By Valerie Cook, President

Happy New Year!! 2008 will be an exciting year as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Project HOPE.

When Project HOPE was founded in 1958 by Dr. W.B. Walsh, he envisioned a world where people in underdeveloped nations would receive health education and improved health care by utilizing a floating hospital. Thus, the SS HOPE was born! The ship provided health care and spread HOPE to many countries over a 13 year period. After the ship was retired in 1974, Project HOPE expanded all its health education and humanitarian aid programs around the globe.

Today, Project HOPE provides medical care, education, and medical supplies to thousands of needy children and adults all over the world. It is through the generosity of private corporations and donations from the public, plus many volunteers, that Project HOPE has thrived for 50 years and will continue to thrive for many years to come.

The Project HOPE Alumni Association has planned a 50th Anniversary Reunion at the Marriott Key Bridge Hotel in Arlington, VA October 9-12, 2008. The hotel is conveniently located on the Potomac River overlooking Washington DC, 3 blocks from Metrorail, and just 4 miles from National Airport. The board plans to make this reunion a special celebration with hopes of bringing together alumni from across the US and overseas for 3 days of activities. It will be an opportunity to renew acquaintances, visit with old friends, and meet new alumni from recent humanitarian missions on Navy ships MERCY, COMFORT, and PELELIU.

Dr. Martin Lees and the regional directors took on a monumental task a few months ago to update the alumni directory! There were over 2800 names on the roster!! Many alumni have moved, are some deceased, and others are no longer interested in active status. We are trying to contact everyone on the list so the revised directory will be completed before reunion registration packets are mailed out in April. If you have not been contacted, please call or email Martin Lees or your regional director. It is our desire that every alumni who wants contact with the alumni association be listed in the directory.

I am looking forward to seeing many old friends from my early years on the SS HOPE in addition to the many new alumni I met while serving with HOPE on the USNS MERCY Tsunami Relief Mission in 2005. I feel honored to have been a volunteer with Project HOPE and take pride in watching Project HOPE continue to grow as a very productive, nonprofit healthcare organization.

Nearly 50 years after the SS HOPE first set sail, Project HOPE is now working full time in more than 30 countries around the world to provide sustainable, long-term improvements in health and deliver a range of humanitarian assistance where it is needed most. (2007 Year-End Global Update)

Dr. Walsh would be proud that his dream of providing Health Opportunities for People Everywhere is alive and well in 2008!
By Elizabeth Friend-Ennis
Project HOPE Campaign Coordinator

As Project HOPE enters our 50th year of bringing Health Opportunities to People Everywhere, events are planned around the globe to honor our history, highlight current programs, and look to the future role that we can play in achieving sustainable advances in health care.

By the time this Bulletin goes to print, Project HOPE staff will have already participated in several significant events in Southeast Asia. On January 25th, the President of Indonesia attended an event organized by the Aceh & Nias Bureau of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (BRR) in order to “thank the world” for reconstructive efforts in that country after the Indian Ocean Tsunami. Project HOPE was invited and acknowledged for our work in Banda Aceh and Nagan Raya.

In Thailand, Opening Ceremonies were held on February 18th for a Pediatric Critical Care Nursing Course sponsored by Project HOPE and Chiang Mai University. Some thirty nurses are expected to participate in the course, with commencement this coming June.

A series of embassy events are also in the planning stages, beginning with a dinner at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC on this spring. After 25 years of working in China, Project HOPE has recently been granted Foundation status by the Chinese government. In celebration of this achievement, as well as our 50th Anniversary as an organization, and the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Shanghai Children’s Medical Center, the Chinese Ambassador will host Dr. Howe and a small gathering of representatives from our corporate partners for an intimate reception and dinner. Receptions are in the planning stages for the embassies of Poland and India as well.

A delegation of US donors and corporate partners will be joining Dr. Howe and Dr. Charles Sanders, Chairman of HOPE’s Board of Directors, on a special trip to China this May. The visitors will attend commencement ceremonies at Wuhan University School of Nursing as well as an International Conference of Pediatric Hospital CEOs at Shanghai Children’s Medical Center. While in Shanghai, they’ll also attend the festivities related to SCMC’s 10th Anniversary, including the unveiling of a bust of Project HOPE founder, Dr. William Walsh.

Project HOPE UK has planned a “007 Casino Night” Dinner and Dance to be held April 24th aboard the HMS President, docked on the Thames between the Waterloo and Black Friars bridges. There will also be an evening of wine and canapés at the Broad Art Gallery in London on June 19th. The Gallery has generously offered to donate 35% of the evening’s sales to Project HOPE, as well as 15% of future sales. For the more athletically inclined, HOPE UK is trying to assemble a “Run for HOPE” team to participate in the annual British 10K London Run on July 6th. The year’s events will culminate in the Annual Fundraising Ball to be held at London’s Dorchester Hotel on November 27th.

Once the dust has settled from the Project HOPE Alumni Reunion & 50th Anniversary Celebration in October, all of our energy will be focused on November in New York City, where we have a weekend of events planned. On the 7th there will be a Welcome Reception and President’s Dinner; a more intimate gathering of major donors, corporate supporters, and other partners. The next day there will be tours and a luncheon at the United Nations, followed by a Gala Dinner Party to be held that evening at New York’s stunning Gotham Hall. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity both to acknowledge those who have done so much to foster our development and success, and to reach out to new partners and supporters as we embark upon an exciting future.
By Melanie Mullinax
Project HOPE Communications Specialist

For 50 years, Project HOPE has been fulfilling a promise of better health to people around the world, especially children. Our health education and humanitarian assistance programs span five continents and are operating in more than 35 countries.

We began our 50th anniversary celebration by telling 50 stories of “HOPE” in our 2007 Annual Report. But we know there are many more stories to tell. We invite our alumni to continue our celebration by sharing your own stories of HOPE on our online anniversary scrapbook.

Adding a story, memory, reflection or even an anniversary wish to our online scrapbook is easy. Just visit the home page of our Web site, at www.projecthope.org.

Already there is a story posted by a volunteer about scaring away ghosts in Jamaica, a story about revisiting a Project HOPE site 30 years after an SS HOPE mission, and a photo of nurses working on the first ICU Nurse Training in Cairo Egypt in 1978.

Your stories are important to us. Please share in our 50th celebration by adding your own “HOPE” memory, reflection or story to our online scrapbook. If you have any questions, just contact Melanie Mullinax, (540) 837-9557 or mmullinax@projecthope.org.

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By Eunice Childs, Sec/Tres

HOPE Alumni will gather to celebrate our 50th Anniversary from October 9-12, 2008. The reunion will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA, giving easy access to Washington, DC. Weekend events will include a tour and picnic lunch at HOPE headquarters in beautiful Millwood, VA on Friday, a reception at the Navy Memorial Foundation in DC on Saturday, in conjunction with their exhibit on the history of Naval Medicine, a silent auction, and more!

Registration forms will be mailed in April but we urge you to make your hotel reservations now, as a limited number of rooms are available at $154 per night, including tax. The Marriott’s number is 800-676-2959 or, locally, 703-524-6400. You must identify yourself as a HOPE Alumni to get the discounted rate.

To keep reunion costs as low as possible, we would like to seek sponsorships to underwrite some of the costs. If you know of anyone who would like to make a contribution to our reunion, please contact Elizabeth Ennis at eennis@projecthope.org and she will assist you. Donations are tax deductible.
By Esther Kooiman

At past reunions, we have had fun bidding against each other in the hopes of going home with a special treasure. Sometimes the treasure is of great monetary value, emotional value or just a trinket we couldn’t do without. We hope to make lots of money which will be used to help defray the costs of the reunion. The last one held in San Francisco made over $4,000. Let’s do better than that this time.

You can help make this the best yet, by helping find items for us to sell.
• Ask your artistic friends for a piece of their work…framed photographs, paintings, jewelry, weaving, quilt, etc.
• Maybe you’re an artist and would be willing to donate a piece of your work.
• Another idea is to look through your home and see what you think might be of value to others…that silver bracelet from Ceylon, a painting from Thailand or Peru.
• Are you an author who would like to donate a copy of your book?
• Try to solicit a weekend at a special hotel, spa, or vacation spot and send us a certificate to offer. The certificate should be good for at least one year from October 2008.

These are just a few suggestions. Please don’t wait until the last minute. Please do not bring any items to the hotel in October without first contacting Esther. Deadline is September 1, 2008.

Questions can be directed to Esther Kooiman, PO Box 725, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956. 415/663-1192. kooiman@svn.net.

Send the item(s) to the following:
Elizabeth Ennis
Project HOPE
255 Carter Hall Lane
Millwood, VA 22646

Please note “Auction” on the outside of the wrapper. Deadline is September 1, 2008.

Each item donated must be accompanied with a copy of the Donation Slip. You may photocopy it if needed. Please give complete information as we will use it after the Auction to send out the tax-deductible thank you letters.

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2008 Alumni Board Elections

The following pages include bios on HOPIES running for elected positions on the Alumni Board and also a SAMPLE ballot with instructions on how to cast your vote. Happy Voting!

Candidates for Alumni Board President

Robert Morrow, MD, MPH

Bob is a preventive medicine specialist, anthropologist, and second generation HOPIE. International service, family, and HOPE are the threads that run through his life.

Bob first saw the SS HOPE in Salaverry, Peru in 1961 with his parents Pete and Dorothy (both physicians with HOPE since 1960). Over the next 18 years, he was with HOPE in Ecuador (1963), Guinea (1965), Sri Lanka (1968) and then land-based in Cartagena (1969-1971), Laredo (1972), and Jamaica (1973-1978).

From this international HOPE base, Bob earned a US education: Haverford College (BA, 1972), Harvard School of Public Health (MPH, 1975) and Baylor College of Medicine (MD, 1976).

In 1983, Bob practiced pediatrics in the Kingdom of Bhutan after being on Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota, where he was adopted into Sitting Bull’s band of the Lakota. He balanced active family building with part time practice of urgent care and academics in Norfolk in the 1990s, and as a civilian Preventive Medicine Specialist for the US Navy since 1997.

In 2001, Bob provided connection between HOPE and the US Navy, and supported Dr. Howe in ways that resulted in HOPE’s participation in the USNS Mercy Mission to Indonesia in 2005. He then served as a Navy Analyst during the Tsunami Humanitarian Mission.

Bob was elected as Member at Large to the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association in 2005. He is dedicated to enhancing the alumni contributions to HOPE, bringing the alumni of recent missions into greater activity, and reaching out to our international HOPE alumni. Bob is running as a candidate for the office of president.

Esther Pierce Kooiman, RN, BSN

Esther Kooiman served as a pediatric nurse on the SS HOPE in Ceylon and Tunisia from 1968-1970. On her first voyage she met and married Bill Kooiman, Chief Purser. Then she accompanied her husband on voyages to Jamaica (1971), Maceio and Natal (1972-1973). While in Jamaica, Esther helped Alice Royalty organize tours of the ship for guests and tourists. In Natal and Maceio, she helped patients do crafts on the wards and interviewed rotating physicians for Project HOPE. At the end of the voyage to Maceio, Esther and Bill adopted a daughter, Jenness Anne.

Esther has remained active with the Northern California Alumni Association. She was president from 1988-1990. Esther served on committees for three San Francisco HOPE alumni reunions and is presently working on the 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion

“I have treasured my years with Project HOPE and have made many long-lasting friends. It would be my honor to serve as President of the Alumni Association.”

Candidates for Alumni Board Secretary/Treasurer

Eunice M. Childs

Eunice Childs resides in San Francisco and became involved with Project HOPE when she married the late Alfred W. Childs, MD., who had been a volunteer in Peru and was active in the San Francisco Bay Area Project HOPE alumni.

In 1988, Eunice and her husband were appointed Western Regional Directors and she served as Registrar for the 30th Anniversary Alumni Reunion in San Francisco.

In 1998, Eunice was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Project HOPE Alumni Association and continues to serve as Western Regional Director. Eunice enjoys her contact with Project HOPE and would like to be re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Bulletin of the Project HOPE Alumni Association
Michele Okamoto, RN, BSN, CEN

Michele Okamoto is a registered nurse whose career has blended emergency, intensive care and humanitarian nursing. She is presently living and working in Hawaii.

In August, 2001, Michele moved to Manhattan, living in an apartment four blocks from the World Trade Center. On 9/11, she linked up with the Emergency Medical Service and FDNY, helping to set up and staff a medical staging/ treatment area just below the site. After 9/11, Michele became active in the newly-formed Battery Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) as Assistant Medical Team Director.

In January 2005, Michele volunteered with Project HOPE for the Tsunami Humanitarian Relief Mission, spending 4 months on the USNS MERCY. Later in 2005 and early 2006, she volunteered for 2 Katrina missions with Project HOPE. The first was on the USNS COMFORT and the other was working for HOPE’s newly-adopted Coastal Family Health Clinics. By mid 2006, she was back on the USNS MERCY for the entire mission to SEA.

In spring 2007, Michele was the first HOPE volunteer to participate in advance team planning for the USS Peleliu’s mission to SEA. In summer 2007, she again represented Project HOPE as a mission planner by being embedded in Papua New Guinea for 4 weeks prior to the arrival of the USS Peleliu.

Michele is very dedicated to the mission of Project HOPE and is eager to help build the alumni association into a strong proactive organization by merging the HOPE volunteers of the first 50 years with a new generation of HOPE volunteers. Michele is running as a candidate for the office of secretary/treasurer.

Martin Lees M.D.

Martin Lees, MD served as the first Medical Director for Project HOPE in Egypt 1975 -1976. He and his wife, Betty, faced many challenges in the new Egypt program. By the end of his tenure, Martin was pleased with the establishment of many clinics and services. In 1980, he and his wife returned to Egypt to give a report on HOPE associated research at an International Cardiology Meeting.

Martin’s professional life has been in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology at Oregon Health Sciences University. He and his wife reside in Oregon but enjoy traveling to visit their children and friends on a regular basis. Currently, Martin is serving on the HOPE alumni board as Member at Large and is heading up the team that is responsible for updating the Project HOPE Alumni Directory. Dr Lees is a highly respected member of the board and would like to continue to serve as a Member at Large for another term.

Diane Speranza, RN, CEN

Diane Speranza is a registered nurse who spent most of her career in CT working in Pediatrics and the Emergency Dept. She presently lives in and works in FL.

Diane has had a long career of volunteer work. She has attended over 33 disasters worldwide. Diane has worked with the American Red Cross as well as the International Red Cross. Her most recent work has been with the Florida Disaster Medical Team (DMAT) that responds to hurricanes and other national disasters on a regular basis.

In 2005, Diane volunteered with Project HOPE for the Tsunami Humanitarian Relief Mission, spending multiple rotations on the USNS MERCY. In 2006, she went to Indonesia and the Philippines on the MERCY but in 2007, she was a HOPE volunteer to Central/South America on the USNS COMFORT.

Diane is a very dedicated to Project HOPE and plans to continue volunteering for other humanitarian missions. She can frequently be seen in HOPE publications as she works with children from other countries. Although she is a relatively recent addition to the alumni association, Diane has worked with the reunion committee and is presently making contacts for the alumni directory. It is her desire to become a Member-At-Large and become more actively involved in the alumni association.
Election of Officers

By Carol Fredriksen, Immediate Past President

Election of officers will be on the agenda at the general meeting of the alumni association on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Per the bylaws of the organization, we are publishing the ballot with the nominees.

There are two candidates each for Vice President/President Elect and for Secretary/Treasurer. Vote for only ONE. The Vice President/President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer assume their positions July 1, 2010 for a period of three years.

There are to be a minimum of two Members-At-Large. Signify your approval by checking one or both names. Those elected take office immediately and serve for a period of three years.

Below is a SAMPLE election ballot. Final ballots will be included in your Alumni Reunion Registration packets; please bring your ballot with you to submit as you enter the general meeting. If you cannot attend Reunion, final ballots may be mailed in. Ballots will be counted during the meeting, with results announced by meeting’s end.

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**Project HOPE Alumni Association SAMPLE Officer Election Ballot 2008**

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In Memorium

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