

# TATTLER TWO

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## 45<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

### LET'S START PLANNING...

. . . because 2003 will be upon us before we know it.

**This issue of the newsletter will focus on the next reunion more than the past two did** (although not at the expense of news about classmates). Below you'll find the results of the questionnaire that was in the last issue. And it's not too late to convey your wishes. At the end of the issue there's another copy of the questionnaire.

But before we get to the survey results . . .

### HELP WANTED

#### REUNION ORGANIZERS

If you're a member of the IHS class of '58, live in the Ithaca area, and are willing to devote some time between now and 2003 to the worthy endeavor of organizing our next reunion, **we need you!** We need two or three classmates who meet those job requirements to coordinate the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. Please let me know if you're interested.

And now for the survey results. I received 50 responses. While not all of you answered every question, here's what you said.

Likelihood of attending: Definitely, 11; most likely, 25; 50-50 chance, 9; and unlikely but possible, 4. (No one said definitely not.)

Preferred time of year: Summer (ranging from Memorial Day through Labor Day) rather than fall.

Which months? More votes for July or August than for June.

Preferred length: Two days, 22 votes; one day, 16, three days, 3. (Another 5 said either one day or two, and 2 said either two days or three.) If two days, Friday-Saturday, 12, over Saturday-Sunday, 9. If one day, definitely Saturday.

Preferred events: The most popular choice? A picnic garnered 42 "votes". There was considerable sentiment for a dinner, 30; and for a sightseeing trip, 20. Less interest was registered for a breakfast, 16; a dance, 13; small parties at classmates' homes, 10; and an IHS football game, 6 (partially due to few "votes" for a fall reunion). There were write-ins for other events that I'll pass on to the reunion organizers.

Many of you expressed a desire for **an informal even**, whenever it takes place and however long it lasts.

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A final reunion matter, one that arose from a response to the questionnaire: If there are any gay or lesbian classmates who'd like to be in contact with one another, I am volunteering to serve as a facilitator, **on a strictly confidential basis**, to help this happen – with a get-together at the reunion as a possibility if there's sufficient interest.

### IN MEMORIUM

Last October, shortly after the last issue of the Tattler Two came out, Dave Flavin died in Nokomis, FL. In addition, I've learned that three other classmates – Dennis Dean, Ginger Seeber, and Joe White – died over the years. We mourn their passing and cherish our memories of them.

## CLASS NOTES

And now the news.

**Joanne (Wilkinson) Baker** and husband Art moved from Ithaca to Ft. Myers, FL in 1997, thus putting them much close to five of their six children and two grandsons who live in Florida. (Their other daughter and another grandson live in Ithaca.) After thinking about working only part-time, both still work full-time, Joanne as the administrative assistant at a nursing facility. However, they find time for golf, which they can now play year round.

**Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Bart** has remained an Ithacan. Having worked since her sophomore year at IHS – at the First National Bank until 1972, as assistant auditor at the Ithaca Savings Bank until 1980, and as an administrative assistant at Cornell's Ag School – she retired in 1995. Her husband Bob retired from the Ithaca Post Office the same year. The Barts usually spend their winters visiting family in Mesa, AZ.

**Kathy (Van Buren) Bomberger** and husband Pete live in Munster, IN. Kathy recently retired from consulting work as a registered dietician but keeps busy as a volunteer with "We the People," a national citizenship education program. Pete's an attorney who's active in the Indiana State Bar Association. The Bombergers have four children (two sons and two daughters) and, recently, their first grandchild.

**Pete Brown**, after receiving his law degree from Duke, went to work for Harter, Secrist and Emery in Rochester. After 15 years there, he changed jobs, taking the position of senior vice president with Chase Manhattan. From there it was on to Philadelphia where he served as chief operating officer for the Glenmead Trust Company. And finally he came full circle back to Rochester and Harter Secrist. He reports that he's scaled back his work and that suits him fine.

**Rodney Chapman** joined the Navy soon after graduation and stayed in (including a tour in Vietnam) until he retired in 1977. After a year in Iran teaching their air force how to fly and maintain helicopters and a brief stint at a citrus-packing plant in Florida, in 1980 Rod went back to

work for the Navy (this time as a civilian), retiring in 1991. He and wife Sue live in Sanford, FL. They have two daughters and two granddaughters. Rod's mom still lives in Ithaca.

**Bill Cogshall** writes that he's to be married in late September, 10 years (almost to the day) from when he met his bride-to-be Janet. He describes his company, Pacific Media Associates, as a "research boutique" that "counts things" – most recently large electronic displays – and sells the results to manufacturers. Work has kept him very busy, including quite a few overseas trips – Japan, Taiwan, France, and Germany (plus a pleasure trip to Spain with Janet) in 2000. And he's already been to Singapore and Japan (again) this year. But not all of Bill's life is work; dancing seems to be a particular interest of his.

**Randy Cole**, who married Val Shantz of the class of '59, lives in Albuquerque, where he's worked for Sandia National Laboratories for 33 years. For more than 20, he's been involved in computer modeling of accidents in nuclear reactors. He likes what he's doing and has no plans to retire soon. Val's a horsewoman, very active in the N.M. state horse council. Their daughter lives in Princeton, NJ, and their son is in the Seattle area.

**James Cornell** wrote from Moravia in October, indicating that he was retiring from the food science department at Cornell in December after 22 years there. Before that, he'd been in the Navy for 4 years and worked for the Post Office for 13. One of his passions is flying. (As mentioned in the last issue, he earned his private pilot's license in 1993.) Other things that will occupy his time in retirement include fishing and golf.

**Faith (Miller) Roelofs Dann** married Tom Roelofs after graduating from Cornell and they moved to Hawaii in 1964. An intended 1-year stay extended to 31 years. In 1995, Faith and Tom retired from the U. of Hawaii and moved to Prescott, AZ but sadly Tom died of colon cancer shortly thereafter. Faith subsequently reconnected with Tom's cousin Charles Dann, whose wife had died of cancer, and married him in 1999. The Dannels volunteer at the Highlands Center for Natural History, teaching outdoor science, etc. and also keep busy with their blended family (five children between them).

**Sarah (Briggs) de Ris** has lived in Sharon, MA (south of Boston) for over 30 years. She's worked for 20 years in the Wheaton College library, continues to enjoy it, and isn't ready to retire. Her son and daughter both got married during the past year. A convert to Judaism, Sarah is active in her congregation. She also spends time gardening, reading, making trips to the ocean, and dancing. She maintains Ithaca connections; she regularly visits her mother who still lives there as well as good friends and classmates Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley and Jean Houghton.

**Ann (Murphy) DeYoung** and husband Ron have lived in Vermont since 1965 (having moved from East Gary, IN) and love it there. Ann teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade math and science. The DeYoungs live in Essex and have a summer cottage on one of the islands in Lake Champlain. Their two sons live in the Rochester area. Ann reports that she and Ron have long been serious Western-style square dancers and more recently become interested in garden railroading (to the delight of their grandson).

**Mary Edsall-Golway** probably has the longest commute of anyone in our class. As a vice president in the commercial banking/middle market area for JPMorganChase, she works in White Plains, NY but lives on weekends in Newfield. (She also has a place on Cayuga Lake where she spends some summer weekends.) Before working for Chase, she spent 17 years with the First National Bank and Trust Co. in Ithaca. Her husband Lou, also an Ithacan, died in 1998. She has stepchildren, grandchildren and great grandchildren (!) in New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Massachusetts.

**Joan Foss** has worked in the management field for non-profit organizations for the past 20 years. She originally moved to Florida to take care of her parents while raising her daughter and son, and remained there (in Orlando) after her parents died. Her son lives in Texas, while her daughter and four granddaughters are in Missouri.

**Elaine (Terwillegar) Fredericks** probably is the class's most recent bride, having married Bruce Fredericks on September 10. After honeymooning in Ireland, they are live in Rochester, where she works as a children's librarian. Bruce owns a

business in Victor. Her new family now includes Bruce's three daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren plus Elaine's son Doug. The Fredericks bought her family's cottage on Cayuga Lake, providing them a good base for sailing, hiking, and Ithaca dining.

**Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield** writes from Foxboro, MA that she's trying to keep up with her freelance design work while caring for her mom, who's 90, and her husband, who's recovering from by-pass surgery. She's also very active in Amnesty International. She works on The Fourth R, a newsletter produced by AI's Human Rights Education division and also has handled design and production of a book – Our World, Our Rights: Teaching Rights and Responsibilities in the Elementary School.

**Karl Hoffmann (formerly Przyrembel)** retired from Motorola after a brief stint in Texas, returning to North Carolina. He and wife Paula now live in Raleigh where Karl is busying himself getting his vegetable garden ready, watching the Canada geese and ducks on his ¾-acre pond, and simply enjoying retired life.

**Sarah (White) Jennings** has been a California resident for most of the past 37 years, but that did not prevent her from attending the last reunion and she plans on being at the 45<sup>th</sup>. She's lived mostly in Sacramento and San Francisco but now resides in Santa Rosa (an hour north of San Francisco) where she's a psychotherapist in an outpatient psychiatry department of an HMO. She has one daughter, who lives in the Boston area.

**Huldah (Gibbs) Jones** now calls Cherry Hill, NJ home. She and her late husband raised their two children in southern Jersey and Huldah was the technical director and therapist at the Helene Fuld Orthoptic Center in Trenton. (Orthoptics is the treatment of binocular irregularities of the eyes, usually by way of exercises. Huldah had gotten her training at the Rochester Clinic.) She's now "retired" but keeps busy writing non-fiction. She recently returned from a trip to England with her daughter who had a work assignment there.

**Phyl (Weber) Jones** and Don, her husband of 40 years, have been living in a golf community in Sebring, FL since 1992. Both are retired, Phyl from a career as a registered nurse and Don from

one as an electrical engineer. They have four children and three grandchildren, all in more northern climes (New York, Massachusetts and Colorado).

**Betty (Allen) Little** lives in La Jolla, CA with husband Dave. During his 20-year career in the Marine Corps, she raised two sons and also taught government at a community college and technical writing for Southern California Edison. Currently she's teaching English as a second language at San Diego State U. Dave also teaches and works as a consultant. Betty, who came to IHS (the 12<sup>th</sup> school she'd attended!) during our junior year, notes that she came to consider Ithaca as home after 4 years at Cornell and two extended stays there while Dave served in Vietnam.

**Joanne (Schnitzer) McManus** and husband Pete (IHS class of '56) now live in Thornton, PA, having previously lived in Indianapolis from 1963 until 1978. Joanne is a customer service rep for an insurance company. Pete's a retiree who does consulting work. The McManuses are old car aficionados. They own a 1941 Cadillac, which they've driven cross-country, as well as a 1929 Riley, which they race. (It won the Watkins Glen Grand Prix in 1949!)

**Chuck McNeal** writes from Freeville that he has worked as an accelerator technician at the Wilson Lab at Cornell since 1982 and plans to continue until 2003. His wife Marna is retired; she was a senior accounts clerk for the City of Ithaca. The McNeals, who will celebrate their 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary in July, have three sons and one granddaughter. Chuck reports that he's returned to a hobby – fishing – that he did years ago and also renewed a friendship with Bob Pierce who was a fishing buddy of his during high school.

**Hildy (Swanson) Morgan** is now a dog show judge. Previously, she'd spent 15 years in the pet business, owning and managing a boarding kennel, grooming shop, pet supply store, and dog training center. She and husband George live in Fort Collins, CO, where he's with Colorado State University. In addition to her work, Hildy spends time with her grandchildren, training her own dog (a collie), and traveling.

**Carol (Riley) Riggs** was part of our class into our senior year but, due to the birth of her first son

that year, she graduated from Cascadilla Prep rather than from IHS. She and her second husband Ralph live in Portland, OR where she has her own accounting and consulting business. That has been her line of work since 1993 after spending 24 years in the corporate world. She has four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the Portland area.

**Tom Ryan** retired in 1999 from Penn State where he was a statistics professor. A Cornell Ph.D., Tom developed a statistical package during an earlier stint at Penn State, ran an independent company marketing the product for 5 years, and then returned to Penn State in 1988. Wife Lauri is Assistant Dean of Penn State's Honors College. Tom is an at-home parent for 14-year old son Nate, teaches math as a volunteer at Nate's school, and is webmaster for the regional Quaker organization.

**Greta (Albrecht) Waterman** and husband George live in Freeport, ME, home for the past 25 years and where they raised their son and daughter. They're both retired, Greta having owned a heather nursery and George a marine construction company. Like the Fredericks, they're avid sailors. They can sail Maine's coastal waters right from home as their boat is moored "out front". They enjoy traveling and have done a lot of it overseas, including a trip to Scotland in 1999 with our Finnish exchange student **Maj (Tornroth) Simons** and her husband Tom.

**Izzie (Petricola) Worthen** writes from Old Forge, NY, deep in the Adirondacks, that she and husband Al will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. Izzie is the director of the Old Forge Library. She's held the position for 25 years, during which the library moved into a new building, added a two-story program wing, and is currently undergoing a major renovation. Al, who was a school psychologist until he retired, runs Mountain Music, a store that specializes in bluegrass music, instruments and accessories. The Worthens have a daughter who lives in nearby Woodgate, a son who lives outside Syracuse, and two grandchildren.

**Short Takes:** Here's bits and pieces on other class members. **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld** and husband Helmut recently spent a week with

**Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer** and husband John in Krakow, Poland where John was in charge of an international map conference. **Bill Cass** (like Carol Riggs an honorary member of our class who “transferred” to and graduated from Cascadilla Prep) is a park ranger in Florida. **Betsey (Moulton) Farnham** and husband Hunter spent the fall semester in England, where she directed a program for Exeter prep students and taught courses on religion and on the art and architecture of English cathedrals. They lived on a farm near Stratford. **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** will retire on May 18 after 23 years of working for Coca-Cola. Her plans? The first one’s a trip to Arizona. **Sue (Ensworth) Saltus** has retired and moved to Essex, CT, where she enjoys the small town atmosphere. **Gail (Woolley) Scullin** was a headcounter, working 2 years for the Census Bureau as part of the 2000 census team. She lives in Troy, NY.

## THANK YOU

Once again, I want to acknowledge assistance I have received in locating missing class members and in financially supporting the Tattler Two.

Since the last issue, I’ve received contributions from Maryline (Ayres) Ceniglia, Bill Coggshall, Sarah (Briggs) de Ris, Mary Edsall-Golway, Nancy (Hinger) Hare, Jean Houghton, Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt, Roberta (Coleman) Hunter, Don Jania-Smith, Phyl (Weber) Jones, Betty (Allen) Little, Chuck McNeal, Peggy (Chester) Petrillose, Dick Shulman, Tom Smith, Greta (Albrecht) Waterman, and Izzie (Petricola) Worthen. Thank you one and all!

Tom and Greta also provided me with addresses I didn’t have. So did Myra Fincher, June (Mulcahy) Leagans, Randy Little, Sue (Ensworth) Saltus, Shirley (Cook) Weeks, Carol (Bly) Weistart, others in our class whom I can’t identify because of sloppy record-keeping on my part, and members of other IHS classes. Jean Houghton deserves acknowledgement, too, for arranging to have a letter to the editor run in the Ithaca Journal.

### Want a Class List?

I’m continuing to offer the class list I’ve been maintaining to any classmates who want it. It now has mailing addresses – and in many cases phone numbers and e-mail addresses – for 258 class members. If you want a copy, please let me know. It’s free if you’re on the Internet, but it’ll cost \$1, to cover printing and postage, if you want it mailed to you.

## WHO’S STILL MISSING?

The list of “missing” class members continues to shrink. Since the last issue of the Tattler Two, we’ve locating an additional 21, so the list now consists of only the following 19 names:

Lynne Barnette, Duane Cole, Judy Fowler, Ronnie Harmon, Whitey Hart, Joyce Hinman, Arlene Johnson, Virginia Lane, Denise Lecoq, Cindy Miller, Nancy Oktavec, Theresa Reeves, Kathie Smith, Marlene Smith, Bill Turley, Linda Waterfield, Craig Wilson, Johnnie Wray, and Tank Young.

I know it’s unrealistic to think we can find everyone but let’s see if we can pare the list down even further.

### Address Change? Let Us Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your mailing address changes** (even if you’re on the Internet). We want to stay in touch with you and some of the class-related material may go out via the mails.

All it takes is an e-mail, postcard, or phone call. My contact information is [schmals@erols.com](mailto:schmals@erols.com); 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620.

## REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### *What's the likelihood that you'll attend?*

- \_\_\_ Only wild horses will keep me away
- \_\_\_ Most likely
- \_\_\_ Maybe yes, maybe no
- \_\_\_ Unlikely, but possible
- \_\_\_ No way

### *When should the reunion be held?*

- \_\_\_ May
- \_\_\_ June
- \_\_\_ July
- \_\_\_ August
- \_\_\_ September
- \_\_\_ October

### *How long should the reunion last? On which days?*

- \_\_\_ One day
  - \_\_\_ Friday
  - \_\_\_ Saturday
  - \_\_\_ Sunday
- \_\_\_ Two days
  - \_\_\_ Friday and Saturday
  - \_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday
- \_\_\_ Three days

### *What kind of event(s) would you like to have? (check as many as you want)*

- \_\_\_ Dinner
- \_\_\_ Dance
- \_\_\_ Picnic
- \_\_\_ Breakfast
- \_\_\_ IHS football game
- \_\_\_ Small parties at classmates' homes
- \_\_\_ Sightseeing (e.g., Cayuga boat trip)
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### *What things about the reunion would make you more likely to attend?*

### *What things about it would discourage you from attending?*

### *Would you be willing to help plan or help run the reunion? If so, how?*

Please send your reply to me by e-mail (at [schmals@erols.com](mailto:schmals@erols.com)) or mail it to me (at 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815)

## **IN CLOSING**

By the time the next issue comes out, I may have joined the ranks of the retired. Although I expect to work part-time – doing what I don't know yet – I should have even more time to devote to doing the Tattler Two. (P.S. I wouldn't mind material to include in the October issue.)

Have a wonderful summer.

**Steve**

