

TATTLER TWO

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CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Bradfield died on September 30 in Bend, Oregon, his home for the past 12 years.

Growing up, Jim spent 6 months with his family in Mexico at age 6 and 2 years in the Philippines, Japan, India, other parts of Asia and Europe when he was 12 and 13 years old. After IHS, Jim went to the University of California at Berkeley where he graduated with honors in psychology.

But after entering the graduate program in clinical psychology at the University of Kansas, Jim decided that sitting in an office was not how he wanted to live. Choosing his own adventuresome paths, he fished commercially for salmon and king crab in Washington and Alaska, worked as a chef in many places, owned several restaurants and espresso bars in the San Francisco Bay Area with friend Bob Carey, worked as a real estate broker on mall development and developed food products and packaging for a start-up company.

Jim sailed for many years as a member of various Bay Area clubs before he and wife Carole bought their own catamaran, Joyous. They sailed Joyous to Mexico and across the Pacific to the Marquesas, to Tahiti in the Society Islands and through the Tuamotu Islands of French Polynesia.

Jim spent many years studying and practicing Buddhist meditation. For his 60th birthday, he treated himself to a month-long silent meditation retreat at Spirit Rock Meditation Center in northern California. He studied and assisted in teaching ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

After retiring, Jim and Carole moved to Bend, where Jim has been a dedicated volunteer for Big Brothers, for Partners In Care (a hospice) and for

Bend Parks and Recreation, which named him Volunteer of the Year in 2003. Skiing and hiking were lifelong pleasures. He led many group snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and hiking trips. He became interested in hunting wild mushrooms. He helped organize of the Bend Vipassana Meditation group that meets at Hospice House Chapel. He loved to cook great food for his wife and friends. He was an avid reader. Jim was also active in Democratic Party work, and he and fellow Democrat Mara Stein spearheaded the formation of the Truman Club of Central Oregon, a social and progressive organization.

In 2003 Jim was diagnosed as having degenerative neurological disorder. Knowing he had a terminal condition, he crewed on a trans-Pacific sailboat; traveled to Australia and New Zealand with three of his siblings, and studied in Costa Rica with the Shaolin Chi Gong grand master. He and Carole also attended family reunions in Florida, Ohio and Ithaca. And they made many other trips, including a European cruise last year and recently a helicopter ride into the crater of Mt. St. Helens.

Jim planned with his wife, doctors, family and friends how to die with dignity, since he did not wish to follow the path of his parents who spent 12 years of senility in a nursing home. He decided that, when life no longer felt comfortable and manageable, he would share a final festive dinner with many friends and then to voluntarily stop eating and drinking. He carried out this plan with calm determination, dying peacefully at home.

Jim's feeling of completion and his peaceful transition would not have been possible without the active love, support, and assistance of his and Carole's many friends.

Jim and Carole decided in advance of his death to request that memorial contributions be made to Partners In Care; 2075 NE Wyatt Court; Bend, OR 97701.

On July 7, **Marge (Burchard) Bennett** and husband Don celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party at their home in Trumansburg. Joining them for the festivities were sons Brian, Chris and Mikel, four of their five grandchildren and many friends. Congratulations! Marge writes that Don retired in 1993 from the physics machine shop at Cornell. Marge had worked as a licensed practical nurse until Mikel was born. Both Marge and Don are very active in their local American Legion Post.

Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger and husband Peter went took to Alaska in August and enjoyed it very much. They cruised the Inside Passage -- a ranger came aboard to give them information about the glaciers they were right on top of -- and went to Denali. Cathy reports that their days there were memorable, with a lot of wildlife present. Their guide was a woman who had trained her own team of dogs for the Iditarod when she was 40 and wrote a book about her experience.

Cindy (Miller) Cramsey reconnected with old friend and auxiliary classmate **Barbara (Lucas) Taggart** through Facebook -- more about that later in this issue -- after being out of touch for 50 years.

In late September **Ann (Murphy) DeYoung** wrote that she and husband Ron had been at their cottage in North Hero, Vermont all spring and summer. She reports that their garden railroad located at their cottage in North Hero has grown into something quite delightful. The Cedarvale Garden Railway has about 500 feet of track in two complete loops with a trolley line known as "the faerie line." That short line has a Lady Bug car that runs between doors amongst the trees. G-scale turn-of-the-20th-century steam engines and cars travel along the rails under the cedars. There are vignettes representing the town of Sunrise Ridge, the Cedarvale passenger station and the North Hero freight station, a hobo settlement down by the riverside under a covered bridge, a schoolhouse in the country with cabins nearby, a farm with its house and Monitor Barn, and an engine facility. Most of the structures were hand-built of cedar by Ron. Ann helped develop the vignettes as well as positioning nana conifers (that grow a maximum of one inch per year) and various other plantings. There have been several

newspaper articles about the Railroad -- this summer, the local Champlain Islander weekly paper did a feature -- and in New England garden magazines, as well as programs on Vermont television. Ann ends by saying that they love to share their hobby with visitors and to look them up if you are ever in Vermont in the summer.

Deborah Jones has completed a work long in the making. Her book, "The Barn Story: A Woman's Building Adventure," has now been printed. The 56-page book will come in a barn-shaped box.

Jean (Bassett) Kinyon had a wonderful early summer. In June, she and husband John were in Ithaca for John's 50th Cornell Reunion. Jean reports that it was great to be back. Even though there is no family there to visit, she saw her parents' house, went to her parents' graves, were at the family church where she and John were married and where their first son was baptized, and, as she puts it "basically had a wonderful walk down memory lane."

Then on July 3, their children threw Jean and John a 50th anniversary party. The Kinyons' actual anniversary was on June 18, but the event was delayed so the California contingent could get east. All 5 children were there with their spouses as well as all 12 grandchildren. One daughter-in-law made a 3-tiered "wedding cake". The Kinyons' second son, knowing that Jean loves "Take the Long Way Home" by Supertramp, made up verses pertaining to the Kinyons' courtship and wedding to go to the tune and played it -- all 5 children singing -- to Jean, John, and all the guests. The grandchildren sang "Happy Anniversary" to great applause from the audience. (Jean says they were adorable.) The Kinyons' oldest son, who is a minister, gave them a touching blessing.

Jean says it was a great party and they had a blast. The Kinyons' two daughters did a fantastic job of planning it long distance, one from North Carolina and the other from California. And the attendance was excellent even though it was the 4th of July weekend.

Very sad news. **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan's** husband Neil was the victim of an auto accident on July 22. He was crossing the street between the Meadow Court Motel, owned by Marilyn and her sister, and the Rite Aid Pharmacy when he was hit by a car

that was traveling too fast. He was airlifted to Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania, where he succumbed to his injuries. Our deepest sympathies go to Marilyn and her family.

Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione reports that her son Anthony visited her and husband Thomas in early spring while they were still in Florida and they all took a trip to SeaWorld with **Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt** and husband Bill Vogt. It was a fun day. Sandy says she loved feeding and petting the dolphins. This summer, back in Ithaca, Sandy enjoyed having lunch with classmates **Roberta (Coleman) Hunter** and **Louise Maynard**. Sandy also met Roberta for coffee several times before Roberta went back to Georgia for the winter.

In September and October **Steve Schmal** and wife Deb vacationed in Spain, visiting Madrid, Seville, Toledo, the Puebla Blanca (“white towns”), Granada and Barcelona. The weather was superb, the sights often amazing – the Schmals particularly enjoyed the Alcazar in Sevilla, the Mezquita in Toledo, the Alhambra in Granada, and various buildings by Gaudi in Barcelona – and the food was good. However, perhaps because they were on their own and not part of a tour, the Schmals encountered more than a few stressful moments (trying to cope with a language neither knows, finding out that one hotel “reservation” wasn’t, trying to drop off a rental car at a location no longer in use, and almost missing a flight connection on their way home).

IN MEMORIAM

AnnLyn Ward Welles, who lived during the summer in Cold Spring Harbor, New York and in the winter in Vero Beach, Florida, passed away after a brief fight against cancer on October 18. Contributions in AnnLyn’s memory can be sent to VNS Hospice House, 101 Laurel Rd., East Northport, NY 11731.

Margaret) Everhart Wiiki had a very unexpected treat in July – a visit from **Shirley (Stamp) Dial**. They had not seen each other in over 25 years. Shirley was visiting her sister. When Shirley called Margaret, they discovered that the Wiikis’ home, in

Rainier, Washington, was only about 20 minutes away. The previous time Shirley visited her sister, the Wiikis lived many miles away, in California. Margaret’s husband Ray and Shirley’s husband Gary participated in the “reunion”.

THE REUNION BOOK

The number of entries for the IHS Class of ’58 reunion book – which has also been referred to as the profiles book – has increased significantly. When this issue of the Tattler Two “went to press,” 85 profiles had been received, including 29 on deceased classmates prepared by family members or, in one case, a friend.

The book will contain information about such subjects as classmates’ family life, work life, post-high school education, happiest lifetime moments, unusual life events, and/or favorite high school memories. It will also include graduation photos (for those whose pictures were in the 1958 Annual) as well as more contemporary photos.

The book project committee is comprised of four classmates – **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger**, **Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield**, **Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer**, and **Gail (Woolley) Scullin**. Cathy is serving as committee chairperson, Peggy will do graphic design and scanning, Dorrice is the copy editor, and Gail is serving as messenger and jack of all trades.

The committee’s message to everyone: **"Do it now! Please send in your information so the Reunion Book can include as many classmates as possible."** How? You can simply complete the questionnaire at the end of this issue. Or, if you prefer, write a narrative in your own style. Send what you write, with a recent picture, to Cathy (see questionnaire page for instructions).

55TH REUNION

THE REUNION FUND

Just a reminder about the reunion fund. 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 2½ years hence, contributions to the fund are still very welcome. They should be sent to **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** at 18 Railroad Ave., Spencer, NY 14883-9543. Please make checks payable to her, not to the class.

GRADE SCHOOL PHOTOS AND MEMORIES

In the previous issue of the Tattler Two, I mentioned my having treasured a picture of the Belle Sherman 6th grade class, signed on the back by most of those in the class, for these many years. And, noting that I had received a similar picture of the East Hill 6th grade class in an e-mail from **Bob Macauley** a short time earlier, I asked classmates to send me 6th grade pictures from Cayuga Heights, Central, Fall Creek, Henry St. Johns, South Hill, and West Hill Schools. I also asked for an 8th grade class picture from Immaculate Conception School.

You have come through! I have been sent 6th grade pictures from all the schools mentioned except for Henry St. John (but I did get a combined 4th/5th grade picture from there). I also have received several bonuses, including a marvelous 6th grade yearbook from South Hill School and 3rd grade pictures from Cayuga Heights and Henry St. John. And I also received a copy of the Boynton Junior High 8th grade photo. Many thanks to the providers of the pictures: **Anita Bonney, Ross Carlisle, George Hart, Bob Macauley** (thanked in the previous Tattler Two), **Hildy (Swanson) Morgan, Judy (Mick) Politi, Marilyn (Hull) Ryan, Sharron (Hunsinger) Vogt,** and **Margaret (Everhart) Wiiki** (with special kudos to her husband Ray).

Thanks to Harry Wheaton, all the elementary school pictures, with identification information, are now on the class's web site – www.ihs58.com. The Boynton picture should appear there soon.

IHS ALUMNI DIRECTORY

A number of you have e-mailed me concerning communications you have received, either from Ithaca Public Education Initiative or from Harris Publishing Company, about an IHS Alumni Directory. Some asked if the communications were legitimate. They are. Harris is working on a new version of the Directory – the last one was published in 2004 – that the company hopes to publish next spring. IPEI, which is an Ithaca non-profit, is partnered with Harris on the directory project.

Harris is looking for three things – confirmation of contact info, brief bios and pictures, and sales. I strongly encourage those who've already allowed their contact info to be posted on the IHS Class of '58 web site to help Harris update their info. I also encourage you to send bios (**although I even more encourage you to provide info for our class's reunion book**). As for buying the Directory, I neither recommend for or against. Slightly over \$100 is a lot of money to lay out. I'm buying one, but that is because I will use it to research about potential auxiliary classmates.

OUR CLASS AND FACEBOOK

One of the phenomena of our electronic age has been the emergence of Facebook as a major mode of communication. If you think the users are mainly the young, you may be right (although I have heard more recently that those of high school age and below are not much into Facebook). But significant numbers of people our age are on Facebook. That includes yours truly. At last count, 38 people list themselves on Facebook as members of the IHS class of '58. (This is not entirely accurate. Three people listed appear to have no connection whatsoever to our class. At least one of the three seems to have attended high school in Ithaca, Michigan. And conversely there are a number of classmates, at least 45 more, who are on Facebook but do not identify themselves as members of the class.)

Is Facebook worthwhile? That depends on who is answering the question. Some classmates spend lots of time on the web site and enjoy it a lot.

Others are less involved. A few have even said they did not put themselves on Facebook -- someone in their family did it for them – and they really have no interest in it.

I spend relatively little time doing Facebook things but it has been useful for some things. My initial contact with one auxiliary classmate was through Facebook, I used the site to correspond with the widow of a classmate regarding a profiles book entry, and I occasionally send messages to classmates via the site rather than through direct e-mails. But for me the best use stems from the fact that some of my younger relatives are very much into Facebook. A year ago, I had no contact with three of my second cousins and almost none with a fourth. Thanks to Facebook, I am now in contact with all of them and I am very grateful for that.

“THE SEARCH”: STATUS

The list of “missing” classmates still consists of **Duane Cole, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq,** and **Remi Moore** (she was Josephine Thomas when we were in high school). Perhaps they will always be “missing” but I continue to hope that in time one or more may be “found”. Help in getting in touch with them will be very much appreciated.

There has, however, been much progress on the auxiliary classmates front. Getting the 6th grade class pictures and the promotion exercises program from Boynton Junior High enabled us to broaden our search and as a result we have added **Franklin Blake, Patsy Cannavino, Edwin Corbin, Robert Drake, Dana Dyer, Patricia (Galpin) Gaburo, Carol (Van Deman) LaPlant, Curtis Murray, Jane (Evans) Reynolds, Barbara (Lucas) Taggart, Walt Wager,** and **Helen (Foley) Willett** to the class ranks.

I would still like to get in touch with **Shirley Eaton, Albert Ellis, Bill Ellsworth, Jack Macbeth** and **John Ryan** –all potential auxiliary classmates mentioned in previous issues. And now, thanks to the elementary school pictures and the Boynton Junior High commencement program mentioned earlier, I have a long list of other potential auxiliary classmates (some names may

not be spelled correctly: **Elizabeth Backner, James Banfield, Ellen Baudis, James Burlingame, William Cage, Myra Coffin, Charles Fish, Wayne Fox, James Hall, Tommy Hall, Donald Handson, Daniel Harrison, Robert Hollenback, Michael Jewett, Russell Jewett, Phillip Johnson, Terry Keenan (aka Torrance Countryman), Shirley Larson, Linda Lawson, Doris Miller, Franklin Miller, Patricia Miller, Peter Moore, Betty Morris, Edward Page, Marnie Pineo, James Ricardo, Jim Root, William Rotz, Richard Seeley, Jean Smith, John Smith, Sue Thompson, Joseph Winebold** and **John Winters**. I am particularly interested in learning whether they were at IHS for any portion of our years there. If they were and you have any information that might lead us to any of them, please let me know. And also please pass on the names of any others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates.

Address Changed? Let Me Know!

Please let me know if your e-mail address and/or postal address changes. 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.

THANK YOU

Many thank you's are in order. **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger, Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield, Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer,** and **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** continue to work hard on the profiles book project. And **Harry Wheaton** certainly deserves my, and the rest of the class's thanks, for all the work he has done on keeping current the class's web site that he designed.

I would like to thank **Anita Bonney, Jane (Evans) Reynolds, Walt Wager** and **AnnLyn (Ward) Welles** –the last posthumously – for their contributions to the “Tattler Two Fund.”

And I would also like to thank those who have provided me information about class-related or IHS-related happenings, including the grade

school pictures and identifications. Earlier in this issue, I thanked those who provided me with the pictures. Others who have helped: **Karen (Phillips) Arey, Chet Arthur** (with an assist from wife Carol), Cathy Bomberger again, **Chuck Calkins, Linda (Womble) Conrad, Jim Cornell, Raven Davis-King, Jane McElwee (Decker), Ann (Murphy) DeYoung, Marshall Downing, Joan (Warren) Edmondson, Frank Feocco, Myra Fincher, Ruth (Warren) Gerlach** who provided a 90%+ identification of those in the Boynton Junior High picture, **George Hart, Jean Houghton, Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt, Sarah (White) Jennings, Jean (Bassett) Kinyon, Monique (Van Lent) Kosar, Dick Lavoie, Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley, Jo Ann (Ink) Lychalk, Louise Maynard, James Mikell, Bill Mobbs, Ann (Simpson) Moeder, Kent Moore, Jon Mott, Candace (Rumsey) Reneau, Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione, Marty Schmidt, Gail (Woolley) Scullin, Nancy (Ufford) Simpson, Kathy (Gleason) Smith, Tom Smith, Shirley (Deeb) Stone** and Harry Wheaton again. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone (but let me know if I have).

IN CLOSING

I've had the pleasure of talking with many of you in the past two months, trying to encourage you to write entries for the reunion book project. A number of you responded and I hope more will in the coming months. The calls also served to bring my records more up to date.

Just a reminder about what gets in the Tattler Two. Occasionally there have been comments that the same names appear issue after issue. There is some truth to that. I only put in notes about those classmates who provide me with material about themselves in writing. (I don't take notes during phone conversations.) Some classmates send me material often. Many rarely or never do. If you have been never or almost never been mentioned, I'd be delighted to change that. Just send me a draft of what you'd like me to say.

One other Tattler Two note. You do not need an eagle eye to observe that there are no pictures in this issue. I have the capability of including pictures, and the past few issues have contained photos. But, again, I am dependent on all of you. If I do not receive any pictures, the newsletter issues will not contain any . . . and I am sure you will agree that photos make the issues more interesting.

Finally, I want to wish all of you and your families a happy holiday season and all the best for 2011.

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.

What education, if any, did you have after high school)?

What did you do and/or what are you currently doing work-wise?

Are you married? Do you have children and, if so, how many? Grandchildren?

What is your favorite high school memory?

What unusual life events have you experienced?

What have your happiest lifetime moments been?

If the Profile questions don't encourage you to respond, please consider simply letting us know what activities have kept you busy since your high school days and where you are living now. We'd love to hear from you.

Please send your response to Cathy (VanBuren) Bomberger, either by e-mail to cathybomb@gmail.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.