

TATTLER TWO

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50TH REUNION

THE REUNION FUND

The reunion fund is not dead. The fund was used to pay for the printing and mailing of invitations, and the rental fee for the Stewart Park pavilion, and helped defray the costs of the events, making the reunion more affordable. Also, thanks to the fund, those of our teachers who attended were guests of the class.

As the class has every intention of holding a 55th reunion five years hence, contributions to the fund are still very welcome. They should be sent to **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** at 18 Railroad St., Spencer, NY 14883-9543. Please make checks payable to her, not to the class.

CLASS NOTES

Rod Chapman and wife Sue recently returned from their annual cruise. This time it was on the Holland America Line's *Zuiderdam*, and included stops at Half Moon Cay (the cruise line's private island); Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao; Cristobal, Panama; and Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. Rod says their favorite was Willemstad; the pastel colors of the buildings are so beautiful. Rod adds they want to go to Iceland but that trip will have to wait until the fall as IcelandAir does not fly from Sanford, FL during the summer.

For those of you who, like me, did not know that one can fly in and out of Sanford, Rod provides the following information:

The Orlando/Sanford International Airport is probably the premier east coast destination for Europeans and Icelanders. It was built from the old Naval Air Station in Sanford, the Navy's heavy attack station. Rod was stationed there from December of 1960 until the base closed in July of 1968 and that is where he met Sue!

During the past two decades, over 100,000 visitors from England, Scotland, Ireland, and – starting about 5 years ago – Iceland have arrived at the airport each year. IcelandAir, which had flown in and out of Orlando, switched to Sanford as doing so was cheaper and also enabled passengers to clear customs more quickly (less than 20 minutes as compared to an hour or more).

Sanford is also served by Allegiant Air. Allegiant is based in Las Vegas and serves about 2 dozen smaller airports, most near larger cities. If you ever want to visit Sanford from central New York, Allegiant started non-stop service from Elmira about 3 months ago.

Rod concludes, "Am I proud of my new "hometown"? You bet!"

Sad news from **Linda (Womble) Conrad**. Her husband Lester passed away on January 4 after a long illness. Before he retired and the Conrads moved to Florida, he had been Superintendent of Shops at Cornell for 42 years. He was a disabled combat wounded veteran from World War II, having earned the Purple Heart, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and other numerous citations. In an Army tank battalion, he took part in the invasion of Africa and Italy.

Bonnie (Lewis) Conway and husband Mike recently returned home after vacationing in North Carolina, where they spent a week in Wilson and two in New Bern. Much to their enjoyment, they were able to get some golf. Bonnie says that although the weather was mostly nice they with their share of rainy days, but fortunately New Bern is a very historic area so on the days they could not golf they visited Tyron Palace, Fort Macon and the North Carolina Aquarium, and took a trolley car tour of historic New Bern. An added bonus to their New Bern stay was that their daughter and grandchildren came and spent a few days.

In early May, they and two other couples from Utica will be going to the Poconos for what has

become an annual spring golf tournament. Bonnie says it has always been a fun time.

They do not travel all the time. They are perfectly happy to spend the summer and fall in Utica, as there are always things to do around the house and they keep quite active with their golf leagues. And, during the fall and winter, Bonnie has been taking classes at SUNY. She says they have a wonderful program for learning in retirement and offer a wide range of interesting classes, concluding that she finds herself enjoying some classes that she would have hated in high school.

Cal Cotner will be receiving the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Aerospace Communications Award for 2009. The award has been given yearly for nearly 40 years for advancing aerospace communications. Cal says it came as a total surprise to him, especially as he has been retired for several years. The award will be presented at the AIAA's 2009 International Communications Satellite Systems Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland in early June, so Cal and wife Sharon Murphy are busy making travel plans.

Cal says he is in distinguished company as previous recipients included Arthur Clark, who conceived the idea of providing worldwide communications by use of three geosynchronous satellites, and Harold Rosen, who convinced Hughes Aircraft management to pursue geosynchronous satellites in part by – so the story goes – offering, along with a couple of his colleagues, to mortgage their homes and turn over their life savings to Hughes if the company would pursue the business.

Cal participated in many technically exciting satellite communications projects over his 35-year career with COMSAT. He also served as the U.S. representative to the INTELSAT Board of Governors' Technical Advisory Committee for 5 years. (It was because of that work that Cal met Sharon. She was working for INTELSAT at the time.) Cal says his greatest pleasure during his work years came from his affiliations with subordinates, colleagues and supervisors – engineers from such countries as Australia, Brazil, Japan, and the United Kingdom, in addition to the U.S. Cal was also involved, as a Reserve Officer in the U.S. Army, with various aspects of Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM).

Peggy (Reed) Elo provides the following about some of her major life events. She received a B.A. in political science from Penn State, an M.A. in teaching from Harvard, and a PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota. While at Minnesota she met Bob Elo, whom she married. She worked in counseling for a while, at a college and at a non-profit agency in Allentown, PA area, where the Elos lived for 7 years. Then they moved to California. Peggy worked for the City of San Jose in San Jose, CA for 15 years as an analyst in human resources and contract management, and she and Bob raised their family. The Elos have 2 grown children – one lives in Los Angeles and the other in San Francisco – and 2 grandchildren.

Five years ago, after Peggy retired, the Elos moved to Sun City Lincoln Hills, a Del Webb retirement community in Lincoln, CA (40 minutes drive from Sacramento). They have a summer house an hour and a half away in Truckee, near the north end of Lake Tahoe, and spend their entire summers there. Peggy says she plays bridge, is active in the American Association of University Women, and is involved – it is her main passion – in progressive politics.

This from **Betsey (Moulton) Farnham**: She and husband Hunter spent a wonderful fall term in England with students from Exeter, the third time they have done this. They lived on a farm not too far from Stratford, saw lots of plays, and visited sites all over England. A colleague of Betsey's in the theater department was in charge this time. Betsey, as she was technically on sabbatical, taught a course on the architecture and iconography of Norman and Gothic cathedrals and also had free time for herself. Hunter was the driver of a cumbersome 17-passenger van. Betsey reports that weather was wonderful (in England?), theater was great, and they had a great time. The students and faculty members all lived in different houses on the farm, cooked their own meals – by eating together, the students saved money so they could go on trips on the weekends, – and all went shopping together at Sainsbury's every Monday morning. Betsey says they miss some of the excellent prepared foods available in English grocery stores, particularly Sticky Toffee Pudding, a very sweet dessert loved by all.

When the program was over, Betsey and Hunter spent a few more days in England and then crossed the English Channel to spend time in Normandy and Paris. They found it very hard to leave Paris and plan to return as often as possible once Betsey retires (in one more year – June 2010).

In May, Betsey and **Monique (Van Lent) Kosar** will reprise their high school junior year trip to New York City to see "West Side Story". If you recall, there was a big snowstorm that closed school for a week that winter. That week the two went off by railroad to the Big Apple, where they saw the sites and, without knowing much about what they were doing, got tickets for "some new musical that was playing," which was "West Side Story" with the original cast! It was a fabulous week, always talked about they are together!

And this summer, the Farnhams, their 3 children, and their families – 11 in all – will gather in Rhode Island to celebrate Hunter's 70th birthday.

Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield is still doing freelancing permissions research. Depending on the project, she researches permission to reprint text, photos, and/or illustrations. She points out that I gave her too much credit when, in the last newsletter, I said her work as a permissions consultant for "Unknown Soldiers: Reliving World War II in Europe," a memoir by Joseph E. Garland, involved getting permission to reprint photos and illustrations. Her role in that project was to obtain text reprint rights, a big enough task by itself. Someone else secured permission for use of the photos and illustrations. Peggy will soon start work on a smaller book project.

Phil and Ingrid (Brohm) Jimrusti, heading toward semi-retirement, are traveling extensively. They have been on four cruises and various other trips in the last 8 months. In August they took a Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Istanbul and in December took their employees on a Bahamas cruise. In January 2009 they flew to Chile for a cruise, around Cape Horn, to Buenos Aires (having previously taken a cruise north from Chile through the Panama Canal). And in March they went on a southern Caribbean cruise to relax and visit some of the countries they had previously missed.

In November, writing from Lancaster, PA, **Jean (Bassett) Kinyon** said she was trying to make more room in the house by selling things on E-Bay she had collected while running a doll hospital. The prices she was getting were low but, the way she looked at it, each sale meant one more item going out the door. Recently she wrote on two entirely different subjects – that grandchild #12 is expected in June or July and that one of her quilts won the Best of Show award at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Here it is.



Gordy Light writes from California that he is excited about the impending arrival, in June, of a new grandson, to son Cory and wife Ricki. Gordy says he is still plugging away in the yacht sales business, noting that it is a little challenging these days but nonetheless rewarding. He also mentions he recently spoke with **Kip Kane**, as well as with **Carolyn (Van Buren) McPherson** and husband Don who were visiting Kip in his new LA (that is, lower Alabama) home.

Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley's mother Elizabeth died on March 23 at Hospicare in Ithaca. For those interested, there was a lovely obituary in the Ithaca Journal that can be read online.

Back in October, **Rita MacDonald** wrote that she had lunch at Joe's with **Anita Bonney, Linda (Kallstrom) Carpenter, Sandy Halstead, and Carol (Van Buren) McPherson**. Rita added that the participants would love to have other area classmates join them when they get together. So please contact any of them if you are interested.

Early last month, Sandy wrote she and Rita have been meeting for regular lunch dates and rekindled

an old friendship with gratifying and fun results. Sandy adds that in the spring and fall she is lucky to have access to a beautiful house on Elm Beach (on the west shore of Cayuga Lake, just south of Ovid) where she loves to watch the water, read, and really unwind. This year this has been especially comforting because she is recovering – too slowly from her perspective – from knee replacement surgery.

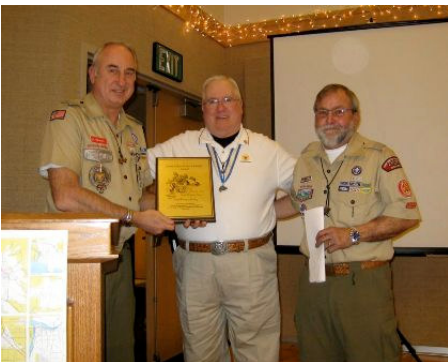
Mike Malison and wife Sue played host to **Jack and Maryjean (Hertel) Yengo** and **Bill Rocco** and wife Dottie at their Siesta Key, FL winter home for a few days at the end of February. This mini- reunion has become an annual event and includes a lot of laughing, re-playing IHS football games, and generally recalling the good old days. During the time together, the group visited the Ringling Circus Museum in Sarasota. Maryjean



highly recommends it. They also went to see the “Unconditional Surrender” statue, which is based on a photo taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt and published in Life Magazine of a sailor kissing a nurse (they were total strangers) in Times Square on V-J Day, August 14, 1945. As you can see, the

Roccos were inspired to reenact it.

As pictured below, in April at the annual dinner of the Boy Scouts of America’s North Lakes District of the Chief Seattle Council **Dick Monroe** received a special “Ranger Award” for his distinguished service to scouting at the Mountain Meadows Campground.



The Campground is a lovely property Dick owns in Duvall, not far from his home in Woodinville, WA, and where he often hosts Boy Scout activities. Dick says getting the award really took his breath away. He had previously received almost every official award an adult Scout can get. The Ranger Award was the District’s creation, and for Dick, an award from one’s peers carries a lot of weight.

Carolyn (McGory) Pfohl spent about 4 months in Florida. Most of the first 2 were on Sanibel Island where she soaked up the warm weather, collected shells, and went weekly to the Sanibel Community Center where volunteers help others make crafts using the shells. Unfortunately, during her time there, she was called home in December because her 22-year-old grandson had died unexpectedly. She says it has taken a piece of her heart and that of his father as well, noting that we are never supposed to lose children so young.

For the second half of her time in Florida, Carolyn stayed on Manasota Key, between Sanibel and Sarasota. Friends and family visited with her, including **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan**, with whom Carolyn has gotten together for the last number of years. Carolyn bought a small folding bike which she rode every day – she notes she can take it on her many travels – and she also walked the beach for exercise. The weather was spectacular for doing outdoors things, as she did not see rain for 60 days, until the day she left to return to Ithaca. On the way home, she stopped at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Historical Museum located just off I-95 outside Savannah, GA, to put in motion a "Wall of Valor" in her late husband Tom's name. (He had been a POW in World War II.) The exhibit will not be completed until December and Carolyn will bring items to be placed in the exhibit when she travels south again in the fall.

Not mentioned previously in the Tattler Two, Carolyn took an 11-day trip to the St. Lawrence Seaway last fall, with a friend who lost her husband a month before Tom died. They went in her new 24-foot Hurricane open bow-stern boat with a 250-horsepower Yamaha engine. She says the trip was great until they ran into 6- to 8-foot waves on Lake Ontario on their return. Carolyn says she never let go of the wheel for 6 hours, and was never so scared in her life. One good thing came

out of that; she knows her boat can handle any weather condition on Cayuga Lake. Their trip – not the stressing the Lake Ontario ordeal – was written up in the November 26 issue of the Thousand Island Sun. They had titled the article name "Two Old Bags in a Boat," but the paper did not use it.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. So not many words are needed to explain how **Jack Poole**, who lives in Old Town, FL, has been enjoying his life. He rides his Harley almost every day. Here he is with his friend Karen.



Chris (Mathewson) Salerno and husband Richard spent the winter months on Sanibel Island in Florida after a lovely summer in Vermont, their locale the rest of the year. Chris said things were very busy in Vermont, with a steady stream of house guests, including their children and grandchildren.

Steve Schmal and wife Deb continue to combine travel with visits to classmates. In February, the Schmals were in San Diego for a week and a half. During their stay, **Betty (Allen) Little** and husband Dave took them to the San Diego Wild Animal Park and Betty served a lovely supper in the Littles' home in La Jolla. And **Don Jania-Smith** and wife Barbara also treated them to a lovely supper in their home in El Cajon, followed the next day by a trip to Mt. Palomar – where the 200-inch telescope lens made in Corning still scans the universe – and to a most interesting RV park.

In addition to becoming involved in the latest class project (see the item later in this issue), **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** remains busy with other things.

She writes that five years ago she got her church involved in a Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser project. What's that? A husband and wife started Pumpkin Patch, Inc. 31 years ago. Currently, under an agreement with the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, Navajo farmers plant over 1200 acres of pumpkins, gourds, and ornamental corn in northern New Mexico for Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins are shipped to over 1300 churches and nonprofit organizations in 47 states, which sell them, keeping a portion of the proceeds. Gail writes that unfortunately sales were down this past fall because of an unprecedented freeze in the New Mexico fields coupled with an early snow in New York.

It's now Professor Shaub. **Marvin Shaub** is now adjunct professor of international business at Montclair State University in New Jersey, not far from the Shaubs' home in Princeton. Also, he has re-written his doctoral dissertation for the general market. The University Press of American will be publishing it, now titled "Transitions: Adjustment Strategies of American Immigrants," this summer.

Late last year, **Nancy (Ufford) Simpson** and husband Tom moved back to New York State – to Macedon – from Illinois.

Also moving, but not that far, were **Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt** and husband Bill. They were in Marinette, FL. Now they live in Spring Hill, about 5 miles north. Sharron says they found a fantastic "couldn't pass up" deal on a house about double the size of their previous Marinette home (about 2300 square feet, so it's not mansion-size). It includes a glassed sun room with an in-ground hot tub, a screened lanai, and an outside patio. And it has a new lifetime steel roof and automatic hurricane shutters. It is quite near where **Marty Schmidt** and wife Pat live.

Greta (Albrecht) Waterman and husband George recently returned from the Bahamas. Earlier, with the downturn in the economy, their daughter and son-in-law had decided, to abandon the real estate business in Maine, get on their 32-foot sailboat with their children, and head for the Bahamas. Greta and George, as well as the Watermans' son and his family, joined them on Abaco Cay for a week-long wonderful family reunion.

In May, Greta and George will go to Scotland for their 14th trip to the Isle of Skye – a week in a self-catering cottage with a lot of hiking in the wonderful hills of Skye.

Greta reports that her parents – both age 93 and still living in their own home on South Hill – had a surprise visit from **Bob Gardner**, who often visited the Albrechts' house while we were in high school. Greta and George travel to Ithaca about once a month from Maine to see them and “do what needs to be done.”

Greta also reports she had a wonderful e-mail from **Maj (Tornroth) Simons** at Christmas-time, which included photos of Maj's grandchildren. She hopes to visit Finland again some time soon. She concluded that she was sorry to have missed the last reunion, but say they had been in Ithaca the week before and decided that another 8½-hour trip just the next weekend would not work.

Last year, **Margaret (Everhart) Wiiki** and husband Ray moved from California to Rainier, WA. She reports that things are going well for them and they love Washington. Their family – 2 sons (who are getting ready to open a music store in nearby Yelm) and daughters-in-law and 2 grandchildren – all live on the same lot – although in different houses – and it is great. Their grandchildren can wander down a little path to Grandma's and Grandpa's house and see all the deer wandering around the property.

Margaret also says the hummingbirds are back and the bald eagles land in their backyard to hunt for breakfast. And the Wiikis see Mount Rainier every clear day. The weather in Rainier is not much different than in the Ithaca area; wait 5 minutes and it will change. The region normally gets very little snow, but this year a lot of records were broken. As the Wiikis' grandchildren, native-born Californians, had not experienced snow before, this was a very exciting and fun change for them. On the down side, since they have no snow days in their school calendar, they will need to make up four days in the spring.

In an entirely different vein, Margaret clarified her IHS history for me. She got married at the end of our junior year. At that point she only needed two credits to graduate, so she took a correspondence course to get her diploma (and actually graduating

in January). She comments that it was a lot easier to do that back then. She and Ray lived most of their married life in the Lansing area – and their daughter still lives in Dryden – until they moved to California in November of 2002.

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Chandler died on January 22. He lived in Macedon, NY. He is survived by wife Barbara; daughter Dawn Fisher and son-in-law Leon, son Timothy Chandler and daughter-in-law Eliana; and 5 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ronnie's memory may be sent to his wife, who resides at 3260 Pine Terrace Rd., Apt. 3; Macedon, NY 14502-8877.

IN MEMORIAM

Ron Saccucci died on March 25 at his home in Elmira. He is survived by wife Maureen, to whom he was married for 45 years; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Christine Saccucci; daughter Jennifer Lentz; 5 grandchildren who brought him such joy – Jordon, Aaron and Evan Saccucci, and Justin and Jessica Lentz; sister and brother-in law Olga and Peter Potorti; brother-in-law William Ryder; and several nieces and nephews.

After graduating from IHS, Ron attended and received his Bachelor's degree from Geneseo State College and later received his Master's degree from Elmira College. He was the principal at Gardner Road School in the Horseheads School District for 32 years and then at Big Flats Elementary School before retiring in 1995. (One of the classmates who informed me of Ron's death, **Ruth (Warren) Gerlach**, said her niece attended Big Flats while Ron was the principal.) He enjoyed his retirement years, filling his days with gardening, working on his computer, photography, and playing cards with his friends.

Donations in Ron's memory can be made to Southern Tier Hospice & Palliative Care, 11751 E. Corning Rd., Corning, NY 14830 or the Chemung County SPCA, 2435 State Route 352, Elmira, NY 14903.

VITO MASON



As I previously informed those in the class who are on my e-mail list, Vito Mason, who was director of choral music at IHS during our era, died on November 25, 2008. He was 80 at the time of his death, and lived in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rosina; three daughters

and their husbands, Rosina and Daniel Whitfield of Greensboro, North Carolina, Joli and Ken McCathran of Washington Grove, Maryland, and Rebecca and Rob Simmons of Aldie, Virginia; and six grandchildren.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, Vito received his undergraduate degree from New York University and then, coming to Ithaca, received a master's degree from Ithaca College. For 14 years, he served as director of choral music at IHS and for 12 years also choir director of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1966, Vito left Ithaca to take the position of professor of music at American University in Washington, DC. In his career, he was an internationally acclaimed choral conductor, adjudicator, and clinician. Highlights of his career included conducting his university choir in performances at the White House, with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center, and at the Filene Center at Wolf Trap Farm Park. He also led performances at countless festivals and concerts around the U.S. and in many other parts of the world, and conducted all-state choruses in many parts of the country. He has been listed in "Outstanding Educators of America," and "Who's Who of World Musicians." He was also the recipient of the prestigious Porter W. Averill Award for his distinguished work in choral conducting and music education. While he retired from American University in 1986, he remained active as a guest conductor, clinician, and judge at musical competitions until a few months before his death.

He was a world traveler, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved people and enjoyed making them smile. With his booming voice and buoyant, raucous laugh he would joke with people all the time, brightening their day. He and Rosina made the journey from Silver Spring to Ithaca to join the IHS class of '58 at our 45th and 50th reunions, leading us in singing our alma mater and enjoining renewed connections with members of the class and other faculty.

Donations in Vito's memory may be sent to the Vito E. Mason Vocal Music Award, c/o the Ithaca City School District, 400 Lake St., Ithaca, NY 14850, or the Stained Glass Restoration Fund at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St., Washington, DC 20003.

Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley writes that she has talked with Rosina several times since Vito's death, and indicates that both Rosina and daughter Joli were touched that Kathleen and so many others still had cared about him, 56 years after their first exposure to him as a teacher. Kathleen also notes that, looking back at the dinner the Masons had at her house before the 45th reunion, she was surprised at the details about members of the class that not only Vito but Rosina as well could recall.

PROFILES BOOK PROJECT

The last issue of the Tattler Two contained an item concerning **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger's** suggestion that the class create a book containing information including classmates' family life, work life, and post-high school education in addition to the contact data that is in the class directory that I maintain. She had added that it would be nice to include our IHS graduation photos, too. She thought it might be possible to work on the book so it would be ready in time for the next reunion.

After noting that **Kay Trimberger** had made a similar suggestion earlier, and saying I thought the idea an excellent one, I observed that someone would need to be willing to work on it. I therefore asked for volunteers (as well as thoughts about such a venture).

The result: five classmates have stepped forward – Cathy, **Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield**, **Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer**, **Phil Jimrusti**, and **Gail (Woolley) Scullin**. Cathy is serving as committee chairperson, Peggy has offered to do graphic design and scanning, Dorrice will be the copy editor, and Gail is serving as messenger and jack of all trades. Phil's precise role will be determined as the project moves forward.

And now the committee would like your input! Please take the time to complete the questionnaire included in the newsletter and send it to Cathy. As the book will likely have several entries per page, your submissions should not be too lengthy. Please respond sooner rather than later. The committee plans to report on its progress in the fall 2009 issue of the Tattler Two.

TOO FEW YEARS, TOO TOO MANY SCHOOLS?

During the time I have been producing the Tattler Two, I have observed there are aspects of growing up that seem clear to me now to which I was oblivious in our high school days. One is that, while they were in school, many classmates moved with their families and this must have been quite traumatic to many, particularly if it occurred late in their high school years. (My only experience at all similar was that I changed elementary schools during fourth grade. But it occurred quite early in my school life and I stayed in Ithaca.)

In a previous issue, I wrote about one classmate who moved away during our high school years. **Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt** left Ithaca after our junior year, spending her senior year at Central High School in Syracuse. It was a very difficult year for Sharron. You may recall that, following Sharron's wish and her mother's formal request, she was permitted to graduate from IHS.

Although I have not written about before, many of you may recall that **Ron Kozak** attended three high schools during our senior year as a result of his parents' moving not once but twice. They moved to Carthage, NY during the summer. Ron stayed in Ithaca – he lived with the late **Dave Gray**

and his family – until football season was over. Then he joined his parents in Carthage, attending school there, but his parents moved again, this time to California. Wanting to graduate from high school in New York State, Ron delayed going west, going to Odessa where he had relatives. He received his high school diploma there.

Several others left IHS after our sophomore year or later because their families moved. These include **Jane (Banks) Angstrom** (who went to Europe with her parents), **Ellie (Hugo) Christie** (moved to the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC), **Peg (Credle) Cunningham**, (moved to Poughkeepsie), **Kathleen (Brophy) LaBue** (moved to Rochester), **Bill Parker** (moved to Interlaken), and **Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione** (moved to Endicott). I have not included those who went away to prep school or joined the military as presumably these were their choices, or who left IHS to go to Cascadilla School or to work as they remained in Ithaca and could remain in close contact with their IHS classmates.

But more joined our class at a relatively late stage than departed. A review of the 1958 Annual (augmented by some information not in the book) reveals that 20 of those who graduated in 1958 came to IHS after the end of our sophomore year!

Here is the list. First, those who started at the beginning of or during our junior year: the late **Dave Flavin, Jr.**, from Newfield; **Betty (Allen) Little**, from Germany; **Christine (Garland) Montgomery**, from Dover, NH; **Bob Nixon**, from Leesburg, FL; **Linda Russell**, from Dryden; **Linda (Waterfield) Torres**, from Bethesda, MD; the late **Joe White, Jr.**, from Newark Valley, NY; and **John Wray**, from Lansing.

And those who joined us at the beginning of or during our senior year: **Athena (Marinos) Andriakis**, from Wilmington, DE; the late **Lynne Barnette**, from Fayetteville, AR; **Craig Deans**, from Newark, NY; **Peggy (Reed) Elo**, from Bethesda, MD; **Rich Frazier**, from Buffalo; **Denise Lecoq**, from Verviers, Belgium; **Helene Meyer**, from Dryden; **Don Riling**, from Bath, NY; **Marlene (Smith) Cutler**, from Valhalla, NY;

Nettie (Chirillo) Snyder, from Bradford, PA;
Nancy (Oktavec) Swank, from Van Etten; and
Ed Washbon, from Bath, NY.

I am interested in any of your experiences in, or reflections on, moving into a new school, with new classmates, so late in your high school years. While I would like to include such material in a future issue of the Tattler Two, I will do so only with your permission.

RECOLLECTIONS OF PERFORMANCES AT IHS

Jim Myers remembers attending a Duke Ellington performance in the IHS Auditorium in 1956, in which he did virtually the same program that had people up and danced in the aisles at the Newport Jazz Festival earlier that year. Jim recalls that the event was sponsored by Ithaca College and that it was not that well attended. He says some of the audience got to talk to Duke later, and in Jim's book he was a fine gentleman. Jim still has the autograph he got that night. He asks whether any other classmates were there that night. One he knows was there – he notes he remembers this with sadness -- was the late Dick York, who got him interested in Duke in the first place.

He also recalls a school assembly or talent show earlier in our high school years in which one of the school staff ordered the auditorium curtain closed in the middle of a performance by Bobby Comstock and the Counts. Does anyone else remember that event?

Jim says he got to know Bobby more during the period when he was touring with Chuck Berry, the Coasters, and others, and he asked him then what they were playing that caused the high school authorities to cut off his performance. He thinks Bobby's response was that the song was "Money, Honey." In an article about Bobby he later wrote in the Ithaca Journal, Jim thanked the nameless school official who closed the curtain for the fact that he grew up only partially corrupt.

IHSAA (ONE MORE TIME)

This will be the last time I put a plug in the Tattler Two for the IHS Alumni Association (IHSAA for short) . . . well, the last time unless I couple it with IHSAA news. The IHSAA was formed to promote Ithaca High among its alumni. It has a web site – <http://ihsaa.gorgeswebsites.com> – that allows people to place their contact information on it and use what other alumni have put on the site to contact them. Also, class web sites, including ours (www.ihs58.com), are linked to the IHSAA site.

You can become an associate member of IHSAA and use the site for free! (Even at no cost, only four members of our class have done so.) Or you can become a voting member – it only costs \$10 a year – and/or make a tax-deductible donation to help support IHSAA operations and programs.

“THE SEARCH”: STATUS

There has been one change in the list of “missing” classmates in the past 6 months, with the death of **Ronnie Chandler** mentioned earlier in this issue. The list now consists of **Duane Cole**, **Arlene Johnson**, **Denise Lecoq**, and **Remi Moore** (she was Josephine Thomas when we were in high school). As for auxiliary class members, I would still like to get in touch with **Albert Ellis**, **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.

THANK YOU

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Address Changed? Let Me Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your e-mail address changes.** It seems that every time I send a newsletter out via e-mail, at least one bounces back. And, even if you are receiving the newsletter via the Internet, **please apprise me if your postal address changes.** We want to stay in touch with you, and some class-related materials, for example the last reunion invitation, go via the U.S. Postal Service.

All you need to do is send me an e-mail message, send me a postcard, or telephone me. My contact information is schmals@verizon.net; 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620. Thanks in advance for your help.

IN CLOSING

Have a nice summer and early fall. We all hope the country's economy will pick up as it affects all of us in some way.

On a class-oriented note, it is not too early to start thinking about the next class reunion, coming up in 2013. Participating in the profiles book project is one way you can help. And ideas about the reunion are always welcomed. You can send them to me and I will make certain that the committee that works on the next reunion gets them.

Steve

PROFILES BOOK QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questions are offered to guide you regarding the information you might present.
You can address all, some, or none of them.

Where have you been (education after high school)?

What have you been doing?

What is your favorite high school memory?

What unusual life events have you experienced?

What are you doing now - job or retired, family profile?

What have your happiest lifetime moments been?

Please send your response to Cathy (VanBuren) Bomberger, either by e-mail to cathybomb@aol.com or via the Postal Service to 16 Gleneagles Dr., Schererville, IN 46375. If you use e-mail, please make the subject IHS Profiles Book. Also, it would be very much appreciated if you would include a recent photo – digital (i.e., jpg file) or hard-copy (passport-size or larger) that we can reduce and/or crop.