

TATTLER TWO

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45TH REUNION

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

As mentioned in the last two issues of the Tattler Two, the class of 1958's 45th reunion is scheduled for July 25 through 27, 2003. The dates will be formally set very early in the new year when the reunion organizers – **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley**, **Kathryn (Gleason) Smith**, and **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel** – are able to reserve the Stewart Park pavilion for the Saturday afternoon picnic.

In addition to the picnic, on Friday evening there will be an informal get-together at the Meadow Court Motel owned by **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan** and her family. Saturday morning options will include a visit to the Ithaca Farmers' Market and boat rides on Cayuga Lake. Saturday evening there are likely to be parties at classmates' homes, and Sunday a brunch will be held at the Moosewood Restaurant, in the old high school building.

Arrangements are under way for classmates who attended Cayuga Heights Elementary School to get together during the reunion weekend and a similar gathering of Belle Shermanites is contemplated. If classmates who went to other elementary schools are interested in having similar events, let one of the reunion organizers or me know.

RENT-A-HOUSE FOR THE REUNION?

Several classmates planning to come to Ithaca from far-flung places for the reunion are thinking about making the trip a real vacation by staying a week or so and renting a house on Cayuga Lake during their visit. If you are interested in this kind of arrangement, you might contact Orlando Turco (IHS class of '52) who works for REMAX Associates. His phone number is (607) 257-6866 and his e-mail address is oturco@twcnr.com.

CLASS NOTES

Here's what I've received since the last issue.

Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso continues to run the dance studio that has been her family's business for many years and to take a team of her students to competitions around the country. She reports that in Las Vegas this summer the team won 6 gold medals. Rosalie also reports on her family. She and husband Carmen have 4 children – 3 sons who are, respectively, an Ithaca police officer, an orthopedic surgeon, and a product manager for Crown Foods, and a recently married daughter who is both a registered nurse and a dance teacher (no surprise there) – as well as 7 grandchildren.

Bonnie Joy (Cornelius) Freda lives on Staten Island with husband Louis. The Fredas celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on the 4th of July. Bonnie Joy is by no means retired, continuing to work as director of a home care agency that services the frail elderly in nearby Brooklyn. Louis, who served in the NY General Assembly and after that worked as a lobbyist, is semi-retired. In addition to her work, Bonnie Joy volunteers at the Crisis Pregnancy Center, sings in the Worship Team at her church, is a member of the Richmond Choral Society, and has recently started taking piano lessons. The Fredas, who love to travel, have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Elaine (Terwillegar) Fredericks remarried in 2000. She and husband Bruce live in Rochester. When she remarried, her family expanded from her son Doug to include Bruce's 3 daughters, their husbands, and 7 grandchildren. In the last issue of the Tattler Two, I mentioned that **Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz** got a B.S. at age 47. Elaine received an M.S. in education at age 47 and another M.S., this one in library science, at age 54.

Dana Furman and wife Elizabeth (IHS class of '62) live in Jacksonville, NC. Dana retired in 1996

from Kmart, after which the two have been on several cruises and a trip to Europe. Dana now works part-time for Vintage Sports Cards. While this requires quite a bit of traveling, Elizabeth accompanies him on overnight trips, which the Furmans treat as mini-vacations. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren (with another on the way).

Suzi (Colbert) Gittins married husband Tom, a Cornellian, in 1959. Suzi reports that in 1967 Tom went to work for the Peace Corps, first as staff person and later as director in the Dominican Republic. It was the best decision they ever made, she says. The volunteers were fantastic as were the host country nationals and they made life-long friends with many. The work also enabled them to travel extensively in the Caribbean and Latin America. After that, Tom ran Sister Cities International, which matches U.S. cities with ones in other countries for cultural, business, and other exchange programs. Tom and Suzi have lived for the past 30+ years in Falls Church, Virginia. Suzi is a self-employed bookkeeper and also owns an art and frame shop with their son Tom. She adds that she is keeping up with her art, with watercolor as her favorite medium. Husband Tom works from home as a consultant. Son Tom, his wife, and their 2 sons live nearby, as does daughter Dianne.

Barbara (Utter) Park has remained in the Ithaca area. Having previously lived in Varna, she now lives, with second husband Avery, in Freeville. Avery, a carpenter by trade, is building the Parks a new home, which they hope will be finished in 2003. Barbara continues to work at the Cornell Finger Lakes Credit Union where she has been employed for the past 15 years. Between them, the Parks have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Joyce (Hinman) Schaffer lives in Sun City, Arizona with second husband Steve. For many years, she lived in the Binghamton area, her first husband having headed the George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott until his death in 1990. After working as a registered nurse for about 40 years, Joyce retired but does volunteer work for the Salvation Army. In March she received the Volunteer of the Year award. Steve is

still working, as a chef. Joyce has a daughter and son from her first marriage (the former is a professor at the U. of Maine and the latter a computer engineer in New Hampshire), Steve has three children from his first marriage, and between them they have 3 grandchildren.

Short Takes:

Here are bits of news about other class members.

Linda (Womble) Conrad writes that in March her nephew Jeff (son of Ray Womble, IHS class of '55), his wife, and young son were severely injured by a bomb explosion in a church in Pakistan. Jeff was a missionary there. All are now convalescing in Florida.

Betty (Allen) Little, having retired from San Diego State University, is involved as a volunteer in a program for impoverished but promising children in Tijuana, Mexico. She teaches English and computer skills at a Scholars' Lab on Saturdays and also has interviewed 11-year-olds, four of whom will be selected to "earn" money, contributed by the Rotary Clubs in La Jolla (where Betty lives) and Tijuana, by staying in school.

Among **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino's** interests in her retirement, she loves creating PowerPoint shows. She welcomes sharing them with classmates who have Power Point or a viewer for it on their computers. Her e-mail address is SHARRDAWN2@AOL.COM.

Bill Turley still lives in Columbia. However, he was recently selected, through a nation-wide search, for the position of secondary principal and English coordinator at the Los Canaverales International School in Cali. So he's renting a furnished place there and "commuting" to Bogata where his wife Gloria, a native Columbian, remains near her family and friends.

Get-Togethers:

Anita Bonney traveled to Portland, Oregon to spend time with IHS, Boynton, and Cayuga Heights classmate **Carol (Riley) Riggs**. She also reports that, upon her return to Ithaca, she met **Kip Kane**. Unfortunately, that meeting was at a memorial mass for Kip's sister, Karen.

Anita also made trips to Ithaca in November, to have lunch with **Rita MacDonald, Carolyn (Van Buren) McPherson, and Susie (Hornbrook) Wilcox.** Anita said Carolyn missed the first lunch as she and husband Don were in the midst of closing and selling their business.

In early September, **Roberta (Coleman) Hunter, Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino,** Sharron's sister Dixie, and **Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione** had a mini-reunion of their own in Ithaca.

IN MEMORIUM

In September, **Jim Bascom** died in Tallahassee, Florida, where he had lived since 1978. Jim was a former restaurant owner and retired contractor. He also performed as a lounge pianist until his death. He is survived by his wife Judy and two sons. He will be missed.

THE FACSIMILE ANNUAL: COPIES STILL AVAILABLE

As previously reported in the Tattler Two, the facsimile 1958 Annual project has been a big success. Is it too late to obtain a copy? No! Auxiliary classmate **Rita MacDonald,** who arranged for the printing and is handled distribution, says she has at least 3 copies on hand. One will be yours for the payment of a mere \$5.50 (only \$2 if you are in the Ithaca area and can pick up your copy from Rita). The facsimile is photocopied and contained in a nice binder (although not bound in leather like the original). To obtain a copy, contact Rita who can be reached by e-mail at rmacdona@twcny.rr.com, by phone at (607-257-2415), or by surface mail at 700 Warren Rd., #16-2F; Ithaca, NY 14850.

BY THE NUMBERS

I received a suggestion from **Anita Bonney** that I use the newsletter to identify the class leaders in various categories. I agreed as I thought it would be fun as well as interesting. So here goes.

Who has been married the longest? (To my knowledge, the honors go to Don and Mary Jane Riling, who got married the week after our high school graduation but I'd like to know all those who have passed the 40th anniversary mark.) And who's been most recently married? Either a first marriage or a re-marriage will count for this one.

Who has the most children? The most grandchildren? And does anyone have great-grandchildren?

Who has the oldest child? And the youngest? There are two categories for the latter – male and female.

Who has the oldest living parent?

Feel free to add entries in other categories of your making and please pass the info on to me as soon as possible. The results will be announced at the reunion and in the newsletter that follows it.

Want a Class List? E-List?

I'm continuing to offer the class list I've been maintaining to any classmates who want it. It has mailing addresses – and in many cases phone numbers and e-mail addresses – for 296 class members and auxiliary members. If you'd like a copy, please let me know. It's free if you're on the Internet, but it'll cost \$2, to cover printing and postage, if you want it mailed to you.

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.

THANK YOU

Once again, I want to acknowledge the assistance I have received in several ways. **Anita Bonney** has been instrumental in identifying numbers of potential auxiliary classmates, and **Rita**

MacDonald and **Susie (Hornbrook) Wilcox** have taken the lead in contacting them. **Judy (Sine) Jager, Jim Illes, Christine (Garland) Montgomery,** and **Tom Smith** have provided assistance in locating “missing” class members. And, finally but no means least, Anita, **Elaine (Terwillegar) Fredericks,** and **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** have provided financial assistance, helping defray the costs of the newsletter as well as some of my search activities. Thanks to all of you!!

WHO’S STILL MISSING?

The number of “missing” classmates remains at six, where it was at the time of the last newsletter. The names again: Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, Nancy (Oktavec) Swank, Linda Waterfield, Craig Wilson, and Willie Young. We have some leads that we are pursuing on Nancy, Linda, and Willie. 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.

Meanwhile, 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 – continues to grow. The latest additions are **Tom Ranney, Lu Tracy, and Isabella (Tracy) Wilcox,** and efforts are being made to get in contact with **Harry Guidi.**

Several other potential auxiliary class members – **Starr Atwood, Jane Banks, Ronnie Chandler, Bill Ellsworth, Jack Macbeth, Bob McCauley, Sally Parker,** and **Carolyn Penta** – have been identified but we have no idea where they might be. If you have any information that would help us get in touch with them, please pass it on to me.

And, as I have said before, **if you know of others who would qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass their names on to me,** even if you don’t know where they are now. I will take it from there.

Address Change? Let Me Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your e-mail or mailing address changes.** (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. My contact information is schmals@erols.com; 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620.

IN CLOSING

I want to wish all of you and your families a very happy holiday season and all the best for 2003. I hope that for many of you your plans for the coming year will include attending our 45th reunion.

And please keep the communications coming – I can always use material!

Take care.

Steve