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50TH REUNION

THE REUNION FUND

The 50th reunion of the class of '58 is still a long way off, so there will not be much to report about it for a while. However, it is worth noting again – it was mentioned in the previous issue of the Tattler Two – that a fund has been established that will help defray the costs of the big event.

There already several hundred dollars in the treasury, thanks to contributions from a number of attendees at this summer's reunion and some "found" money. In September of last year, **Nancy (Hinger) Hare** wrote that she had placed money left over from the 10th reunion in a bank account, then forgotten about it, and received no notices from the bank, until the late summer. With accrued interest, the account totaled well over \$100. That amount has been added to the coffers for the 50th.

If you are interested in contributing to the fund, please contact **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** by mail – her postal address is P.O. Box 85, Spencer, NY 14883 – or e-mail her at kls9@cornell.edu.

45TH REUNION

WHO WAS THERE, PART II

The list of 45th reunion attendees that appeared in the last issue of the Tattler Two omitted at least one attendee's name. So I want to apologize to Peggy (McLachlan) Trimm for not including her. If anyone else was left out anyone else's name, please let me know so I can belatedly recognize their presence.

HONOREES, PART II

In the last issue of the newsletter, I reported that **Maryjean (Hertel) Yengo** was voted the least

changed. While that was not incorrect, it was only half of the story because there was a tie vote, **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** having shared the honors with Maryjean. Also, I reported that **Bill Coggshall** had been married most recently – less than two years at reunion time. While this was the best information I had at the time, I subsequently learned that **Bruce Covert** and **Linda (Tarbell) Juric** each had tied the knot in 2003. More about them later.

SURVEY RESULTS

Ann (Rosa) Weitzel has provided the results of the 45th reunion participant survey. (A note of caution: As the questionnaire was distributed at the last event, only 47 attendees filled out it out.) Participants were asked to rate events on a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being "had a great time" and 5 being "rather be at the dentist." Everyone gave the reunion as a whole 1s and 2s, as they did the picnic and the independent activities such as the Saturday parties. However, the band at the picnic received mixed reviews. Almost everyone gave the opening event at the Meadow Court 1s and 2s as did most of those who attended the brunch at Moosewood and who went to the Ithaca Farmers' Market on Saturday. The results will undoubtedly help the committee that will be planning the 50th.

FLORIDA MINI-REUNION

On March 13, the first Florida mini-reunion of the class of '58 – hopefully the first annual – was held at Hernando Beach Park, on the Gulf Coast about 60 miles north of Tampa. Hosted by **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino, Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt** and husband Bruce, **Carol (Stevens) Jordan** and husband Roger and **Marty Schmidt** and wife Pat, the event drew 26 attendees – classmates, spouses, family, and friends.

In addition to the hosts, **Ingrid (Brohm) and Phil Jimrusti, Roberta (Coleman) Hunter, Shirley (Cook) Weeks, Frank Feocco, Jim Illes** and family, **Lucy (Kimple) and Dave Grinnell, Fran (Riela) Ciaschi, Sandy (Scaglione)** and husband Tom (IHS class of '54) participated, as did Bruce and Sandy (Stevens) Rightmyer (both members of the class of '59) and Frank and Barb Scaglione who were visiting from Texas).

Sally reports they all enjoyed good food, good music (courtesy of a CD player supplied by Marty), and lots of reminiscing. She also mentions that a few manatees hung around an inlet that runs through the park, giving those mini-reunioners with cameras some good photo ops.

With so many classmates living year-round, wintering in, or vacationing in Florida, the prospects for an even bigger event next year would seem very good.

CLASS NOTES

As in the last issue, I must start with sad news.

IN MEMORIUM

Connie (Lynch) Auble died in Ithaca on January 19 of this year.

She was the widow of James Auble. Her survivors include daughter Lori Auble, daughter Sharron Auble, daughter and son-in-law Paula and Andrew Heath, son and daughter-in-law Andrew and Roxanne Auble, three grandchildren, two sisters, and five brothers, as well as nieces and nephews.

Connie had retired after having worked for more than 30 years at NCR.

She will be missed. Gifts in her memory can be to Hospicare, 172 East King Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Fortunately, I have good news as well.

Bob Saturn reports he is on the road to recovery and wants to thank everyone for their phone calls,

cards, and letters. He was in the hospital twice, for a week in February and for 5 weeks in March and April. All this was a result of a pesky colon that would not heal properly after surgery. After trying many things, Bob's doctors finally got the gastrointestinal bleeding to stop. He is now home and slowly regaining his strength. About the only good thing to come out of this, he says, is that he has lost 40 pounds since January.

Several classmates have relocated to Florida in recent months. They include **Frank Feocco, Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino, and Fran (Riela) Ciaschi**. Frank still plans to return to upstate New York for the summers. He started looking for a place to live in Florida after retiring from Cornell in April of 2000 but did not find anything he really wanted until this year. Sharron says she is glad she finally made it to the good life. She enjoys the swimming pool, spa, and clubhouse in her park and notes that she is so busy and doing so much that people would not be able to find her were it not for her cell phone. Fran lives in the same mobile park where **Carol (Stevens) Jordan** and husband Roger spend their winters, and not far from where a number of other classmates, including Sharron, live.

Chuck Calkins says he and wife Lynda absolutely love their new home on a golf course in Grandy, NC. Chuck has been relaxing playing golf but is also working a bit, consulting for an employment agency. Lynda is still working every other week in Alexandria, VA where she and Chuck lived prior to moving south.

Suzi (Colbert) Gittins reports that she and husband Tom have been as busy as ever. In mid-May they had just returned from a trip to South Africa and were about to start rebuilding their garage that had been badly damaged when a tree fell on it last year.

Bruce Covert remarried on February 14, 2003. He and Kathy live in Montour Falls

Writing from Muncie, IN, **John Davis** reported in May that he had just finished spring semester concert band – he plays trumpet -- and had also been playing with the Phi Mu Alpha jazz band. This summer, he will be playing with the Ball State concert band, Ball State jazz ensemble, and

Muncie city band. He says, "I've found the fountain of youth. Hang with the college kids." It may also help that he started a serious exercise program in September, 5 miles or more on the elliptical trainer at the Y 5 days a week, some work with weights, and tennis 3 days a week.

Ron Fitch writes that he was unable to attend the reunion because his son (who is attending Ohio State Medical School), wife, and their two sons spent the summer living 5 minutes away from Ron's house in Bellevue, WA. But he says he will be at the 50th.

Lucy (Kimple) and **Dave Grinnell** have lived in Clearwater, FL since the fall of 1982. Before that, they lived in Lansing, where they raised their 4 daughters. Lucy served as the Tompkins County Clerk and Dave was a senior systems analyst for NCR. The Grinnells moved to Florida when Dave accepted a senior systems analyst position with a pharmaceutical company in Saint Petersburg. When that company was sold and Dave among others lost their jobs, he and a co-worker started a software development company. Several years later they dissolved the company and Dave joined a friend in the remodeling business. Retiring in 2003, he now enjoys working on their home, bass fishing, and traveling. Some of the travels are by bike – a Harley-Davidson that Dave purchased in the mid-90's. After the move to Florida, Lucy worked for an attorney who helped the founders of the Hooters Restaurant chain put the company together, eventually became president of Hooters Management, Inc., and put her in the position of office manager of the corporate office in Clearwater. She says she has no plans to retire soon. The Grinnells have 7 grandchildren in Van Etten; Madison, NJ, and Mountain Lakes, NJ whom they visit often.

Donna (Phillips) Dawes and husband Melvin spent 3 months in Florida this winter and went back north having found their dream spot and house, in the gated community of Grand Horizon in Zephyrhills. Donna reports that they intend to live there on a permanent basis in a year and a half if not sooner. One downside: while they were in Florida, a pipe burst in their Auburn, MA home, flooding their playroom, office, washroom, and

garage with several inches of water. Good neighbors dried and cleaned things up, but the Daweses have had to redo the entire downstairs.

In May, **Karen (Phillips) Arey** wrote that she and husband Chet had just moved from a 15-acre Christmas tree farm to a 10-acre lot with about 4 acres of orange groves. Even though they moved only half a mile, she says it was not easy because of all they had accumulated in 25 years at their old location.

While many classmates are retiring, **Raven Davis-King (nee Sarah Pratt)** reports she is studying to become a masseuse, hoping to focus on massage for the elderly. She also mentions that her youngest child married a Swiss woman, is living in Fribourg, Switzerland, and getting his masters in computer science. And on a sad note she relates that her mother died in July 2003 at age 93.

In addition to traveling from Arizona to attend the reunion, **Eleanor (McLaren) Henkels** and husband Joe made three trips to upstate New York in 2003. The objective: to fix up their summer place near Bath. This year, they hope to live there from mid-April to mid-October.

Cuyler Page still directs the Kamloops (British Columbia) Museum and provides consulting services for other museums in the area. However, he is associated with the Grist Mill at Keremeos, a historical site he managed for quite a few years. He recently moved, to Vernon, BC where he and Carole, a long-time friend, purchased a house. In addition to fixing up the house and working on garden projects, the two are very active musicians, performing with the local orchestra as well as in small ensembles.

Marion (Peyton) Longcoy has sold her home in Round Lake, NY and is temporarily living with her older sister there while waiting for a senior apartment.

Carolyn (Van Buren) McPherson and husband Don have been doing a bit of traveling – Florida in January and part of February and Las Vegas plus Salt Lake City in late February. While they were in Vegas, the McPhersons met **Carol (Riley) Riggs** and husband Ralph as well as Bill Main, husband of the late **Jeanne (Pyle) Main**.

Want a Class List or E-List?

As in the past, I am offering the class list I've been maintaining to any classmates who want it. 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 am also offering a list of classmates' e-mail addresses. You should know that I absolutely will not make these lists available to anyone other than our classmates.

Get-Togethers:

Anita Bonney reports she had lunches with **Rita MacDonald** and **Carolyn (Van Buren) McPherson** and with **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld**.

Having gotten back in contact with one another after many years, **Huldah (Gibbs) Jones** and **Jane Galvin-Lewis** have enjoyed chatting about old time.

Linda (Kallstrom) Carpenter and **Sandy Halstead** had an unusual get-together, centered around the marriage of Linda's daughter Leslie. The two drove from Ithaca to Milwaukee where they helped with the wedding preparations (and partied a bit, too). Sandy reports that the wedding was lovely and Leslie was a radiant bride.

Steve Schmal and wife Deb got together with classmates twice in recent months. They had dinner with **Gene Elliott** and his parents (who live quite near the Schmals) when Gene was in the DC area for a conference. And they had a nice dinner with **Linda (Tarbell) Juric** and husband Vince in the Virginia suburbs.

Small World Department:

When **Steve** and Deb **Schmal** were in Lewes, DE recently – Deb and her sister own a place near there – they breakfasted in a restaurant and learned that the cook and her husband had recently moved from upstate New York. Where? When the cook replied “near Old Forge,” Steve said a high school

classmate lived in Old Forge and was the librarian there, **Izzie (Petricola) Worthen**. And the cook, Kathy Nahor, said, “Well, I know Izzie. Her daughter and my daughter are best friends.” When Steve told Izzie of this, she said that her daughter and Kathy's have been friends since kindergarten and during this year's spring break, along with another friend from kindergarten, took **their** kids to Florida.

SMALL SCHOOLS, PART 3

The May 2003 issue of the Tattler Two contained **Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield's** recollections about the Hayts Corners School, a one-room school located between Ithaca and Trumansburg not far from the Odd Fellows Home. And last issue included several classmates' recollections of the East Lawn Elementary School, located on Mitchell Street Extension just before it intersects with Pine Tree Road and Judd Falls Road.

After relating about East Lawn, I asked, “Were there any other one-room schools in the county that members of the class attended?” And the answer is “yes”.

Karen (Phillips) Arey attended Willow Creek School, located on Willow Creek Road between Route 89 and Route 96, for first grade instead of going to kindergarten because kindergarten would only have been for half a day. She recalls that the teacher, Mrs. Evans, drove her to and from school, so her parents did not have to take her. She thinks she is the only class of '58 member who went to Willow Creek. Did anyone else go there?

Also, several classmates attended the Inlet Valley School, a two-room schoolhouse. The building, yellow stucco with dark green trim, still stands at the intersection of Route 13 and 13A. IHS Class of '58ers who attended include **Bill Mobb**, **Nancy (Stump) Kilpatrick**, **Gail (Woolley) Scullin**, and the late **Jim Taft**. (Jim was a member of our class until moving to Elmira at the end of our junior year, spending his senior year at and graduating from Elmira Free Academy. Jim died xxxxx.)

Bill, Nancy, Gail, and Jim were at Inlet Valley through fifth grade but went to Fall Creek Elementary School for sixth grade. Gail recalls

that Inlet Valley students could stand in the play yard and wave to the conductors as the Lehigh Valley trains passed by. Bill reports that one of the teachers he had at Inlet Valley, Nettie Lawrence, had taught his father there in the 1920's!

Finally, **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel** writes that she and a number of classmates went to the Danby School. The school, located on the Danby Road, contained four classrooms, but alas it no longer exists, having been replaced by the Danby Fire Hall.

Ann attended school there from third through sixth grade. She recalls that the teachers at the time were Mrs. McFall (kindergarten), Mrs. Coon (first and second grade), Mrs. LaRue (third and fourth), and Mrs. Fish (fifth and sixth). There was a row of pine trees in back of the building and behind that a creek. The school had a large playground and also a baseball field. Ann remembers that every Halloween someone would "obtain" an outhouse and put it in front of the school entrance or on top of the entranceway.

On Ann's first day at the school – her family had moved to Danby the summer before she started third grade – she wore a very fashionable black and white plaid dress and black patent leather Mary Jane shoes. The first person who spoke to her was **Kathy (Smith) Lamb**, who said "What grade are you in?" and, when Ann replied she was in the third, "Sit down here!" Ann observed that although Kathy was a bit curt then, they became lifelong friends.

"THE SEARCH": STATUS

The biggest news in this department is that I now have contact information on two members of the class – **Ginny (Lane) Jursick** and **Linda (Tarbell) Juric** – and added three persons – **Starr Atwood**, **Nick Vlahos**, and **Margaret (Everhart) Wiiki** – to the ranks of our auxiliary classmates.

Ginny and husband Mike live in Brooktondale. As noted earlier in the issue, Linda remarried in 2003. She and husband Vince live in Falls Church, VA and she teaches English as a second language at a local high school.

Starr, who graduated in 1959, lives in Franklin, TN and is an administrative law judge for the state.

Nick, who left high school to go to work and graduated from Cascadilla, lives in Ithaca. And Margaret, who graduated in January of 1958, lives in Lancaster, CA.

There have been two other changes to the class list. Having taken **Duane Cole** off the list of "missing" classmates six months ago because had a working phone number for him, I have had to add him to the list again because the number is again not in service. Also, based on information obtained from **Dave Rumsey**, it seems clear that **Craig Wilson** died in the 1980s so I have taken him off the "missing" list. So the list now consists of Duane, **Arlene Johnson**, **Denise Lecoq**, and **Willie Young**.

As for auxiliary class members, I have been told that **Jane Banks**, **Albert Ellis**, **Bill Ellsworth**, **Jack Macbeth**, **Bob McCauley**, and **John Ryan** are in that category but I have been unable to locate them. If you have any information that would help us get in touch with them, please pass it on to me. And, again, **if you know of others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass their names on to me**, even if you don't know where they are now. I will then apply my detective skills and see if I can locate them.

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 would like to be apprised of mailing address changes even if you are 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.

THANK YOU

Once again, I want to acknowledge the classmates who have assisted me in various ways. **Myra Fincher** provided me with all the information

necessary to get in touch with auxiliary classmate **Margaret (Everhart) Wiiki** as well as the lead that enabled me to contact **Nick Vlahos**. She also sent me several clippings from the Ithaca Journal pertaining to members of the class. Myra also provided financial assistance that helps defray my newsletter and search activities costs, as did **Anita Bonney, Peggy (Chester) Petrillose, Jean Houghton, Izzie (Petricola) Worthen, and Ann (Simpson) Moeder**. My thanks to all of you!!

IN CLOSING

Steve