Alexandria, Minnesota. Bruce Mansur, Mark Brandt, Fred Brandt, Bob Tuff and friend Carol.



First photo: 2017 Reunion at Mt Olivet Conference Center - Paula (Schulz) Mitchell and Evelyn (Fenske) Smietana



Second photo: 2014 Reunion at Mt Olivet Conference Center - Janet (Heist) Dale and Dan Heist

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Thank you.

The 2023 PNG Reunion Planning Committee

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