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50TH REUNION

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

Early next year, planning will begin in earnest for our 50th reunion. As mentioned in the last issue, four classmates – **Peggy (Chester) Petrillose**, **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan**, **Kathy (Gleason) Smith**, and **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel** – have agreed to take on the challenge of coordinating the event.

If you want to assist with the reunion or have suggestions, please contact one of them. Peggy can be reached by e-mail at Jpetril@twcny.rr.com or by phone at (607) 257-3566, Marilyn at nealomarlo@aol.com or (607) 272-5226, Kathy at kls9@cornell.edu or (607) 589-6023, and Ann at 53vette@msn.com or (585) 392-6273.

WWW.IHS58.COM

The IHS Class of '58 web site is up and running. If you have not already done so, please give it a look. The URL is <http://www.ihs58.com>.

If you want to post information on the site – news, photographs, etc. – please contact our webmaster **Harry Wheaton** to make arrangements. Harry can be e-mailed at hlwheaton@suddenlink.net. He welcomes suggestions for improving it.

The site contains a list of all class members. But it also contains contact information – e-mail addresses, postal addresses, and phone numbers – only if you agree to have the information posted on the site. The majority of you have responded to requests to let us know what, if any, information you are willing to have included. For those who have not, we would appreciate it if you would let Harry know. Also, if you change your mind about having your contact information posted or as to what information you want on the site, please contact Harry.

In the last issue, we invited contributions so that Harry would only have to maintain the site, not carry the financial responsibility for it. The response was gratifying, as we received enough to pay for two years of site fees and still have money remaining for the class's reunion fund. The list of contributors appears toward the end of the issue.

IHS BAND REUNION

A MUSICAL TRIUMPH

On June 23 and 24, over 160 members of the IHS marching and/or concert band during the Frank Battisti era (1954 through 1967) assembled in Ithaca for a reunion. Participants included six from the class of '58 – **Cy Cantrell**, **Carol (Welker) Clark**, **Bill Coggshall**, **June (Smith) Churchill**, **Bill Mobbs**, **Bob Saturn**. Also attending was **Myra Fincher** who, although not a former band member, provided me with lots of the information about the event.

See the reunion web site – ihsbandreunion.com – for nice pictures of Bill Coggshall (with wife Janet Littlefield), Bob Saturn, and **Gordy Light**, who did not make it to the reunion.

The reunion was an opportunity to spend time with Mr. and Mrs. B and their family, re-connect with each other, and celebrate the extraordinary IHS Little Red Band experience. Ithaca College provided its Hockett Recital Hall and reception space for a special alumni recital on the 23rd, while on the 24th there was a barbecue at Band Camp as well as a dinner and celebration.

As part of the celebration, in the Mr. B. tradition, the reunion committee commissioned a composition for high school bands. Written by Dana Wilson, professor of composition at Ithaca College, and titled "Day Dreams," it is a gift from the 1954 - 67 IHS bands to Mr. B. and to present-day high school students and their directors.

CHARLES DARLING

Many of you undoubtedly remember our late classmate **Charles Darling**. Several months ago, **Harry Wheaton** passed on to me an e-mail message he had received from Charles's sister Barbara Darling. This led to Barbara's writing to me about the circumstances of Charles's death, which I want to share with you.

Charles died as a result of a motor vehicle accident in California on July 23, 1958, less than two months after we graduated from IHS. He had been traveling across the country with 16 other high school and college students under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church and the Cornell United Religious Works. On the way west, they had explored several scenic areas such as Bryce and Zion National Parks and the Grand Canyon. Their destination was Kooskia, ID where they were to rehabilitate a conference ground for the Nez Perce tribe.

The students were traveling in two specially constructed trucks. While descending from the 5000-foot Towne's Pass, 60 miles east of Lone Pine, the brakes of one truck failed, and the truck overturned. Several students were injured and one died at the scene. Emergency first aid was flown to the site, and a special Civil Defense communications system, geared to operations in areas of the Mojave Desert and the Owens River Valley, alerted the Inyo Hospital in Lone Pine. Charles was brought there but succumbed to his injuries.

As Charles was to have attended the University of Maine, his and Barbara's parents established a revolving student loan fund in Charles's name.

CLASS NOTES

Margot (Williams) Akers reports her health – she has multiple sclerosis – remains stable, and she gets around quite well with a walker and electric scooter. Her husband Chuck has been traveling far afield – twice to China and once to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. Son Adam has met the love of his life and moved to Hanover, NH to be near her (and take graduate courses at Dartmouth); daughter Christina works in urban planning and lives near the Akers; son Tim graduated from St.

Lawrence U. in May and works as an admissions counselor at the U. of Southern New Hampshire; and daughter Shea, attending the U. of Buffalo, has one semester to go before receiving her degree in religious studies.

Cindy (Beebee) Anderson moved from southern Virginia to Kansas to be near her son and also to receive treatment for breast cancer. She would very much enjoy hearing from classmates. Her address is 7504 SW 60th St.; Augusta, KS 67010-7868.

Chet Arthur and wife Carol now live in a gated community in Cherry Valley, CA, something Carol says they swore they would never do but did, in part because it puts them close to their youngest son and his family.

Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld and husband Helmut continue to shuttle between Ithaca and Cottbus, Germany. The holidays and first month plus of the New Year will be spent in Germany. Carol is still translating articles on ichthyology for journal publication. This summer, the Robinson family held a reunion in Ithaca, tied in with two sisters' IHS reunions. At the one for the class of '56 Carol ran into **Kip Kane, Joanne (Schnitzer) McManus, Carolyn (Van Buren) McPherson,** and **Shirley (Deeb) Stone** (the last three married to members of that class). She mentions that on election day her polling place was . . . Belle Sherman!

This summer **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger** and husband Peter traveled to Hawaii, he attending an American Bar Association meeting while Cathy participated in the concurrent American Lawyers Auxiliary meeting (an organization in which she is a past president). And they went to Montana with friends from Great Britain, to show them the vast American west. Cathy wants to remind classmates who are members of the Cornell class of '62 that its 45th reunion is fast approaching (June 7 – 10, 2007) and hopes they plan to attend.

Anita Bonney retired on June 30. And she moved from Cicero to Cazenovia. The latter was easier than the former, she says, as she is still getting accustomed to retired life. She had a bad case of cat scratch fever, the result of a stray cat she was feeding jumping on her head, but she is better now.

Ross Carlisle comments that he has no news to speak of, just doing lots of projects around the house the hard way to keep himself trim.

Nettie nee Chirillo is Nettie Snyder again, having gotten divorced. She still lives in Lantana, FL.

After working for Sandia National Laboratories for 38 years, **Randy Cole** retired at the end of July, just before turning 65 (although he plans to continue to work there for a while as a consultant). Randy spent the last 22 years at Sandia as part a team developing simulation software for safety studies for nuclear reactors. He and wife Val now have more time to see their children and their 2 grandchildren. Daughter Susan is on the biology faculty at Ohio State and son David is a psychologist working with autistic children near Seattle. And the Coles plan “some exotic trips ” from their home base in Albuquerque. More on that later.

Cal Cotner, who lives in Silver Spring, MD, says that amateur radio consumes a great deal of his time these days. He normally operates with low power and, using Morse code, “talks” with other operators as far away as New Zealand. He enjoys hilltopping – he describes it as throwing antennas and other equipment into the car and driving to higher elevations – which he did around Ithaca years ago. He recalls **Dave Shaw** as being the only other amateur radio operator in our class but adds he would love to hear from any others who have gotten their licenses since high school.

Down in Burleson, TX, **Cindy (Miller) Cramsey** writes that her time flies by, filled with work (and commuting), church activities, taking care of their dogs, etc. She and husband Dan are enthusiastic Texas Rangers fans and have the opportunity to go to quite a few ball games. And they managed to get away in September, to Branson, MO with friends who have a timeshare there.

Tennis and music are the themes of **John Davis’s** news. In June he was the runner-up in a 40 and over singles tennis tournament in Muncie, IN where he lives and was playing tournament doubles as well. He also plays trumpet in four bands. That and naps keep him busy, he says.

Early this fall, **Donna (Phillips) Dawes** underwent surgery for a brain aneurysm.

Afterward she wrote, “All went well. Thank God.” And she thanks all for their prayers, good thoughts, cards, dinners, flowers, visits, and gifts of all kinds.

Shirley (Stamp) Dial apologizes for not writing sooner but notes that between husband Gary and her they have 9 children, 22 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren (!) Shirley retired from being a collector for Discover Card Services – she still works part-time as a country-western dance instructor, choreographs and directs three dance teams, and sells ceramics and plasterware that she paints – but Gary continues to work full-time as a driver. Fortunately, life has not been all work and no play. The Dials took a 5-week vacation this summer, to New Mexico, Illinois, and South Dakota to visit family and sightsee, with a 5-day stay in Branson, MO along the way. Shirley says she is in touch with several class members, including **Marge (McLachlan) Trimm** whom she met in Las Vegas over the years; hopes to hear from more; and plans to make it to our 50th reunion.

Joan (Warren) Edmonson took four weeks off this summer from her busy job with the Centers for Disease Control to travel, with husband Dale, brother Chuck (IHS ’62), and his wife. They started in Helsinki, Finland where she and Chuck spent several years as children and where **Maj (Tornroth) Simons** lives. Arriving during the greatest heat in Europe in decades, they were met by Maj at their hotel bar (air conditioned) and taken on a glorious walking tour of the city. Later they enjoyed a 3-hour boat tour around some of the thousands of islands off-shore, seeing private islands and homes – Maj’s family owns one –, embassy estates, clubs, elegant villas, wild life refuges, and glorious birch trees everywhere. After a shopping spree in a market square full of local craftspeople, they snacked on freshly made local specialties sold by street vendors. In the evening, they all dined at an exclusive seafood restaurant on a small island accessible only by boat. Joan and Maj reminisced about Ithaca, IHS activities, mutual friends and acquaintances, and caught up on years of challenges and accomplishments. They were amazed to find that their professional lives had a common thread – writing and producing educational programs, Joan

for television, Maj for radio. They could not say good bye without seeing the Simons' fabulous in-town condominium in a lovely part of town, under complete renovation planned and supervised by Maj. Joan and company left with warm hearts and promises to plan for a longer visit together in the future. After Helsinki, it was on to Russia. There they visited St. Petersburg – the Hermitage Museum contains three works by Joan's and Chuck's great-grandfather, Viktor Karlovich Stember, a famous Russian artist who painted from 1889 to 1921 –; took an 11-day river cruise that ended in Moscow; and met a cousin there who took them into the countryside, including a visit to their summer home, and introduced them to distant relatives on Joan's and Chuck's father's side of the family. Not finished, Joan and Dale then visited friends in Italy and Switzerland, and concluded the trip in the Netherlands where Dale attended a scientific conference while Joan took in the sights.

In February **Gene Elliott** retired from his position of Associate Dean for Library and Instructional Computing at Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC, but is helping a friend in his business. Much of Gene's and wife Sara's lives have involved family. They have a newborn grandson in Indianapolis and their second son is getting married in Greenville this month. In September, Gene went to West Virginia to attend a birthday party for his dad's oldest brother, who turned 100, and to D.C. to attend his parents' 70th anniversary party.

It seems that quite a few members of the class are involved in dog training and dog shows. In early November, **Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman** and husband Bud headed from their home in Del Rio, TX to Scottsdale, AZ for the United States Dog Agility Association's championship of agility in which they had dogs entered in the grand prix and steeplechase. Kate writes, "Lots of other doggy things also going on such as dock dogs, freestyle dancing, herding, flyball, etc." One can acquire a completely new vocabulary from this activity.

In August, **Suzi (Colbert) Gittins** wrote from Falls Church, VA that she was recovering very well from total replacement of one knee and will have the other replaced as well.

Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield continues, with husband John, to take care of Peggy's mother in home hospice care in Norwood, MA. Although she is completely bed-ridden and needs complete care, her heart, lungs, and blood remain stable. She has been in hospice care since October of 2005, much longer than the average time.

IN MEMORIAM

Dave Grinnell lost his battle against cancer and passed away on September 10 in Clearwater, FL. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, **Lucy (Kimple)**, also a member of our class; daughters Brenda Crosby of Van Etten, NY, Debra Grinnell-Miller of Madison, NJ, Diane Burch of Mountain Lakes, NJ, Barbara Rhodes of Atlanta, GA; their husbands Joseph, Thomas, Peter, and Kevin; and eight grandchildren. His brother, Stuart Grinnell, also survives him. Contributions in Dave's memory can be made to The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast (www.thehospice.org) or to the American Cancer Society (www.acs.org).

Melissa (Flory) Groom's mother died in April, just a few months after her 94th birthday. Melissa reports that her mom had held up quite well until her last few years, lived alone, and only had daily help during the last 6 months of her life. On a happier note was her family's first reunion, held in July in a small municipal park at the edge of Moraga, CA, the town where Melissa lives, under a grove of redwoods. Attended by Melissa, her husband Don, her two siblings and spouses, their children and spouses, and 6 grandchildren, it provided all with a needed chance to reconnect following her mother's death and to share feelings of loss and remembrance.

Ginny Hamrick reports that she LOVES being retired and adds, somewhat mysteriously, that she has an owl roosting under the eaves of her home in Walnut Creek, CA.

Carol (Kleeman) Hayes stopped working full time as a nurse practitioner in June of last year and this year retired altogether. She and husband Allan, Jr. (IHS class of '57) have two children – son Bob and daughter Deborah – and 4 grandkids, ages 10, 11, 12, and 13. Her brother visited Ithaca

in June for the IHS band reunion – Carol says she did not attend because she only played clarinet in the marching band to get into football games for free – and her sister visited more recently, with her husband, for her 50th IHS reunion. Carol sees **Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory** often, continuing a friendship from almost when they were born.

How do you make two international trips in spring the same year? The way **Dick Heimlich** and wife Sonja did it was to go to the United Kingdom during our spring and to South Africa during theirs. Dick says the latter was the highlight of their year. Their main adventure was a safari in Kruger Park – an exceptional experience as they were able to see animals in the wild up close and personal. He writes that there is nothing quite like looking a lion, elephant, or Cape buffalo in the eye from 20 feet away. The Heimlichs also toured the entire southwestern coast. Highlights included spending a night in a Zulu village, visiting an ostrich farm, touring Soweto, visiting a shantytown high school where the kids were incredibly upbeat despite terrible living conditions, and riding the cable car up Table Mountain at Cape Town. Dick observes that the country is a blend of extreme poverty, very high unemployment, and widespread HIV/AIDS, but also hope for the future. With black dominance of a basically one-party political system and white dominance of the economy, the challenges are formidable, he says, but despite the sad history of apartheid and many different cultures and languages, the country has a decent chance to succeed. The people they met were all trying to make it work, and one can only hope that they are successful. Dick also reports that he and Sonja enjoyed vacationing with their children and grandchildren and still had the opportunity for three rounds of golf a week when at their eastern home (Pinehurst, NC) or their western one (Fountain Hills, AZ).

Don Jania-Smith and wife Barbara, having taken their RV from the San Diego area to the Canadian Maritime Provinces last year, went to Alaska this year with Barbara's brother and his wife. They started the latter part of April and visited Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, BC before joining an RV caravan in Dawson Creek, BC. The caravan of 12 RVs lasted 70 days and was designed for birders and other nature lovers. Although not birders

when they began, Don and Barbara discovered they enjoyed birding with the experienced birding guide. Don didn't keep a list, but Barbara saw 150 different species of birds along the way. Trip highlights included seeing a herd of musk oxen outside of Nome while birding, experiencing the midnight sun in Barrow, and watching a mother grizzly bear with three cubs for over an hour as they fished for salmon in a creek near Hyder. Starting as early as they did, they had exceptional views of the snow-covered mountains in the Yukon Territory and Alaska on the way north. By the time they headed south, much of the snow was gone from the foothills, and it was easy to spot glaciers in the upper reaches. The Jania-Smiths covered over 11,000 miles before reaching home in late August. The other travelers in the caravan were so much fun that when Don and Barbara learned that four of the couples were going to Mexico on another birding caravan they decided to join them. So, starting in January, they will be away from home for another 2½ months. Meanwhile, they have gotten involved playing bridge, square dancing, singing in their church choir, and taking Spanish lessons to prepare for their upcoming trip.

Car tracks are where one will find **Carol (Stevens) Jordan** and husband Roger much of the summer, because much of their family is involved in motor sports. The son and daughter of their oldest son Randy drive microcars on the Syracuse circuit, the son also driving a micro mini sprint car; the sons of second son Dennis all race motorcycles; third son Kevin drives stock cars in New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania; fourth son Patrick runs a stock car track in Afton, NY (where Carol and Roger work a day a week); and youngest son Christopher and his son race motorcycles as well. Related to this, the Jordans have decided to sell their Berkshire, NY house and downsize to a mobile home. Carol says they will have far more fun spending more time with family instead of keeping up the house.

From Wilsonville, OR, **Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz** reports that she and husband Terry now have their 4th, and presumably last, grandchild. She says that all the grandchildren live within 15 miles of them, so they see them often. Judy had lunch with **Sarah (White) Jennings** in September when Sarah was in the Portland area.

IN MEMORIAM

Gary Kemp (formally Douglas Garrison Kemp) died on December 8 at the Hospicare Residence. A resident of Newfield, he is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marilyn; sons Rodney, Randy, and Dale, daughter Kelly McCann; daughters-in-law Cindy, Julie, and Carmen; son-in-law John; grandchildren Matthew and Stephanie Kemp; brothers Kiel, Wayne, Clyde, and Lee; sisters-in-law Linda and Lois; and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was retired from Emerson/Borg-Warner where he had worked for over 40 years. He was a member of the Newfield Masons, member and current president of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Assoc., and longtime member of the Reel & Deal Fishing Club. He also had been very active over the years in many local organizations, including the Friendship Donations Network Food Pantry and the Boy Scouts. He was an avid golfer and fisherman and had been active in local bowling and softball leagues.

Contributions in Gary's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Friendship Donations Network, 110 Rachel Carson Way, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Jean (Bassett) Kinyon writes from Lancaster, PA that she and husband John, who celebrated their 46th anniversary in June, are semi-retired. She works in a chiropractic office and John at the Manheim Auto Action, the largest auto action in the U.S. Jean is still quilting – Lancaster is a great area for that – and into miniatures (houses, etc.) but running out of space for them. The Kinyon family – 5 children and 11 grandchildren – is scattered around the country. Their oldest son, John, Jr., is the pastor of a church in Coopersburg, PA, and was in Cuba this summer with several church members doing missionary work. The others live farther away. Son David is a realtor in Westport, CT while their youngest lives in Falls Church, VA and does contract work for the Air Force. Daughter Julie lives in Tiburon, CA. Jean notes that this makes west coast visits a must. She and John had a nice stopover when they went to Hawaii last year, and they very recently returned

from a Thanksgiving visit there. Daughter Debbie resides in Cary, NC but traveled to Las Vegas this summer to culminate 3 years of work heading up (her title was Minister of Magic) Lumos 2006, the Harry Potter Convention.

July 3 was truly scary for **Dick Lavoie**. In Panama City, FL, where Dick was for the holiday, a car making a turn – its driver had not seen Dick's 2002 Chevy S10 – hit the truck, spinning around and flipping it over. Dick had to have the Jaws of Life pry him out of the overturned truck. Amazingly, he had no broken bones but his back, on which he had surgery in 1996, was still hurting in August. But this has not stopped him from teaching night courses in web site design, although he says he might retire one of these days.

On December 28, **June (Mulcahy) Leagans** will become June Gruner as she gets married to Klaus. The wedding will be quite a family event. June's three daughters will be her attendants, and two of Klaus's sons will be his groomsmen. Preceded by her two grandsons and her granddaughter, who will be the flower girl, June's two sons-in-law will walk her down the aisle. The Gruners will live in the Illinois countryside – Village of Lakewood – but keep June's condo in Chicago.

Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley's daughter Sasha has just been appointed interim Program Director of KPFA in Berkeley, the largest station in the Pacifica radio network with a signal that reaches one-third of California. With KPFA since 1998 as a host, producer, and engineer of KPFA and national Pacifica programming, she has among other things founded and produced Pacifica's program of radical ideas, Against the Grain; served as Havana correspondent for FSRN; co-hosted the Free Radicals radio series; and been the executive-producer of the station's first national politics broadcast with an all-woman team. Filling the Program Director position vacant since 1999, she will oversee all of KPFA's programming and manage four departments representing each of KPFA's major programming areas: news, music, public affairs, and arts and humanities. She will be responsible for helping the station improve its program quality and expand its listener base by developing relevant progressive new programming while adhering to Pacifica's mission of social

justice, peace, and cultural expression. Kathleen's son Jake has recently started his own architecture firm in the Boston area. Called Lilley/Dadagian Architects, the firm specializes in public buildings, although it also designs some houses. As for Kathleen herself, she has been very busy as chair of the Media Reform Committee of the Berkeley-based Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, which aims to be a progressive influence on the Democratic Party. And she is musically involved. She sings with the 85-member Berkeley Broadway Singers and also sings solo at a jazz club.

Frequent visits to Ithaca are part of **Randy Little's** life. His mother, aged 92, lives there, and he is also active in Cornell activities. He was there with wife JoAnn in early July with daughters Diane Sassano and Karen, son-in-law Frank Sassano, and granddaughters Victoria and Natalie to celebrate Diane's 40th birthday, and returned in September for the inauguration of David Skorton, Cornell's new president.

In June, **Pat (Phillips) Marion** went to Alaska again, this time for a short visit with newest grandson Jackson Allan Marion in Kodiak. In October, she headed east, to Rochester to attend her nursing school class's 45th reunion. Work continues on the new house that Pat and husband Al are having built in Garden Valley, ID. They hope to move in soon, from the mobile home that has been their temporary quarters during construction.

Mary (O'Connor) MacKenzie spent the summer caring for her two grandchildren (ages 7 and 10). Things were beyond busy, she says, as she took them to many activities, cooked for them, and did much more than she normally does for herself.

In Fort Collins, CO, **Hildy (Swanson) Morgan** keeps busy in retirement with her involvement in dog clubs, training and showing her two collies, judging at dog shows, and watching her and husband George's grandchildren play soccer. George, although retired from Colorado State U., continues to help grad students there with their research and analysis.

From Tampa, **Bob Nixon** reports that he and wife Clara both plan to retire from the U. of South Florida at the end of 2007. He says it has been a quick and fun 30 years for him as a professor of

business management and for her in student health services. They are looking forward to traveling more and simply having fun together.

Cuyler Page has had a most interesting year. One facet was mandatory retirement from his museum job in Kamloops, BC. Cuyler wanted to continue – he was in the middle of a major new gallery development – but the higher ups said nobody had ever asked for more work, so no. But two days after having received notice, he got a call from The Land Conservancy of BC asking if he might be available and interested in taking on the visitor service management of a historic site in Victoria, BC. Since he had always dreamed of living and working there, he did not hesitate long. He found a fabulous apartment on the water about three blocks from the historic site, which consists of two properties – the oldest surviving schoolhouse west of the Great Lakes and "Craigflower Manor", built in 1855 as the manager's home for a large Hudson's Bay Company Farm that was the real beginning of settlement in BC. If that was not enough reason for moving to Victoria, Cuyler also relished the opportunity to play early music, especially of the late renaissance and early baroque period, with real musical peers. In his words, "a few years ago I had a 'Big Think' about life and decided that the first priority was to play music while I still could, not wanting to get to the point of having to say 'Why didn't I do it while I still could!'" He is now playing the bass dulcian, an ancestor of the bassoon as well as recorders, viola de gamba, and a beautiful baroque oboe. He says that whenever he plays, he comes away charged with new energy. And, for the first time in his life he enjoys play solos and memorizing pieces. To add to all this, in September Cuyler was contacted by someone in Regina, Saskatchewan asking if he would be available to be the designer for a new museum of electricity there. He said yes and is doing the work, which must be done before the end of the year, mostly from home. And somehow he found time to relax, he and friend Carole Ruth spending a week doing that at their other home in Vernon, BC.

Bob Pierce, retired since February, says he enjoys his new house on Cayuga Lake near Aurora, keeping busy fishing, mowing his lawn, and buying and selling antique glassware. The house, designed

by Bob and wife Sue, has four bedrooms, radiant heat, an all-natural wood interior, and a six-car (!!) garage so they can store their collector cars plus a boat.

On August 2, **Judy (Mick) Politi** joined the ranks of the retirees, leaving the Prescott, AZ library, rated tops in the nation for a community of its size, after 10 years as a circulation assistant. Her interest in library work had begun when she worked at the Ithaca Public Library and the Main Library at Cornell. She decided to retire after undergoing rotator cuff surgery and then breaking the same arm in a fall a few weeks later. Undergoing extensive physical therapy, she looks forward to a complete recovery. She says she enjoys having more time to spend with her and husband Tony's four children and their families, whom they are fortunate to have living quite near to them.

Candace (Rumsey) Reneau continues to keep busy with antiques, selling them at an antique mall in Jacksonville, TX. She does not specialize in any one thing, but particularly likes primitives and high-end pottery. She also volunteers at a local nursing home and often sees her brother Carlton, who suffers from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and is in a Jacksonville area nursing home.

In June, **Carol (Riley) Riggs** and husband Ralph moved from Portland to Lake Oswego, OR, in order to downsize after 30 years and be closer to their children and grandchildren and to Carol's office.

Jim Rogers writes from Houston that he is about 90% retired now that the Turkish section of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline, designed to transport one million barrels of crude oil per day from the Caspian region to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, is operational. Jim was the estimator for the independent engineer on the project, evaluating the cost and schedule performance of the contractor, BOTAS (the Turkish National Pipeline Company) for the owner, the BTC Pipeline Company, an 11-member consortium headed by BP. He started work in April of 2001, making 7 trips to Turkey, and the first oil was loaded in June of 2006.

The motel business is keeping **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan** busy, although she, husband Neal, and

another couple did find time over the 4th of July for a mini-vacation trip to San Francisco.

“No news or real changes here,” writes **Sue (Ensworth) Saltus**. “It's a life full of grandchildren and music and community boards, and I'm very happy with it.”

In early fall, **Steve Schmal** and wife Deb spent two weeks in Switzerland, in part to celebrate their 25th anniversary. During the summer the Schmals went to New Jersey for a couple of events in Deb's family and during the trip spent a bit of time with **Huldah (Gibbs) Jones**, joined by **Liz (Taylor) Risby** who came up from Delaware for the get-together, in Cherry Hill and with **Marvin Shaub** and his family in Princeton. See the class web site for pictures.

Kathy (Gleason) Smith continues to deliver mail for the Spencer post office and to substitute teach in her semi-retirement.

From Rio Rancho, NM, near Albuquerque, **Larry Townley** reports that he retired from Dana Corp. in May and he and wife Lorraine moved from Michigan to the southwest where they are close to her family. However, he said that, after 5 months of putting up drapes, hanging pictures, and doing landscaping, he was ready to re-enter the work world. So he unretired, joining Aerobox Composite Structures as plan manager.

Kay Trimberger's recent book, *The New Single Woman*, has now come out in paperback and has also been published, in Taiwan, in Chinese. Kay mentions that she now has a web site. You can access it at www.kaytrimberger.com.

Bev (Bower) Tuckerman's husband passed away on July 28. We extend our deepest sympathy to her. Bev writes that the prior 7 months, during his illness, were very hard but that he is now at peace.

Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt and husband Bill are very happy with their new home, particularly the added space it gives them. In August, Sharron took Bill north to visit with family in the Syracuse area – one daughter lives in Liverpool and her other daughter flew up from New Jersey to surprise them –, attend a family reunion in the Dryden area, and take a trip to the Thousand Islands, new territory for Bill. While in the Ithaca area, they spent time with **Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt**

and husband Bruce, **Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione** and husband Thomas, and **Carol (Stevens) Jordan** and Roger.

Spending time in Scotland in August were **Greta (Albrecht) Waterman** and husband George. This was their 11th trip – Greta says they go back to the same areas so it seems like a second home to them – but this time they had very good friends with them to share the experience.

Harry Wheaton and wife Margaret celebrated the birth of a grandson in June, traveling to New Jersey to be with their daughter, son-in-law, and the newborn.

IN MEMORIAM

Eugene Paul Whitted died on May 23 in Clifton, AZ. He is survived by children E. Paul Whitted Jr. of Clarksville, Tennessee, Darryl Whitted, Traci Lella of Colorado and Robin East of South Carolina; seven grandchildren; brothers John, Carl, Gordon, Rudolph and Spencer; and sister Madeline Hopkins. Brothers Clyde, Edward and Donald and sisters Eva Ugland and Gloria Hopkins predeceased him.

Contributions may be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org).

If any of you, or someone you know, is interested in acquiring a profitable auto parts store, **John Wray** has just the thing for you. He wants to sell his, located in Sterling, CO, which is about 1½ hours east of the Rockies. If you want specifics, contact John, by e-mail at jcwray@yahoo.com or by phone at (800) 748-1815 or (800) 294-2741. The store's web site URL is www.marsaus.com.

CORRECTIONS DEPT.

In the last issue, I made a bumper crop of errors. I got **Sharron Hunsinger's** married name wrong. It is **Vogt**, not Hoyt. **Maj (Tornroth) Simons** has 5 grandsons and a granddaughter, not the other way around. **Betsey (Moulton) Farnham's** son's name is Tim, not Tom. In listing those who had contributed to the Tattler Two Fund, I failed to include **Peggy (Chester) Petrillose**. And my

e-mail address in the box about address changes was out of date!! Hopefully, this issue will be error-free, but let me know if there are mistakes.

“THE SEARCH”: A NEW AUXILIARY CLASSMATE

Courtesy of **Cindy (Beebee) Anderson**, we have another auxiliary classmate. Cindy reminded me that **Kathleen Brophy** had been a member of our class until her family moved to Rochester. I got in touch with Kathleen – she still lives in Rochester, but her last name is now LaBue – and she is now included in our ranks.

MANY THANKS

Harry Wheaton and I would like to thank those of you who contributed so generously to the web site and/or Tattler Two funds – **Chet Arthur, C. Edward Bullock, Bill Coggshall**, teacher **Edith Cornelius, Betsey (Moulton) Farnham, Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer, Sarah (White) Jennings, Jo Ann and Dick Lychalk, Rita MacDonald, John Merrill, Bob Moore, Joe O'Hara, Marilyn (Hull) Ryan, Ron Saccucci, Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt**, and **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel**.

I would like to thank Harry for all the work he has put into the web site and also **Cindy (Beebee) Anderson** for providing the names of several potential auxiliary classmates, **Bob Pierce** for helping me get back in touch with a temporarily “missing” classmate, and **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld, Myra Fincher, Ron Pete, and Tom Smith** for keeping me informed about class-related happenings.

And I would like to thank all those who provided me with information about themselves and their families.

IN CLOSING

I wish you all a joyous holiday season and the best for 2007. In the new year, to help set our sights on our 50th reunion, I plan to increase the number of Tattler Two issues, as I did prior to our 45th.

Steve