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45TH REUNION

MORE INFORMATION!!

As I mentioned in the last issue of the Tattler Two, you can now mark down July 25 through 27, 2003 as the dates for the class of 1958's 45th reunion!

The Meadow Court Inn, owned by classmate **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan** and her sister Dorothy Sturdivant, will be reunion headquarters. Located on South Meadow Street, the Meadow Court currently has 55 rooms and several suites but, by May 2003, it is scheduled to have a new non-smoking wing with 28 more rooms. On the premises is the Royal Court Restaurant, also owned by Marilyn and Dorothy. The restaurant serves breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Recently, the Royal Court was the scene for reunion events for the classes of 1947 and 1952.

Shifting from one aspect of the reunion to another, here are words of wisdom from **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld**: Prospective attendees should not worry about their outer appearances (e.g. weight). Carol says it is all so superfluous. The important thing is that we're alive and have most of our mental faculties!

45TH REUNION

CO-ORGANIZER IS ILL

In August, I was notified that one of the reunion co-organizers, **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel**, had suffered a heart attack. I am happy to report that I spoke with Ann just a few days ago and she told me that she is feeling much better. She added that she retired after 22 years of teaching at the State University of New York at Brockport. I'm sure all of you join me in wishing her a continued recovery. If you wish to contact Ann, her e-mail address is 53vette@msn.com. If you want to

send her a letter or a card, her mailing address is 151 Peck Road; Hilton, NY 14468-9354.

CLASS NOTES

Thanks to many of you for filling our e-mail inbox and mailbox with items of interest. Please keep them coming.

Gene Elliott is Associate Dean for Library and Instructional Computing at Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC where he and wife Sara live. He also teaches as an adjunct professor at the Greenville campus of Webster University (based in St. Louis). The Elliotts have 2 sons – one married and living in Indianapolis and the other beginning a doctoral program at Clemson this fall. They became grandparents for the first time this summer. Vocal music remains a part of Gene's life. He acquired a degree in voice when he was in his 30's and is a soloist at his church.

Sandy Halstead retired 2 years ago after having taught English for 30. The first two years were at Dewitt Junior High! Much of the rest was at a residential treatment center for delinquent and disturbed youth. Sandy, who lives in Croton-on-Hudson, says she's spent time each of the past 10+ summers on Cayuga Lake – she expected to get together with **Rita MacDonald** during her stay this summer – and has visited Ithaca often. She has 2 sons and, like Gene, recently became a grandparent.

Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz and husband Terry, IHS class of '54, have been married for 43 years and have lived in Oregon for the past 24. They have 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren. She manages apprenticeship programs through community colleges and the state. She claims to be the last classmate to receive a bachelor's degree (when she was 47). Can anyone top that? I found Judy listed as Julie in one of the on-line phone books and asked her about it. Her answer: Her real name is

Juliette and her mother calls her Julie. But her father called her Judy and when he came to Ithaca, before the rest of the family, he introduced her that way. So Judy is her "Ithaca name". Everywhere else, she is Julie.

Larry Jones is one of the most recent additions to the auxiliary classmates ranks. Larry, who moved from Ithaca after 6th grade at Belle Sherman, went to Yale and the U. of California Medical School in San Francisco. Now, he is a urologist practicing and doing research in Pasadena where he and wife Mireya Asturias live. Their interests include family (they have 5 children and 7 grandchildren and recently had a reunion in Oxnard, California), coffee, music (the LA Philharmonic in particular), travel, and parties. About coffee: Finca Dos Marias, a coffee plantation in the mountains of Guatemala, was founded by Mireya's great-grandmother. Dona Mireya, Inc., in which Mireya and son Chuck are heavily involved, markets Dos Marias coffee as well as coffee from other producers. Check out their web site – www.thebestcoffee.com.

Chuck McNeal reports that he recently returned to work at Cornell after having been on sick leave since February. His wife Marna is retired and very much enjoying it. She does embroidery, collecting designs (via the Internet) from all over the world. Chuck, Marna, **Bob Pierce**, and his wife Sue had dinner together at the end of June. Chuck relates that Bob and Sue are building a new house on the east side of Cayuga Lake.

Marilyn (Hull) Ryan's first husband, Skip Wallace, died in 1969 in a car accident. She's been married to Neal for 26 years. Between them, they have 9 children and 16 grandchildren. Marilyn and sister Dorothy have owned and operated the Meadow Court Motel/Royal Court Restaurant complex for almost 30 years. Daughter Chris works in the restaurant. Marilyn reports that she took up golf but, although really enjoys it, she's not ready to go on the pro circuit. She and Neal have a winter retreat in Venice, FL.

Short Takes:

Here are bits of news about other class members.

Margot (Williams) Akers and husband Chuck now have 3 children in college – Tim, a freshman

at St. Lawrence; Shea Elizabeth, a junior at Vermont, and Adam, a senior at Buffalo State. Their eldest daughter is working at the Dept. of Justice but plans to return to academe, to get a masters degree in urban planning. **Don Bentz** writes from Las Vegas that any class members headed that way should give him a call. He's in the phone book. **Ross Carlisle** recently retired but reports that wife Paulette plans to continue to work for Cornell for a few more years. **Chuck Calkins** has resigned his position as Executive Secretary of the Fleet Reserve Association due to some nasty internal politics and, with wife Lynda, moved from Alexandria, VA to Manteo, NC, making their beach house their year-round residence. They were recently visited by Chuck's son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter.

Cy Cantrell was recently promoted to Associate Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at the U. of Texas at Dallas. **Bill Coggs** reports that, far from being retired, he's working harder than ever (including a recent work trip to Shanghai). Auxiliary classmate **Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman** and husband Bud continue to be heavily involved in dog trials (participating in an average of one every 6 weeks). Kate also keeps busy with small desktop publishing jobs and archiving. At the end of June, **Betsey (Moulton) Farnham** and husband Hunter moved from a dormitory apartment where they lived for 13 years as house parents for Exeter students to a quieter location – a house with an interesting history. Long the residence of local Baptist ministers, it was where a famous English itinerant preacher of the Great Awakening preached his last sermon in the 1740's. That night, he moved to Newburyport, NH and died the next day.

Eleanor (McLaren) Henkels and husband Ed took a 3-week trip back east from their home in Mesa, AZ (a sentimental journey per Ed). Eleanor has stepped down as director of clinical services for Banner Homecare of Banner Health Systems, will shift to a part-time schedule in January and retire at the end of September 2003. She and Ed would like to buy a place in New York or Pennsylvania for seasonal visits after she retires. **Henry Hoffmann** (he was Heinz Przyrembel in high school) writes from Owego that he and wife

Monika have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. **Judy (Sine) Jager** continues in her retirement “job” as American Heart Association training coordinator for the Cayuga Medical Center. **June (Mulcahy) Leagans** says she’d love to retire but can’t. She also notes that her middle daughter is getting married in November.

One of **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino**’s hobbies is collecting and costuming vintage dolls (which started with her Toni doll). She hopes to learn to repair the dolls herself. In June **Jim Myers** traveled to Spain, taking in the bullfight fair in Madrid, with sons Jake and Henry. Jim notes they were born in Spain about the time he completed a book on bullfighting. **Howard Raymond** and wife Jeanette recently moved from Auburn, Alabama to Still Waters, a golf and lake community, in Dadeville, Alabama. Jeanette is still working but Howard is retired and enjoying golf. He plans to get back into sailing (which he used to do when he lived in St. Croix in the British Virgin Islands).

Don Riling and wife Mary Jane celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in June. They were married the weekend after our high school graduation! The Rilings visited their daughter in the D.C. area in August and, after sweltering there, headed for home (Brockport) to be followed by a week of rest and fishing in Canada. **Chris (Mathewson) Salerno** is still working as a consultant but scaling back to a few days a month. She went to Alaska this summer. **Steve Schmal**, getting an offer he could not refuse (same type of work but with no supervisory responsibilities, higher rate of pay) is now doing employee relations work as a contractor, on a part-time schedule, for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. **Marvin Shaub** and family visited Ithaca in June. He took his 8-year old daughter Nicole to visit Belle Sherman Elementary School where he learned that the school is named for a woman who had taught science at IHS.

Get-Togethers:

Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Graves aka Liz, who lives in Delaware, and **Huldah (Gibbs) Jones**, who lives in New Jersey, met for lunch this summer, their first get-together in years. **Steve** and Deb **Schmal** had dinner with **Tom Ryan**,

wife Lauri and son Nate when the Schmals visited the State College, PA area in June.

THE FACSIMILE ANNUAL: A BIG HIT

The facsimile 1958 Annual project has been completed and it has been a big success. Auxiliary classmate **Rita MacDonald**, who arranged for the printing (done by the Board of Cooperative Education Services or BOCES, the regional vocational school located in Ithaca) and handled distribution, reports that 32 copies were requested and distributed.

Is it too late to obtain a copy? Rita says the answer is “no” but cautions that only a few copies remain. The facsimile is photocopied and contained in a nice binder (although not bound in leather like the original). What is the cost? Only \$5.50, including postage. (If you are in the Ithaca area and can pick your copy up from Rita, the cost is only \$2.) To obtain a copy, contact Rita. She can be reached by e-mail (her address is rmacdona@twcnny.rr.com), phone (607-257-2415), or surface mail (700 Warren Rd., #16-2F; Ithaca, NY 14850).

AND HOW ABOUT A NEW ANNUAL?

I want to share with you an idea from **Virginia Hamrick**. She suggests an updated Annual. More specifically, here is what she said: “How about a duplication of the yearbook with photos (real ones not beautified) and similar summaries of the years spent with the number of children, marriages, affairs, jobs, an estimate of wealth or debt, number of artificial body parts, major illnesses, etc.” You get the idea.

I think it’s an excellent suggestion but I simply do not have the time right now to take on the job myself (now that my retired life includes part-time employment). Therefore, I’m looking for someone (or ones) to coordinate the project. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the new Annual were available at the next reunion? **If anyone interested in taking on the project – it doesn’t necessarily have to be linked to the reunion -- please let me know.**

THE CLASS LIST . . .

I am continuing to offer the class list I maintain to any class members and auxiliary class members who want it. The list current includes information on 284 class members and auxiliary members.

In trying to make the list as useful to classmates as possible, I have included spouses' names (if the classmate has no objection), phone numbers (if a number is either publicly listed or the classmate has no objection), and e-mail addresses. For those of you who have not provided that kind of information (and are willing to do so), I would like to fill in the gaps.

If you want to give me information and/or want a copy of the list, just contact me. My contact information is schmals@erols.com; 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620. The list is free if you are on the Internet. If you want me to mail it to you, there is only a \$2 fee, to cover printing and postage.

. . . AND THE CLASS E-LIST

In addition to the class list mentioned above, I also keep a list of classmates' e-mail addresses that I will share with class members and auxiliary class members. Like the class list, it is free if you are on the Internet but there is a charge of 75 cents otherwise.

You should know that I absolutely will not make these lists available to anyone other than our classmates.

WHO'S STILL MISSING?

There have been a couple changes to the list of "missing" classmates since the last newsletter. **The list is now down to only six:** Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, Nancy Oktavec, Linda Waterfield, Craig Wilson, and Tank Young. If any of you have **any** information about what happened to these folks after high school that you haven't shared with me, please pass it on.

The classmates located since the last issue of the Tattler Two are **Duane Cole, John Davis,** and

Cynthia (Miller) Cramsey. Just a few days ago, I located Cindy, who lives in Burleson, Texas. More about John in the article that follows. As for Duane, I have a phone number for him and have called. However, except for a voice mail message confirming that he is indeed our classmate, I have not heard from him and do not have his mailing address so I cannot send him class-related material. I would be happy to give his phone number to anyone who was close to Duane in high school. Maybe he will respond to you.

As a result of my request for additional names, the list of auxiliary class members – those who were in our class for part of our high school years but did not graduate with us – has grown. As noted earlier in this issue, **Larry Jones**, who attended Belle Sherman with some of us, has joined the auxiliary ranks. Also added are **Ron Fitch** and **Nancy (Ufford) Simpson**, both of whom graduated from Cascadilla Prep. **If you know of others who'd qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass their names on to me**, even if you don't know where they are now, and I will take it from there.

SEARCH STORIES (CON'T.)

Two issues ago, I included stories about locating "missing" classmates. Here is another one.

How do you locate someone with a common name, in this case **John Davis**? In earlier searching, I found far too many people named John Davis – thousands – to even begin making phone calls in the hope that one would be to our classmate. And trying to locate a sibling didn't work either. So I needed a new approach.

My first step was to contact the registrar at Ithaca High. From her, I learned that John's father's name was Leo and his mother's name was Carol. I had sought to contact them . . . if they were still alive and I could find them. That did not work but the name Leo later proved vital in my search.

My next step was to use US Search. While it is basically a web-based operation that charges fees for providing info on people, it gives out a limited amount for free. From it, I was able to identify places where people named John L. Davis aged 61 or 62 were located. But US Search provides

neither addresses nor phone numbers unless you pay.

So it was on to the electronic phone books. I looked for John Davis listings in the cities my US Search had identified. One listing, in Muncie, Indiana, was for a John Leo Davis. A light bulb went off in my head, I made a phone call – the only one I made in the search – and we had another “found” classmate.

Address Change? Let Me Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your e-mail and/or mailing address change.** (I want to be apprised of mailing address changes even if you’re on the Internet. We want to stay in touch with you and some of the class-related material may go out via the mails.)

All it takes is an e-mail, postcard, or phone call.

THANK YOU

Once again, I want to recognize those classmates who have helped in the search for “missing” classmates (although, as the missing list gets shorter and shorter, so does the assist list). This time, thanks go to **Myra Fincher** and **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino**.

Big thank you’s also go to **Phil and Ingrid (Brohm) Jimrusti** and to **Dave Smith** for their financial contributions to my efforts. These funds are used to defray the costs of the Tattler Two and of the “missing” classmates search, and are always appreciated.

IN CLOSING

It has been 3 years since I started “publishing” the Tattler Two. And what a time it has been.

When I started out I had little idea what might be involved, particularly in the search for classmates and auxiliary classmates, but it has been a wonderful experience.

I have particularly enjoyed reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, seeing a number of classmates in person (in my travels), and exchanging e-mails and phone calls with many others of our wonderfully varied class.

Steve