

# TATTLER TWO

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You can now mark down the dates for the class of 1958's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion! The reunion organizers – **Peggy (Chester) Petrillose, Marilyn (Hull) Ryan, Kathryn (Gleason) Smith, and Ann (Rosa) Weitzel** – inform me that it will take place July 25 through 27, 2008.

What is planned? While the entire schedule has not been established yet, there'll be an informal get-together at the Meadow Court Motel (owned by **Marilyn** and her sister) on Friday evening, a picnic – catered, no dish to pass, this time – on Saturday, and a get-together on Sunday morning.

More details will follow in future issues of the Tattler Two and will also be posted on the class's web site – [www.ihs58.com](http://www.ihs58.com) -- as they become available. The reunion will be set up so that you can participate on one, two, or all three days and the cost will be reasonable.

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### SPEAKING OF COSTS

You may recall from previous issues of the Tattler Two that the class of '58 has a reunion fund. In September of 2003, **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 notice until late that summer.

The fund has grown. In addition to interest that accrued on what was in originally in the account, there have been contributions from 45th reunion attendees, from classmates who sent money specifically for the fund, and from **Harry Wheaton** and me as recent contributions to defray Tattler Two and web site expenses exceeded costs.

The money in the fund will be used to defray the costs of our 50th, making it more affordable, particularly for those with limited incomes.

If you want to contribute to the fund, please send the money to **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** at P.O. Box 85, Spencer, NY 14883.

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### DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

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

## CLASS NOTES

### IN MEMORIAM

**Cynthia Jane (Beebee) Anderson** died on December 15, 2006, in Augusta, KS where she had moved earlier in the year to receive treatment for metastatic breast cancer and to be near her son Jody. In addition to him, she is survived by son Jeffrey of Colorado Springs; daughters Catherine of Council Bluffs, IA, Shaunda Gallegos and Sonia Stevenson of Sacramento, CA, Krystal Grosz of Clyde, WV, and Beth Harp of Lemoore, CA; brother Richard Beebee of Yuma, AZ; and a step-brother, three step-sisters, many grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephew. Contributions in Cindy's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

In March **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger** and husband Peter had a wonderful trip to London and to Prague with British friends, the parents of an exchange student who had lived with the Bombergers 18 years ago. Cathy says the families had hit it off and now both generations stay in close touch. One highlight of their London visit was seeing *The Mousetrap*, now in its 55th year. They were in Prague during its Easter market, providing many shopping opportunities, but Cathy says her favorite part of that visit was to one of the old castles outside the city.

Cathy and Peter also visited Cathy's sister **Carol** and husband Don in Key Largo in February. While there, Peter and Don fished, Cathy and Carol relaxed, and all had the opportunity to watch the 95th whale painting by environmental marine life artist Wyland being painted on the walls of a building in Key Largo. (For more information on the Wyland whale paintings, see the web site of his foundation – [www.wylandfoundation.org](http://www.wylandfoundation.org).)

**Anita Bonney** sold her house in Cicero where she lived before moving to Cazenovia. She adds that when she was last at the bank where she had worked prior to her retirement, they asked whether she would like to come back as her replacement was pregnant. But, after thinking how much she was enjoying retired life, and considering that returning to work would entail a 20+ mile commute, she declined the offer.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Marshall Budd** passed away suddenly on January 4, 2007 at his home in Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

Marshall was my friend of longest standing. We were born only months apart and, after his family moved from Rochester, where he was born, to Ithaca, we lived across Court Street from one another until my family moved to the Belle Sherman area when we were in 4th grade.

He was the son of the late Henry Budd, for many years minister of the First Methodist Church in Ithaca, and the late Phyllis Budd, whose father and grandfather had been Methodist ministers. Marshall's older brother Leonard followed their father into the ministry and his sister Eleanor's

husband became a minister as well. But from an early age, Marshall was destined not to join them. He was too much of a free spirit. Was he wild? Only in comparison to his parents and siblings. As far as I know, his getting caught smoking cigarettes under the porch of the manse – the Budd home next to the church belonged to the church – was as far as he strayed from the straight and narrow.

One memory – actually a scar – I will always have of Marshall stems from a time when we decided to play golf with croquet mallets. Unfortunately, my head got in the way of one of Marshall's swings and I ended up at the hospital for stitches.

After we moved up the hill and through high school, I saw less of Marshall but he remained the same free-spirited, generous person.

After high school, he spent 4 years in the Coast Guard, which brought him to the New Jersey shore where he met and married Phyllis, his loving wife of 44 years.

Marshall worked for the Boardwalk National Bank (later taken over by Wachovia) for over 30 years, retiring in 1997 as a vice-president. He was a very active member of his community, serving as an officer and treasurer of his church, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, and the Kiwanis Club.

He enjoyed square dancing with the South Jersey Square Dancers, woodcrafts, and touching the hearts of many with his smile and sense of humor. Pop-Pop, as they knew him, was his grandchildren's #1 fan, always attending all their activities and taking hundreds of pictures.

He is survived by wife Phyllis; son Marshall, Jr., daughter-in-law Gina, and grandchildren Cistin, Courtney, and Marshall, III; daughter Cindy Kern, son-in-law John, and grandchildren Anna Marie and John; brother Leonard and wife Karen; sister Eleanor Robinson and husband Paul; and brother-in-law William Hendrixson and wife Carol.

Contributions in Marshall's memory can be made to the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church; 801 N. Main St.; Pleasantville, NJ 08232.

**Chuck Calkins** and wife Lynda soon will call The Villages, FL home. A couple weeks ago, Chuck reported that they had received an offer on their

house in Grandy on the Outer Banks in North Carolina and in a trip to Florida had picked out two in The Villages in which they were interested. While he plans to play a lot of golf and to relax in Florida, Chuck intends to keep his NC real estate license active. He has built up a good clientele there, and will go back for a day or two as needed to work with them.

Chuck and Lynda intend to travel to the Northeast in the coming months, to New England to see his son, who recently retired from the Navy, and grandchildren, and to Ithaca to visit his mother.

In February **Cy Cantrell** and wife Lynn Marple went on a snowshoeing trip to New Mexico with the Dallas Sierra Club. Cy and Lynn are obviously in good shape as they backpacked several miles, stayed in a yurt at almost 11,000 feet, and made day trips to even higher elevations. Cy notes that it was the first time they had been on snowshoes in almost 30 years, but fortunately snowshoes are much lighter now, almost compensating for the added years on their bodies. For a picture of Cy and Lynn in their snowshoeing regalia, see the class's web site.

**Rod Chapman** says he is finally getting to enjoy retirement after working over 41 years for the Navy. As Exhibit A, he mentions the April cruise he and wife Sue took on the Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Sea. It included stops at Montego Bay in Jamaica and Cartagena in Columbia (where that country's president visited the ship at pier-side for a day-long party) before passing through the Panama Canal. On the Pacific side, there were stops at Huatulco, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. Rod says the best shore excursion was to the Xochicalo archaeological site. Rod says he and Sue want to go to Iceland in the not-too-distant future to visit the hot springs and in the hopes of seeing the Aurora Borealis.

An end-of-year report from **Bill Cogshall** and wife Janet indicates that they were truly active in 2006. Bill says they were so active that their house sometimes took on the feel of a staging area, as he made four international trips -- Janet made three -- and 11 domestic business trips, and that does not count several weekend getaways for fun.

The highlight of their year was attending the Jaeger Ball (Hunter's Ball) at the Hofburg Palace in

Vienna. He reports that they had never been to a ball with protesters (for animal rights) who "greeted" them as they arrived. And when a TV cameraman, attracted by their outfits -- they rented matching black-and-white fringed cowboy outfits and bought matching cowboy hats -- told them they had chosen the zaniest of Vienna's balls, they knew they were in for an entertaining evening. In addition to the parade of dignitaries and a couple choreographed dances in the opening ceremony, they were treated to a traditional woodcutters' "dance" with ax whacks (chips flying everywhere) in time to the music (though not in three-four time). They couldn't figure out how this was relevant to the hunting theme, and had to fall back on the warning from the TV cameraman.

Bill says they were worried that there wouldn't be any floor space on which to dance, but it turned out that (a) there were lots of dances other than the fast-paced Viennese Waltzes and polkas, which were less popular (and less dangerous), so they got in so much dancing that their feet hurt too much to walk the few blocks back to their hotel, and (b) their cowboy outfits got so much attention that just walking around was kind of a hoot ... they were prime targets for amateur and professional photographers. Bill adds that, although they had expected either something more elegant or maybe venison, boar or rabbit in keeping with the hunting theme, wieners were the food of choice at the ball. He notes this was perhaps tradition (reminding that the word wiener comes from the German for Vienna, Wien).

All in all, Bill said, they had succeeded in checking off at least three or four of the items on the list of One Thousand Things to Do Before You Die, because in addition to the ball they also toured the Hundertwasser area and helped celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday during their brief stay in Vienna. (They missed seeing the Lipizzaner stallions in both their recent trips to Vienna, but fortunately saw them in San Jose in July.)

Their second favorite trip of 2006 was to Munich and Berlin. They particularly liked Munich because the city fathers have kept the heart of it intact, so it is a condensed tourist experience. Bill's two favorite events there were getting Janet outfitted in a traditional dirndl to match his lederhosen -- now they can hold their own at Germanic events in the

States – and getting in one dance – a West Coast swing – at the (too touristy) Hofbrauhaus. In Berlin, they got a quick history lesson from the mural on the fence at former Checkpoint Charlie, learning especially how critical it was to the course of history when the Kennedy administration's tanks faced down the Russian ones there.

On the home front, Janet's new firm, Atherton Lane Advisers, continues to grow and prosper. She also put her financial skills to good use by continuing to be active on Trinity Church financial committees. Her son Scott is in his second year of a Ph.D. program in international policy at Cambridge, with his special interest the economies of the former USSR states. His travels there to learn Russian and to steep himself in the culture should benefit him greatly. And Janet's son David is nearing graduation from Notre Dame de Namur, while also working at Trinity School, and continuing to play guitar and drums.

What didn't the Cogshalls do in 2006? In the report, they say that their intended remodeling and redecorating project didn't happen, so they still have their ancient kitchen and TV.

In late April **John Davis** led the Ball State chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's jazz band in a concert. (According to Wikipedia, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is "a collegiate social fraternity for men of musicianly character.") John is the only band member who is not a current Ball State student. Not only does he remain active musically but he continues to play tennis, in a doubles league at the YMCA in Muncie, IN where he lives.

**Donna Lee (Phillips) Dawes** and **Eva (Holub) Rapone** are in touch with one another again after many years. In February, they had lunch, together with a friend of Eva's, at Donna's home in Zephyrhills, FL and spent the afternoon catching up on those many years. (Eva lives only about 30 miles away, in Brooksville.)

Like a number of other classmates, **Joan (Warren) Edmondson** now has new knees. After years of suffering from osteoarthritis in both knees, as well as the results of botched knee surgery after a skiing accident at Squaw Valley in 1975, she had one knee replaced in February and the other in April, and looks forward to dancing at her nephew's

wedding in June. She thought about joining the ranks of the retired but recently learned her employer, the Centers for Disease Control, might have an interesting project when she returns to work later this month.

**Betsey (Moulton) Farnham's** mother died in October. Betsey returned home from England – she and husband Hunter were there as Betsey once again was directing Exeter's off-campus program – and was with her mother for her last four days. Her mother was surrounded by the people she loved most. On her last day she asked for champagne and drank it with them. Betsey notes that, while it is a good way to start one's last day, we should drink more champagne (provided we like it) while we are still healthy.

As for the time she spent in England, Betsey says it was really fun. She, Hunter, and the students saw lots of plays. She taught a course on the architecture and iconography of Norman and Gothic cathedrals, which required a lot of driving around the country. She taught what she describes as a rather mad dash through the Bible for kids who had never studied it. And after the students had returned to the U.S., Betsey and Hunter traveled some on their own

**Suzi (Colbert) Gittins** and **George Knaysi** have a shared "small world" experience. As she reports it, she and husband Tom were invited to attend the wedding of the son of long-time friends the weekend of April 14 in Richmond. They were also invited to other events related to the wedding, including a barbeque at the home of good friends of the bride who were identified in the invitation as Susan and George Knaysi. Of course George turned out to be our class's George.

Suzi says the barbeque was wonderful and that it was great to "meet" George, who said he did not remember her but admitted he did not have a good memory in general. She reports he looks great (George also reports Suzi looks great), is happy and successful, and has a beautiful home. She also mentions that Susan Knaysi is an accomplished painter. (Remember that Suzi also paints and had a showing of her work in 2004.)

At the wedding reception, Suzi was able to dance the evening away for the first time in a long while, thanks to her knee replacement surgery.

**Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield** continues caring for her mother. Her mother was dropped from Medicare hospice coverage in January – she had been in hospice care in her home in Norwood, MA since October of 2005 – but had a setback in March and was reinstated in hospice care. Peggy says her mother is weaker but keeps going like a flickering light, sometimes eating, sometimes not, sleeping long or short, having lucid conversations or not talking. She turned 96 in April.

On the other end of the generational spectrum, Peggy and husband John have their first great-grandchild. On Easter daughter Katie's oldest son Jonathan's wife Martha gave birth to Lola Meadow Dress. And Peggy and John are expecting to be grandparents again in October.

While Peggy has been taking care of her mother, John has stayed busy transporting 5 children to and from a special needs school during the week and taking an 86-year-old out to do errands on weekends.

In November, **Jean Houghton** rejoined the ranks of the employed. She is working – part-time – for Lifelong, Ithaca's senior center. She and another person share the job of receptionist/assistant to the program director. She loves the work, and notes that she never realized how many activities the center provides. (For those, particularly in the Ithaca area, not familiar with Lifelong, check out its web site – [www.tclifelong.org](http://www.tclifelong.org) – or visit the center, which is located at 119 W. Court St.)

**Judy (Sine) Jager** reports from Trumansburg that she has been busy planting in her garden and trying to undo the damage caused by the many deer during the winter. She and husband Pete were away during much of that time, having been in Lake Alfred, FL from January 1 through April. While in Trumansburg, she continues to work for the Cayuga Medical Center Hospital. She teaches American Heart CPR and Advanced Cardiac Life Support there and enjoys not just teaching the skills but also meeting new people. In a different vein, Judy says she and **Karen (Phillips) Arey** had a great visit last summer.

Intrepid RVers **Don Jania-Smith** and wife Barbara, who traveled to Alaska in 2006, were off again in January, this time for a 65-day birding

expedition to Mexico. They traveled with seven other RVs, of which four, including the "wagon master's," had been on the Alaska trip. Don and Barbara report it was an unbelievably compatible group. They birded together, going out every morning at 7:00 a.m. and usually not getting back until after noon or later; ate out frequently; and, when that wasn't in the plans, got together for 5:00 p.m. socials.

They report they also enjoyed traveling through the countryside and seeing how the people live, shopping at the markets, and speaking Spanish whenever they could. The food was excellent. They note they hadn't eaten in a bad restaurant and the food in the markets was so fresh because it had just been picked (although they carried a spray bottle of a bleach solution that they squirted on to all the fruits and vegetables before eating them).

One side trip they took was to Mexcaltitan, an island city surrounded by mangrove swamps. Legend has it was Aztlan, the ancient home of the Aztecs. It is also called "the Venice of Mexico" because summer rains turn the streets into canals (but not a problem in winter).

From San Blas they wrote how beautiful it was there at the Paraiso Miramar Hotel and RV Park, set under palm trees, banyan trees, and strangler figs amid lush vegetation and with a view of the Sea of Cortez from their RV window. And even in paradise, they were electronically connected to the rest of the world, accessible right at their dining room table in their RV (in contrast to other stops where they had to go to a certain area in the RV park or find an internet café).

**Huldah (Gibbs) Jones** has finally made the move from New Jersey to California. She was originally scheduled to go there last August but it didn't happen. Then, in December, Amgen contacted her daughter Beth-Anne for possible employment, interviewed her in January, and hired her on very short notice with a March 5 reporting date. Beth-Anne and Huldah flew out immediately, and Huldah's son came later when his employer was able to transfer him. Huldah currently lives in Thousand Oaks. She reports she is still a special assignment writer on family issues for the Courier Post, based in Cherry Hill, NJ.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Phyllis Ann (Weber) Jones** died on November 19, 2006, in Avon Park, FL, where she had lived since 1992 after moving from Morrisville, NY. Phyl was a registered nurse. She was active with 4-H and the Brownies and was a member of Highlands Ridge Ladies Golf Association. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Avon Park. Survivors include husband Donald; daughters Kimberley Grant of Naples, FL and Lori Fagan of Bath, NY; sons Edward of New York City and Michael of Golden, CO; and four grandchildren. Contributions in Phyl's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

From Richmond, **George Knaysi** writes that he is still working long days as a breast surgeon but hopes to slow down . . . next July. The Knaysis spend part of the summer in Maine. They had a 9-bedroom house on the water but have downsized to a condo.

**Dick Lavoie** retired at the end of May from D2Technology, a web site design, development, and implementation company in Columbus, GA. But he will continue to teach at Columbus Tech.

**Helen (Hillhouse) Madsen** and husband Ernie are expecting their first grandchild this month. The parents-to-be are son Leonard, a school music teacher in St. Paul, MN, and daughter-in-law Oakley, a naturalist and teacher in Maplewood, MN. Last month, Helen attended her 45th college reunion at Mount Holyoke. Among the other reunioners was **Peg (Credle) Cunningham**.

**Cuyler Page** continues his magical musical life in British Columbia. In December, he performed with the Kamloops Symphony as it celebrated its 30th anniversary. Cuyler and two others had played in the first concert. And, as a result of a request from a church music director in Victoria, where he now lives and works, he organized some Baroque music for a Christmas Eve service, assembling on short notice a trio of two violins and dulcian bassoon (Cuyler) to play along with the organ.

Although he continues to play bassoon in a couple of orchestras – in April he joined the Musicians Union in order to play with one a professional in a performance of the oratorio "Israel in Egypt" by Handel – playing music of the Baroque period is becoming his major musical activity. He is now in two early music ensembles with professional players, one in Victoria and the other in Nanaimo, about two hours' drive north on Vancouver Island. The Nanaimo ensemble will perform a concert of 17th century Italian chamber music in September as well as at a wedding in June.

In late March, he acquired a beautiful little continuo organ. Made by one of England's leading builders of pipe organs, this compact and portable instrument – it fits in Cuyler's minivan – will provide the perfect accompaniment for the Baroque music he loves so much. Cuyler writes that the intent is to replicate, as closely as possible, the sound and style of playing experienced in the Baroque era, using instruments that are either originals or carefully-made reproductions of museum pieces, and studying writings from the era to learn about the common musical practices of the day. He adds that it is thrilling to hear the sounds come alive, beautiful sounds that have been largely forgotten through the vagaries of time and style, and that he has been truly blessed to meet players of exceptional skill and passion for the music in Victoria. He now practices for a couple of hours daily, and finds the effort much like preparing for a major athletic event, but that it is really fun to sense new skills developing.

On the employment front, he is working to redesign the visitor experience and facilities at Craigflower Manor and School National Historical Site in Victoria, and in March completed a best practices guide about Museum Exhibit and Program Planning for the British Columbia Museums Association on-line learning resource.

**Ron Saccucci's** and wife Maureen's family has grown again with the birth of their 3rd grandchild, so far all boys. Ron reports his interests and enjoyments, besides family, include listening to a variety of music, attending musical performances, playing with digital photography, utilizing his computer, playing poker with buddies, working around the house, and, when weather permits, doing yard work. He has given up softball and

golf – the former as he could no longer compete with the younger crowd and the latter as it was more frustrating than relaxing – so his sports involvement is watching his grandchildren in youth programs and the pros on TV. During the winter, Maureen underwent orthopedic surgery on the top of her foot, and Ron has been comforter, supporter, and general “go-fer” for her.

**Bob Saturn** retired as Board Chair of the SouthEastern Bluegrass Association on December 31 of last year, and the end of his second two-year stint in that capacity, his first being in 1998-1999. (For more information about SEBA, a non-profit, all volunteer association, go to its web site – [www.sebabluegrass.org](http://www.sebabluegrass.org).) He also retired from the SEBA board after serving almost since the beginning of the organization, which is now in its 23rd year. He learned to play the five-string banjo bluegrass style in the early 1970’s a few years after a company transfer to Atlanta, and still enjoys weekly jam sessions with friends, playing and singing the good bluegrass and gospel music. See the class web site for a picture of Bob, grandson Camden, Bob’s banjo and his 1956 W.F. Ludwig drum set.

An update on **Steve Schmal** and wife Deb. Steve has been “unemployed” since the end of April, after working, albeit part-time, for 9 months as a human resources contractor at the U.S. Department of Commerce and 9 months before that back at GAO, the federal agency from which he retired. But as this newsletter goes out, he is on the verge of returning to contracting work. Deb works part-time as a research associate for a George Washington U. professor. The Schmals went to St. John in January.

From Troy, NY, **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** proudly reports that husband Dennis, graduated with honors from the School of Business at Hudson Valley Community College. He earned his degree while working full-time as a customer service technician for Aastra InteCom on assignment at Union College in Schenectady.

## DEATH OF A TEACHER

**Marian Elliott**, better known as Betty, died on April 29 at the age of 90. She was awarded a

bachelors degree from Alleghany College in 1937 and received a masters degree in English from Cornell in 1942. That fall, she started teaching English at IHS, where she spent her entire career, retiring as chairperson of the English department in 1974. She spent her last years being cared for by Pegg Smith in Pegg’s home in Van Etten.

A personal note: Late in his life, my father became friends with Betty, as well as with Jo Ernstein who taught languages at IHS. As a result, I got to know Betty better – I never had her as a teacher – and, after my father died, our friendship continued. Deb and I visited her when in Ithaca for the 40th and 45th reunions and fondly recall her abiding interest in what happened to her many students.

Contributions in Betty’s memory can be made to the Van Etten Fire Department, Van Etten, NY 14889 or to the charity of one’s choice.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Rita MacDonald** reports significant changes in the IHS Alumni Association. The IHSAA has a new web site – <http://ihsaa.gorgeswebsites.com>. It will allow people to place contact information on the site (if they wish to do so), update their information, and use the information on the site to contact other alumni. Individual classes will also have the opportunity to have a page on the website for announcements, news, pictures, etc. in addition to having links to their own websites.

Visit the site, sign up to be an associate member of IHSAA, and use the site for free. But I encourage you to become a voting member of the IHSAA – it only costs \$10 a year – and also consider making a donation.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank **Myra Fincher** and **Jean Houghton** for financial support of the Tattler Two; **Myra**, **Ron Pete**, and **Tom Smith** for informing me about class-related happenings; and **Greta (Albrecht) Waterman** and **Shirley (Cook) Weeks** for informing me about the deaths of, respectively, good friend Phyl (Weber) Jones and relative Cindy (Beebee) Anderson.

## CORRECTIONS DEPT.

In the last issue, I managed to re-name **Melinda (Flory) Groom**, calling her Melissa. My apologies for my error, Melinda.

### 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. My contact information is [schmals@verizon.net](mailto:schmals@verizon.net); 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620.

## “THE SEARCH”: STATUS

The list of “missing” classmates remains much the same. **Duane Cole, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq,** and **Willie Young** are still on it, but auxiliary classmate **Ronnie Chandler** needs to be added as we have lost touch with him. Ronnie, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, previously lived in Macedon, NY.

Several months ago, it appeared that Willie Young was no longer “missing”. Primarily to help me locate the “missing,” I have a membership in classmates.com and periodically check who in the classes shortly before and after ours have placed their names on the site so that I can e-mail them to ask for help in getting in touch with the “missing”. Imagine my surprise when, checking the site in March, I saw Willie’s name listed. I sent him an e-mail and he replied, recalling several members of the class in his message.

Unfortunately, although I have sent him a couple of messages since then, he has not opened them and, without more information, I cannot send him the newsletters or other class information. But I have not lost hope that he will respond again.

As for potential auxiliary class members, the list of persons for whom I am searching consists of **Albert Ellis, John Chacona, Bill Ellsworth, Donald Lapointe, Jack Macbeth,** and **John Ryan.** If you have any information that might lead us to any of them, please let me know. Also, please pass on to me the names of any others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates.

## IN A FUTURE ISSUE

**Myra Fincher** and I are working on an article – Myra is doing almost all the research – on a history of Ithaca schools that existed when we were students, including Immaculate Conception and Cascadilla. I hope to include it in the next issue.

## IN CLOSING

I’m getting psyched about the reunion already . . . and it’s still over a year away. I hope we have an excellent turnout, especially as it is the big 50.

One way of achieving a good turnout is by classmates talking to classmates. Are you one of those who would like to attend but will likely do so only if some of those you were close to in high school also attend? If so, why don’t you get in touch with them, find out if they are planning to attend, and, if not, encourage them to do so. If you need help in contacting a classmate, let me know and I’ll provide contact info.

In the meantime, keep the communications coming – I can always use material – and have a wonderful summer.

Steve