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CLASS NOTES

A number of classmates responded to my inquiry about full-time employment (see the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue) by saying they were still working but not full-time. Their work stories are in this section along with the usual reports on what classmates and their families have been doing.

In late October **Jane (Banks) Angstrom** wrote that she just got back from a 3-week trip to Spain, Italy, France and Morocco. Here's Jane with a Moroccan "friend".



Jane adds that she doesn't feel old at all. She is still working and loves it! To learn about her work, see the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue.

Karen (Phillips) Arey and husband Chet work in real estate sales with another couple. Karen says they couldn't live on what they make doing this, but it gives them enough extra to help pay for vacations. They hope to make enough to go back to Alaska, perhaps next year, to go fishing, which is incredible there.

Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld writes that she continues to work at her part-time job doing the English language editing for the Journal of Applied Ichthyology (published by Wiley-Blackwell). She got the job about 20 years ago because she was the only native English speaker who applied and she

could spell and type. Her boss is a (now retired) professor with a passel of honorary doctorates but what really impressed Carol was discovering that he was – perhaps still is -- on the Nobel Prize committee and made a speech at the awards ceremony in Stockholm. She says it is a great job. It is portable -- almost everything is done via the Internet – and it is rather like working on a New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle (or perhaps unraveling the Gordian Knot?).

Bill Coggshall and wife Janet celebrated their "10 + 10" (10 years of dating and 10 of being married) on October 1, then took off for 10 days in Buenos Aires. To learn what Bill is doing work-wise, see the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue.

After retiring from her second career in the business world, **Cindy (Miller) Cramsey** has been working about 30 hours per week for Target since 2008 – as a certified Starbucks barista (a person who prepares and serves espresso-based drinks) in addition to cashiering and covering the Guest Service desk. This came about as a result of an accident. In April 2008 Cindy fell down a flight of stairs. The immediate result was seven weeks of immobility and placement of pins and plates in her right ankle. When the cast finally came off, her doctor gave her two choices: physical therapy or lots of walking. When she left the doctor's office she headed to the mall, but that was clearly a very short-term therapy. So she applied to Target and she now gets lots of therapy (for which **she** gets paid) and keeps her brain cells active as a bonus.

Craig Deans and wife Ann have usually wintered, from January to March, on St. Simons Island, Georgia (far away from their home in Clinton, New York). However, last summer they spent time in Seattle near their son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Alyson, who had transferred from Boston. Craig says he and Ann enjoyed the Northwest and being able to see Barry and Alyson regularly. The picture that follows, of Craig, Ann

and Kate, their 7-year old Scottie, was taken at Deception Pass on Whidbey Island near Seattle.



Two things have changed for the Deans. Barry and Alyson are coming back east sometime in November as an unexpected opening occurred in Nashville at Barry's company. And this winter, they will be trying out a new area – Destin, Florida.

From New Hampshire, **Betsey (Moulton) Farnham** writes that she retired in June but, after watching the stock market, she wishes she was still working! She says she will be helping out at Exeter, doing admission applicant interviews, reading applicant folders, and substituting when necessary. She hopes to teach in the spring term, but this will depend on how many kids sign up for religion courses and if an extra teacher is needed.

Not everything in Betsey's life has involved her work status. She reports that she and husband Hunter had a wonderful, though short, trip to Paris in August, as well as a gathering of all the family to celebrate her 70th birthday – her birthday was actually in January – that was great fun.

In September **June (Mulcahy) Gruner** wrote that, making a life-long dream a reality, she is launching her own interior design business. Noting that she had graduated from Nazareth College in Rochester with a B.S. degree in nursing 50 years ago next June, she says her passion has always been interior design and now she will be doing it. Earlier, June had written that she and husband Klaus took advantage of the low prices and bought a winter home in the PGA complex in Port St. Lucie, Florida. **Dick Shulman** and wife Jackie also live

in the complex (not surprisingly a golfing community). June invites classmates to look her up if they are in that part of Florida.

In November June wrote that her mother Mildred passed away, basically of old age. She was 100 and would have been 101 in March. June got to say goodbye to her, which will always be in her memory. June says Mildred was a fighter – very spunky – and would not have lived to 100 if that had not been the case.

On August 30, **Deborah Jones** began teaching an upper-level class entitled “Women and the Arts” at Wells College in Aurora. She taught the course at Wells in 2006 and 2008 and was invited to teach it again this fall. The class is small – just ten students – and meets once a week for three hours. Although Deborah enjoys the opportunity to share her knowledge with younger people, feeling it is important they get the perspective of their elders, one class is enough for her.

Preparation for the class was a long and involved endeavor that began in April, requiring her to digitize over 600 slides, adjust them using Photoshop, and then put them in PowerPoint for lectures. She hopes that learning the scanning and PowerPoint programs opened up new passageways in her brain. Deborah enjoys introducing people to images created by women artists from the Renaissance to the mid-20th century, noting that women artists see, experience and present things differently than male artists. She feels that it is important that these images be out there in order to bring about a healthy, balanced culture. And, she adds, for her it's good to be back on campus.

Sarah (White) Jennings works as a military family life consultant on a contract basis for two to three months at a time, either in the U.S. or at military installations overseas. Through that work, she gets to support military members and their families while also having an opportunity to experience life in very diverse parts of the world. She was in Germany twice in 2010, in Korea this spring, at an Air Force base in northern California this summer and in early September left for two months in Okinawa. She says, “No complaints, good service in fascinating places, a wonderful retirement opportunity.”

Ingrid (Brohm) and **Phil Jimrusti** continue to work, albeit not full-time. They have two companies. Phillip R. Jimrusti and Associates, Inc. handles the permitting of wetlands for developers. Phil, trying to ease out of the work gradually, has one part-time employee. According to Ingrid, he no longer has the patience to deal with the ever-changing nonsensical rulings. Natural Habitats, Inc., Ingrid's company, was established to produce a variety of horticultural native upland and aquatic plants and construct upland and aquatic habitats. The company installs native species of plants and maintains the system created by removing invasive species of vegetation. Ingrid reports that, with an office assistant and dependable employees, the company runs itself and will continue to do so as long as contracts are renewed. She only needs to be there to sign the paychecks.

So what do the Jimrustis do with all the non-work time? They spend it traveling as much as they can.

Larry Knuutila and wife Joyce celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer with family . . . twice. The first was at Sandy Pond on Lake Ontario. And the second was at North Myrtle Beach. They had a wonderful time at both.

If the Tattler Two doesn't contain a fish story, it should at least have a fish picture. One here's one -- Gordy **Light** and a halibut he caught.



In August, **Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley** wrote that she had returned a short time before from Boston, where son Jake and his wife Rebecca just had a beautiful baby girl named Sophie, Kathleen's first grandchild. Jake works for Lilley Dadagian Architects. Kathleen also noted that daughter Sasha continues to be a Pacifica Radio host, editor and writer. Sasha's latest book, Capital and its Discontents, which consists of her interviews with prominent left-wing intellectuals, was launched with Noam Chomsky and got a starred review in the national Publishers Weekly. Sasha was the main speaker this year at Burning Man, a week-long festival in the Nevada desert that celebrated abundance and innovation. Sasha and her husband live in Oakland. More about Kathleen – what she is doing workwise – in the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue.

Pat (Phillips) Marion and husband Al celebrated their 50th anniversary in June at a surprise party their children had organized, at a lovely log home on a hill overlooking beautiful Garden Valley, Idaho. All their children and three grandchildren came – two families live in Alaska – as well as many friends. The biggest surprise was that Al's brother and his wife came from Massachusetts and stayed for several days. They were fortunate to have use of the beautiful log home next to theirs to sleep all of the family close by. They enjoyed some great family times with everyone and the weather cooperated so the grandchildren could play in the river that runs behind their house.

In October, Pat went to the 50th reunion of her nursing school class in Rochester. She notes that seven classmates have stayed close all these years and all were there, most with their husbands, and they had a grand time. She says they feel even closer now than when they were in school. The husband of one classmate, who is a cancer researcher, was being presented with the Dean's award at a special dinner and they were all included in that, which was quite an honor.

Pat and Al keep busy. Both are officers in their homeowners' association, Al is president of the local Sportsman's club, and both helped with some serious issues – now solved, Pat says with relief – with their school administration. Pat keeps busy during the summer months with gardening and

then, as the weather turns, shifts to quilting. She reports they have a great quilt store and a guild that maintains a membership of 30 to 40.

Although not working for pay full-time, **Mimi (Heinicke) Monfredo** is hardly retired. She teaches writing courses and conducts workshops through her local literary organization, Writers & Books. Because husband Frank is an invalid with Alzheimer's and she is his primary caregiver, Writers & Books agreed to let her teach at their home – a big house on Irondequoit Creek that is a good setting for creative people who require quiet surroundings.

She is also still writing, doing occasional short stories and working on another novel. Because she also the caretaker for two large Maine Coon cats and three dogs – a Shetland sheepdog, a long-haired dachshund and a poodle – she says she can't even consider retiring. And that's fine with her.

In June, **Dick Monroe** drove with wife Toni to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to attend a reunion of the U.S. Air Force Helicopter Pilots Association. Most of his Vietnam war buddies attended and it was lots of fun. In addition to attending the formal banquet and the business meeting, looking at the Jackson Hole sights and shopping, the Monroes took in the Bar J Chuckwagon and Western Show – they had a blast! – and went on a Grand Teton bus tour that was outstanding.

Following the USAFHPA reunion, Dick says he had an epiphany. As our days remaining are precious, he has chosen to step back from active Boy Scout involvement (although he is not ending it entirely) to spend more time at home and visiting with family. In August, he took a trip to Elk Grove, California to visit with daughter Barbara, son Paul, their respective spouses and 8 of his grandchildren. And on the way back to the Seattle area, he stopped in Bend, Oregon to see daughter Judy, her husband and 2 more of his grandchildren. After returning home, it was on to garage- and shed-cleaning, and staging two garage sales. Now the Monroes are eagerly awaiting the birth of another grandchild, due in December to daughter-in-law Rebecca and son Miguel.

In November **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** wrote that she and husband Dennis are on the mend, having had rotator cuff repair and foot surgery.

Since spring of 2010, Gail has had four surgeries on her left foot, to correct a bunion and a hammer toe and then to repair metatarsals that were broken in a fall down stairs. On an entirely different front, Gail notes that **Peggy (Fitzgerald) Greenfield** has visited twice to collaborate on the Reunion Book. (They are both on the book committee.) Peggy's sister lives a short distance from the Scullins. Gail reports that she and Peggy have had some very enjoyable talks.

Annette (Gates) Shimer worked until late spring, when she and her business partner closed ACBA Legal Placement Service due to the changing market for legal staff. She says that technically her "job" was part-time but as an owner it didn't feel that way. So what is she doing now? For many years she had retained her membership in the League of Women Voters and was active at a low level but the LWV heard she wasn't working full-time so she is back on the board of a very vibrant and active organization. Involvement in voter service, county and municipal candidate forums, and on issues such as reapportionment, restrictions on access to the polls and extraction of gas from Marcellus Shale issues have kept her off the streets (or perhaps better stated kept her on the street).

Annette and husband Preston traveled some this summer. A trip to Prince Edward Island was a work/vacation week. Preston is the Administrator for ARMA International Educational Foundation (another "part time" job) and the Canadian Regional Conference was in Charlottetown, PEI. Later, the Shimers joined son-in-law Larry Burke and grandson Robby Burke in Glasgow, Scotland, where Larry delivered a paper at the International Committee for the History of Technology Conference. On that trip they also visited Edinburgh, York in England and Poitiers in France. The Shimers also took a shorter trip in September, to Massachusetts to see son Carl's newest daughter.

In September, **Larry Townley** traveled from New Mexico to Honeoye Falls to help his mother celebrate her 90th birthday. More about Larry – what he is doing workwise – in the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue.

Izzie (Petricola) Worthen and husband Al celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this

summer by taking their daughter and son and their families to St. Augustine, Florida, one of Izzie's and Al's favorite spots to vacation. She said each family had their own condo for a week of play and simply enjoying one another's company. More about Izzie – what she is doing workwise – in the item on Work v. Retirement later in this issue.

IN MEMORIAM

Chet Arthur died on August 29 in Star, Idaho. Prior to moving to Idaho in August 2010, he lived in Cherry Valley, California. After graduating from IHS, Chet served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964. He received his B.A. from SUNY Buffalo in 1970, an M.S. in education from Canisius College in 1972 and a Master's level credential in teaching severely emotionally disturbed children from the University of California at Riverside. His teaching career spanned over 30 years at the high school level and included English and special education. He published a prize-winning short story "A Marker for Joyce" in 1987. He retired in 2002 and enjoyed traveling, golfing, bowling and, above all, spending time with his family. He is survived by wife Carol (IHS class of '60), sons Kristopher and Eric; daughters-in-law Terri and Charity; brothers Clifford and Wayne; sister Sandra Ayers; sister-in-law Catherine; grandchildren Alyssa and Andrew; step-granddaughters Krista, Dana, and Abbey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests simply gifting an individual or family in need or making a donation to St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral, 518 N. 8th St., Boise, ID 83702 or St. John's Episcopal Church, 210 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

WORK V. RETIREMENT

In the last Tattler Two and even earlier via e-mails, I mentioned that I intended to do an item dealing with classmates and work, specifically about the members of the class who, at an age when most of us are retired, continue to work for pay. After following up with several classmates, I now have something to report. It is probably not all-inclusive – I suspect there are a few of you who, unbeknownst to me, are still working full-time

(and I still would like to hear from you) – but I hope you will find what I learned to be of interest.

One thing that hit me immediately is that there are three members of the class who are medical doctors and all of them are still working full-time.

Bob Gardner, who works in Palm Beach County, Florida, specializes in breast medicine – diagnosing and treating benign and malignant conditions of the breast. He says he continues to work full-time for a number of reasons. He finds the work gratifying and interesting, and it brings added meaning to his life as he does not play golf or cards or have a burning desire to travel. Also, he feels he is needed as there are not enough physicians in his area of specialization.

Bob also feels his work is not complete as he is working toward the introduction of two major new programs in South Florida – one involving placement of a radioactive seed in a patient's breast and the other involving use of the Mobetron, a portable mobile linear accelerator, to deliver electron beam radiation therapy to tissue around the area where cancerous growths have been removed. Bob says that in some cases the latter procedure replaced 6 weeks of whole breast radiation therapy while in other cases it decreased the cancer recurrence rate. A scientific study about these treatment procedures will soon be published and the government will soon be approving a CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) code, which should make it easier to introduce the programs.

From Richmond, Virginia **George Knaysi** writes that the biggest reason he still works full-time is that it is profoundly rewarding to help people get well. Since there is a shortage of physicians, most are busy. They feel relevant and needed at an age and in a society when so many are not. He also adds that, until recently, most physicians have operated fairly independently, without answering to a "boss", they don't have to sit in meetings all day, and for the majority who do not work for large companies, their retirement plans are what they make them and with the market setbacks of the past few years some physicians are probably simply working longer to strengthen their financial positions. George ends by saying that being a surgeon has been a joyful experience and, although

he looks forward to the additional free time it will bring, it will truly be a bittersweet day when he retires.

The third doctor is **Ralph Melton**, who lives in Berkeley, California and has his urology practice in nearby Oakland. He has been in practice there for 31 years.

Why does Ralph continue to work? He says that he likes to travel. He takes two or three trips a year out of the U.S. – each year to a time-share on St. Maarten and in recent years among the places he has visited are Brazil (twice), South Africa and Cuba – and during those trips he does two things he enjoys – fishing and photography. And continuing to work full-time enables him to pay for his travels. Ralph also says he would not know quite what to do were he retired except that he would not want to sit around the house.

Now for those who are not doctors. I have heard from 15 other classmates who still work full-time.

Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso appears to be working more than full-time. She teaches 15 classes a week and oversees five teachers at her dance studio in Ithaca. She now has her daughter involved in running the studio – as business manager – even though she lives in Delaware. Dance has always been Rosalie's life and she can't imagine life without it. She is determined to keep up a 76-year tradition – the length of time the dance studio, previously run by her parents, has been in operation – and hopes to be teaching into her 90's as her parents did. As for working more than full-time, she also works for the athletic department at Cornell, handling comp tickets and security for football, basketball, hockey and lacrosse. She notes that her 16-year old grandson has attended lacrosse camps at Cornell and plans to play lacrosse for Cornell after he graduates from high school.

Jane (Banks) Angstrom works full-time as a dialysis nurse in a rehab hospital. Until last year she worked for a company that offered dialysis to patients in their own homes, a marvelous program for those who desperately needed it, but it folded due to money issues. As for why she continues to work full-time, Jane notes that work funds her travel lust so she doesn't see herself retiring anytime soon.

Cy Cantrell is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Physics, and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Texas at Dallas. He teaches three courses per year, including one in the summer, and supervises Ph.D. students, having “graduated” his 32nd Ph.D. and with two more doctoral students in the pipeline.

Why is he still working? He says it is for personal satisfaction and financial gain, and because of cultural factors. The only thing he has done that has been more satisfying than teaching has been being a dad. Teaching at a research university keeps him in the presence of highly intelligent young people, whose questions and energy keep him intellectually sharp. Research especially contributes to intellectual vitality, because it forces one to learn new things and think hard to solve problems that no one else has solved yet.

Also, as one of the founders of the Department of Electrical Engineering, he wants to stick around long enough to see it and the School of Engineering and Computer Science rank among the top 50 in the U.S. He noted they are already in the mid-70's in the US News and World Report rankings and improving. In the past five years, he has helped start degree programs in Mechanical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering. Eight years ago, he hired three faculty members away from another university to start UT-Dallas's program in Materials Science and Engineering, which now has 15 faculty members. He doesn't want to quit now! He's having too much fun.

Cy adds that he and wife Lynn Marple started their family quite late, especially for him. If he had retired at 65, they would not have been able to send daughter Kate to Columbia. He adds that having a salary makes it possible for them to take vacations in interesting places, even in a time when money earns historically low interest rates.

Cy says that in the world of research universities, tenured faculty members tend to retire at 65 only if they have other projects that will take all of their energies, or they have serious health issues, or they have simply lost interest. For those who enjoy it, teaching smart students is such a life-affirming, rejuvenating experience that life without teaching

would seem empty. There are faculty members at UT-Dallas who are in their mid-80's, still teaching, and still getting rave student reviews.

He concludes by saying that, in his view, being a professor is the best job in the world, although not for the reasons that many people think. A professorship is not a well-paid sinecure. It's a ticket to work as long and hard as you can on academic things that you are passionate about. Almost all of the faculty work at least 60 hours a week and he is not an exception. Some would think he is crazy to be working almost as many hours in a week as he has years on the calendar. He considers himself fortunate.

Bill Coggshall gives several reasons why he is not retired. He says, “I am not retired because: I am an entrepreneur, and own my own company founded in 1992. (We are a market research boutique that specializes in electronic projectors.) I don't work for a large organization that (a) has a fixed retirement age, and (b) has a cast of thousands, including some or many who can do what I do. Owning your own company has the advantage of not taking orders from a boss, but the disadvantage of having to figure out when and how to exit. My company's watchwords are passion, vision, and integrity so the when part has a lot to do with vision, and I am waiting to see if one of my key visions will come true and boost my company's fortunes to make it a more attractive acquisition candidate. Most of the time I enjoy what I do ... a lot. But I also have a lot of other personal interests, so I am not worried that I won't have something to do after I “retire”. And I expect to do those things with as much gusto as I have done my career to date.”

From the Philippines, **Carl King** asks, “What do you mean working for pay?” He works more than full-time in Internet publishing and marketing. He researches what people want and are willing to pay for, builds websites around that, finds companies to put advertisements on his websites or finds products to sell, and then pushes those websites up in Google's search ranking by the arcane black art of SEO (search engine optimization).

Two things motivate Carl to continue to work – his belief that retirement is boring and the fact that bored retirees die sooner. As he loves life, he says

there would be no reason to choose an option that would make him die sooner. He adds that he has been a radical health nut for 35 years and work is just part of his plans to live long. He also keeps busy reading on a wide variety of academic and non-academic subjects, taking care of his one-year-old (not a typo !) daughter and planning a huge new investment of time and energy in a fantastic world- wide mobile phone business.

When he worked in Japan, although he's a fast walker, gray grandfathers would run past him on their way to work. And the chairman of Sony at 90 was at his work making deals and having a great time doing it. Carl asks, “Why not all of us?” (Your editor would respond that what works for some doesn't work for others. Not everyone's retirement life is boring. For some, retirement has provided the opportunity to do things they never had the time to do while working at jobs that may have provided income but not necessarily satisfaction.)

Marcia (Hubbell) Knight works as a State Farm insurance representative in Ithaca. Her reasons for continuing to work? She says it's because she needs the money and health insurance.

By having two part-time endeavors, **Kathleen (Illencsik) Lilley** essentially works full-time. She works part-time in her psychotherapy practice. She notes that she loves the work and collegiality of being part of the local community of therapists. Her other part-time job is maintaining the house, next to her house on top part of Lake Street in Ithaca, that she owns and rents out.

Add auxiliary classmate **Bob Macauley** to the list of those who still work full-time. He works for Partners Healthcare Systems (PHS), an umbrella organization for a number of Boston hospitals including Mass General, Brigham and Woman's. PHS provides all administrative services (including human resources, budget, legal, accounting, information systems, and purchasing) for the 'Academic Medical Centers' and community hospitals that comprise PHS.

Involved with information systems (IS) since graduating from Virginia Tech in 1964 and after having run his own company for 20 years (from 1980 to 2001), Bob decided to go back to being an employee, mostly for the benefits package. He

had friends who worked in healthcare IS and decided that working for PHS would be an interesting way to finish up his career. Currently his team at PHS develops clinical software needed by doctors and nurses to place orders and receive 'clinical decision support' about those orders to help them avoid bad outcomes. (The computer input also builds patients' Electronic Health Records.) Bob says healthcare IS much more complex than any other software development with which he has been involved. He enjoys the challenge each day brings and the feeling that what he and his team do makes a difference in people's lives.

Being in good health and enjoying his work – and with his three children off on their own raising their eight children – Bob doesn't see a big reason to stop collecting a salary. He is still able to travel, bike, hike, read, and work on projects around the house. He has good friends in the Boston area with whom to do things, and loves his house (which just received a big renovation) and the Boston area. He's thought about retiring – and that step may not be too far down the road – but for now he's a happy working camper, especially in these financially uncertain times.

As mentioned in the previous Tattler Two, **Cuyler Page** has been working as the Curator, Collections and Programs, at the Maritime Museum of British Columbia in Victoria. On August 10, he suffered a major heart attack, resulting in bypass surgery and a 6-week all-expenses-paid "summer holiday" with his feet up in the Cardiac Care Unit of Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital. I am happy to report he is back to playing music. He hopes to return to his job soon.

His reasons for continuing to work full-time are a bit complex.

When he began his work life, some wise older craftsmen counselled him to put 10% of all his earnings into a retirement fund. However, as he fully intended to work forever as a designer and craftsman, he purchased good tools instead.

At age 59 he found himself working as a Museum Curator in a unionized workplace in central B.C. that gave him lifetime membership in the organization's medical/dental plan and a bit of a pension. But, unlike the U.S., B.C. had mandatory

retirement rules so he had to retire at age 66. Before that, he did some serious thinking and resolved to be sure to do a few particular things while he still could.

Playing early music – Baroque and Renaissance – was his highest priority. He tried to make that happen in central B.C. but there were just not enough people of similar interest to make it satisfying. What to do? Immediately after retirement he was offered a job managing a historic site in Victoria, which he gladly accepted as Victoria was an excellent place to pursue early music. And the job allowed him to afford to live there. With his pensions, he could afford to live in central B.C. without working, but not in Victoria. Continuing to work while also collecting the pensions allows him to be in Victoria. So, as long as he can continue to play music, he will try to stay there, and that means continuing to work.

But there is more to Cuyler's continuing to work. He loves it! For several decades, he has combined his skills as designer, craftsman, builder and educator in one job – museum exhibit creator or curator. Over the years, he has gleaned a great deal of experience, and enjoys putting it to work to help solve problems at museums and historic sites. He sees no reason to stop when he experiences so much pleasure in the work. (And an extra benefit of working at the Maritime Museum: it has a beautiful historic courtroom that is a fabulous place for playing early music.)

Cuyler notes that his heart attack has given him the opportunity to think about future possibilities. He hopes to regain enough strength to return to work at the museum. But, if it does not seem appropriate, he has the option of returning to Vernon in central B.C. where he co-owns a house as an investment. Life could easily carry on there with his existing pensions and he could look back on what he has done with recent life and be able to say gracefully and happily, "I am glad I did it while I could!"

Don Riling writes that he is still very active, traveling around the world doing leadership conferences for pastors and church leaders. He returned very recently from India where he did two weeks of conferences. He is the founder and chairman of Leadership International, which has

directors in 40 nations. This year he also directed conferences in the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Nigeria and Ghana.

Don and wife Jane, who have been married for 53 years, are in good health. He says they have chosen to eat right and keep their minds on serving others. He has been the pastor of the same church in Brockport, New York for 49 years and has no plans to retire. Twenty years ago, he started to do sign-making as a hobby and it has grown into a very profitable business. He has never advertised but receives orders daily from around the world for signs.

He still receives a full salary from his church, as well as income from his sign business, his many speaking invitations and Social Security. And he concludes by saying that his and Jane's lives are very exciting and fulfilling.

Calvin Sears and wife Eva continue to work as missionaries in and around Puebla, Mexico. When I said I was writing about classmates who still work full-time for pay, Calvin said that although he and Eva work full-time they are not paid salaries. Instead they rely on donations from churches and individuals (mostly in the U.S.) and receive in-kind services from some people in their community. They are part of Christian Missionaries in Many Lands, Inc., which has a web site – www.cmml.us. Much of their work involves native peoples and they use music in their ministry. Calvin said they are trying to grow a church in a suburb of Puebla. Calvin, who says he has no plans to “retire” said he did not get involved in the work as a job but rather as a way to help people, noting that many of those he and Eva serve have relationship problems – divorce is a big problem as are problems parents have with their children. And many have problems with alcohol and drugs. He gets great satisfaction if he can help address those issues. And he says that if people can get right with God, their lives will be better.

Larry Townley is also one of those still-working stiffs. He works full-time with Presbyterian Healthcare Systems, a non-profit healthcare system with 9,000 employees in the state of New Mexico. With the Process Excellence Group, he works on process improvement projects throughout the PHS system. The Group uses Lean Six Sigma

methodologies as a strategy towards process improvement, methodologies with which Larry has been involved for the last 15 years or so. He says he really enjoys what he does in improving healthcare for PHS's patients and members. Projects have taken him into the clinic setting as well as on the revenue side of the business. Why does he continue to work? He offers two reasons. The job pays very well and it gives him the opportunity to help improve healthcare processes that, in turn, save lives.

Denny Wagar is another classmate who works on a full-time basis. Employed by American Airlines as a ground school instructor, he teaches pilots all the systems of the Boeing 777 aircraft. These are very senior pilots upgrading from smaller planes to American Airlines' largest. During their 12 days of ground school, Denny spends 4 to 5 hours with them – only two in a class – lecturing about the systems, using a simulator to explain normal and emergency procedures, and teaching navigation. Denny then administers FAA exams before the pilots continue on to simulator training where they spend more time on in-flight emergencies such as engine failures. He also teaches 1-day systems reviews for currently qualified pilots which they must attend every 9 months. One of the main reasons Denny continues to work is to provide medical benefits for wife Catherine as she is not yet eligible for Medicare. But he adds that his is the best instructor job in the world (and it keeps him busy while still leaving him lots of time to play golf). He says he will continue to work as long as his mind stays sharp.

Izzie (Petricola) Worthen has been the director of the Old Forge Library since April of 1976. The director at that time had given notice and the Old Forge Library Association Board asked her to fill. She did and is still filling in 35 years later!

Always having enjoyed books and reading – after reading “Little Women” it became a passion – she relished introducing books and reading to people of all ages and the position of director was a perfect opportunity for her to accomplish that.

Over the 35 years, the Library has gone from two rooms to a two-floor Tudor-style building. Izzie has presided over three major renovations of the building: in 1977 when the building, originally a

home, was made into a library; in 1987 when a wing was added, allowing the Library's many programs to come out of the basement and walls were taken down to make the facility handicapped accessible; and in 2003, when an elevator was installed, making the second floor fully accessible, an Adirondack Room and writer-in-residence suite were added, and the reference and children's areas were enlarged.

During the 35 years, the staff has grown of one to four. The Library is open five days a week (and is internet-accessible 24/7). Charted to serve 2,000 people, during the high season it serves four times that many. It has 22,000 books and materials including a collection on the Adirondacks, and has six computers available for patrons. The Library has programs, workshops, seminars and art exhibits for people of all ages throughout the year. To learn more about the Library, visit its web site – www.oldforge.library.org.

Recently Izzie was in charge of a project to have each of the Herkimer libraries within the MidYork Library System tell its story in photos. Her son helped by putting a DVD together and Izzie reports, "We wowed them at the MidYork Library annual dinner meeting in October." In early November, Izzie and a staff member, dressed in elf costumes, led a three-mile parade as part of the Library Elf Walk Benefit. The event aided the Library not only monetarily but by having a known presence in the Old Forge community.

With good reason, Izzie is very proud of all of the Library's accomplishments. She gives credit to the forward-thinking library board, which listens to all her ideas and usually lets her have her way. She has just turned 71 and still enjoys running the library: supervising her great staff to do the things they like and are good at, buying and withdrawing books, writing grants, directing projects and programs, etc. Izzie concludes by saying that she knows she will retire within a year or two, but right now she is enjoying her life.

John Wray also still works full-time, although his situation is quite different. As mentioned in an earlier Tattler Two, he owns and operates Marsau's, an auto parts store in Sterling, Colorado. He's still working but only because he can't get the store sold. Although it's a profitable store, he has

not been able to find a buyer. John says everyone is scared about the economy even though the auto parts business is essentially depression-proof. He adds that he does enjoy working because he can use his 40 years of experience to help people, which is quite rewarding. And, while he could simply close the store, he says doing so would be a shame and especially hard on the 12 employees who have spent a long time working there and to whom he feels quite beholden.

IHS '58/CORNELL '62

Members of the IHS class of '58 who were in the Cornell class of '62 – 36 by my count – are invited (together with their spouses, children, grandchildren and other family members) to attend a get-together to take place during the 50th reunion of the Cornell class in June of next year. (So are any other members of our IHS class and family members who attend the reunion.) Details are still to be worked out but the gathering will likely take place late in the afternoon on Friday, June 8 or late in the afternoon on Saturday, June 9.

55TH REUNION

THE REUNION BOOK

I realize that I am sounding like a stuck record on this subject. The committee working on the book continues to receive entries, but slowly. When this issue of the Tattler Two "went to press," 68 profiles had been received from living classmates (plus 33 on deceased classmates prepared by family members or, in one case, a friend). This means that over 230 living classmates have **not** written about themselves for the book. While 100% participation is not realistic – after all, it is not mandatory to submit an entry – the committee hopes for a better showing.

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 – **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger** as chairperson, **Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield** as graphic design and scanner, **Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer** as copy editor and **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** as messenger and jack of all trades – encourage those of you who haven't submitted entries to do so. And sooner rather than later.

How?

Simply answer some or all of the following questions: 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?

Or, if you prefer, write a narrative in your own style.

Send what you write to Cathy 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 Reunion Book. Also the committee would appreciate it if you would include a recent photo – digital (i.e., jpg file) or hard-copy (passport-size or larger).

55TH REUNION

THE REUNION FUND

As the class of '58 has every intention of holding a 55th reunion, less than 2 years from now, contributions to the class's reunion fund are still very welcome. In the past, the fund has been used to pay for the printing and mailing of invitations and the rental fee for the Stewart Park pavilion, and to help defray the costs of the events, making the reunion more affordable. Also, thanks to the fund, those of our teachers who attended the 45th and 50th reunions were guests of the class.

Contributions should be sent to at Kathy **(Gleason) Smith** at 18 Railroad Ave., Spencer, NY 14883-9543. Please make checks payable to

her, not to the class. You might consider making a donation in memory (or, if still alive, in honor) of a teacher who meant a lot to you or in memory of a classmate. Or you might give because you are able to and are thankful for the education you received at IHS.

WOMEN IN HISTORY . . .

. . . in Tompkins County history specifically . . . is the subject of an on-line exhibit of The History Center of Tompkins County entitled, "Women Making a Difference in Tompkins County." Two of the ten women profiled have connections with our class.

One is auxiliary classmate **Jane Galvin-Lewis's** mother, Emma Corrine Brown Galvin. Corrine received a B.A. from Shaw University in 1929 and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1931. A high school teacher, she taught in schools in Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida. She came to Ithaca and resumed her graduate work at Cornell where she was awarded a Ph.D. in 1943. Later a professor at Ithaca College, Corrine was a member of the National Committee of the American Association of University Women, as well as a member of the board of trustees for Ithaca's Southside Community Center.

The other is Mary Isabella Sherman, for who Belle Sherman Elementary School was named in 1926. Born in Galesburg, Illinois, Belle earned her B.S. from Lombard University in 1874, a quite-uncommon accomplishment for a woman of that era. In 1875, she came to Ithaca to study science at Cornell and began teaching high school. She taught science and history to Ithaca students until her retirement in 1908. Generous to her fellow teachers, tolerant and caring to her students, Belle was honored by the community when it named of a new elementary school for her. She died in 1930.

Among the other women included in the exhibit are photographer Margaret Bourke-White and educator Martha Van Rensselaer.

You may want to check out the History Center's web site – www.thehistorycenter.net – to see what other resources it has available.

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“THE SEARCH”: STATUS

Every issue I have reported on the search for “missing” classmates, including those we sometimes refer to as auxiliary classmates. For the second straight issue, my report is that there has been no change in the list.

The list of those who graduated with us in 1958 and are “missing” still consists of **Duane Cole, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, and Remi Moore** (she was Josephine Thomas when we were in high school).

As for auxiliary classmates, the following have been identified (from various sources, including the Boynton promotion exercises program) as potential auxiliary classmates but have not been located to ascertain whether they are interested in the class: **Elizabeth Backner, James Banfield, Ellen Baudis, James Burlingame, William Cage, Myra Coffin, Shirley Eaton, Albert Ellis, Bill Ellsworth, 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, Jack Macbeth, Doris Miller, Franklin Miller, Patricia Miller, Peter Moore, Betty Morris, Edward Page, Marnie Pineo, James Ricardo, Jim Root, William Rotz, John Ryan, Richard Seeley, Jean Smith, John Smith, Sue Thompson, Joseph Winebold and John Winters.**

If you have any information that might lead us to any of those on either list, please let me know. And also please pass on the names of any others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates.

THANK YOU

As usual, many thank you’s are in order. Again, I want to thank **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger, Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield, Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer** and **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** for their work on the reunion book project and **Harry Wheaton** for his continuing efforts to keep current the information on class’s web site, which he designed.

I would like to thank those who contributed to the item on full-time employment as well as those who submitted the written material and pictures that form the Class Notes. Without your contributions there would be no content to the Tattler Two, so please keep the information coming.

And the following classmates who have provided me information about class-related or IHS-related happenings since the last issue also get my thanks: **Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso, Ross Carlisle, Marcia (Hubbell) Knight, Ron Pete, and Tom Smith.**

IN CLOSING

My life has been enriched by my associations with so many of you, and I hope to continue to play my role in the class for many years to come.

As the holiday season approaches, I want to extend my best wishes to all of you for the holidays and for the coming year.

Steve

