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45TH REUNION **IN THE PLANNING STAGE**

In the last issue of the Tattler Two, I made a request – a plea might better describe it – for classmates to volunteer to organize a 45th reunion for 2003. Having done so in the previous issue, I was frankly not sanguine about the prospects.

But you proved me wrong. I received one offer, and then another, and then a third. So the class is now blessed with reunion tri-coordinators – **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley**, **Kathryn (Gleason) Smith**, and **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel**. I've passed on to Kathy, Kathryn, and Ann the names of those who've told me they'd be willing to help.

No reunion details have yet emerged but the dates should be pinned down by summer. We hope that will give those who want to attend – hopefully most of you – enough time to adjust your schedules so that you can make it. Following a suggestion made by **Kip Kane**, I plan to publish the Tattler Two more frequently in the coming year, to give you the advance scoop about what promises to be a great event.

CLASS NOTES

If you want to share what's happened, or is happening, in your lives with your classmates, please to pass it on to me. I can always use material. Here's what I've received since the last issue.

Cy Cantrell, who continues as professor of electrical engineering and physics at the U. of Texas at Dallas, authored *Modern Mathematical Methods for Physicists and Engineers*. Published in 2000, the book has been so popular that its paperback version already had to be reprinted.

Cy's second wife Lynn Marple works at Nortel Networks. The Marple-Cantrells have two daughters, Kate, a 9th grader and Sarah, in 5th grade. Shades of Cy, Sarah started playing the euphonium in her school's band. Sarah and parents backpacked in the Colorado mountains last July and all four traveled to Colorado and Wyoming later in the summer.

Frances (Riela) Ciaschi lives in Williamson, NY (roughly 20 miles east of Rochester, near Lake Ontario). She recently sold her cottage there and moved into an apartment, as arthritis made it difficult for her to maintain the cottage. Her youngest daughter Mary Jo and two grandsons live in Williamson. Her older daughter Rosemary, who also has two sons, lives in Marshfield, MA, close enough for Frances to visit at least 4 times a year. Now retired on disability, Frances does a little drawing and painting and is writing her memoirs.

Charles Hoffman lives in Rochester with wife Dee. He notes that he recently became semi-retired after working 32 years at the U. of Rochester, the last 9 as a purchasing manager. The Hoffmans are relishing 4-day weekends and the prospects of full retirement. They have two daughters, both living less than 2 hours away.

Ron Harmon moved to LA in 1960 to study acting. By 1968, he realized that an acting career wasn't in the cards so he shifted to management, working at Universal Studio Tours and 20th Century Fox. In 1982 he left his position of Director of Administration at 20th Century Fox to move to San Jose. Reason? Smaller town atmosphere, the mountainous beauty of the Bay area, and the job, in commercial real estate. In 1987, he started his own private security company, which he continues to run. He still acts but it's little theater now. Ron and second wife Alice have two daughters, Erin and Carrie, and he has two sons, Kip and Chey from his first marriage.

Marvin Shaub left Ithaca for Kingston, NY even before high school, but those of us who went to Belle Sherman remember him well. (He was “Moose” back in those days, but no longer.) After high school, he returned to Ithaca to attend Cornell and then went to the Harvard Business School. Professionally, he worked for the Franklin Mint in various locations from 1971 to 1985 and a few years later started a marketing consulting firm, which he continues to run. He and first wife, Susan Colbert from Syracuse (not to be confused with our classmate Suzi Colbert), had three children – Lisa, a fashion designer; Eric, an immigration lawyer; and Joshua, an Internet engineer. Marvin and second wife Yuko live in Princeton and have one child, Nicole. Marvin says that having a young child makes him feel young and he has no immediate plans to retire.

After contemplating a nursing career, **Kathryn (Gleason) Smith** opted for the secretarial field instead, working for 41 years, first at Ithaca Textiles and later at Agway, Morse Chain, and Cornell. Along the way, in the ‘80s, she went back to school and got an AAS in business administration from Tompkins-Cortland Community College. She retired in 2000 but fulltime retirement didn’t appeal to her, so returned to work. What’s she doing now? She substitute teaches, subs in the office, works with special needs students, etc. for the Spencer-Van Etten School District – she lives in Spencer – and she’s also as a substitute rural mail carrier. Divorced, Kathryn has two daughters, one in Van Etten and the other in Ithaca, and 3 grandsons.

John Wray, recently “found” by the class, now lives in Sterling in eastern Colorado with third wife Jan. After high school, John attended the U. of Kansas, where he continued playing football and received a degree in engineering physics. He then joined the Air Force. His military service included 3 tours in Vietnam. Upon leaving the service in 1971, he moved to Omaha and bought an auto parts store (and then more stores). In the early 80’s, he sold the stores and moved to Norfolk, Nebraska. And in 1988, he moved again, this time to Colorado, bought another auto parts store, and met Jan. Jan’s a banker and she and John have their own mortgage/lending company, with offices

in Sterling and Fort Collins. John expects to retire in 5 years and build on land he owns in Estes Park.

Short Takes:

Here are bits of news about other class members. **Rod Chapman** and wife Sue plan to visit Ithaca in late July for a small family reunion. **Roberta (Coleman) Hunter** has decided to make Florida rather than Ithaca her home, although she plans to spend summers in Lansing. **Marion (Payton) Longcoy** writes from Round Lake, NY (between Albany and Saratoga Springs) that she had come out of retirement and is the bookkeeper for the Salvation Army’s offices in Saratoga Springs and Glens Falls. **Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory** reports that her husband successfully underwent open-heart surgery. **Mimi (Heinecke) Monfredo’s** second book, North Star Conspiracy, was chosen for the “Alaska Reads A Book” literacy project, so she’ll be off to Alaska for 10 days next month. Her 8th book, Brothers of Cain, was published last summer. Finally, **Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt** writes that husband Bruce did something that should make the Guinness Book of World Records – two holes-in-one in a 9-hole round!

Get-Togethers:

Myra Fincher attended the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Dewitt Mall, where she ran into several ex-IHSers, including **Judy (Fowler) Decastro**, who’d traveled from Arizona to visit her mother in Cortland, Bob Sproule (’57); Judy (Hollister) Radzik (’59), and Jo and Joanne Coggshall (mother and sister of our **Bill Coggshall**, IHS ’34 and ’65 respectively).

Back in October, **Roberta (Coleman) Hunter** told me that she’d gotten together several times last summer with **Betty Boyle**, met up with **Priscilla (Pettiti) Edsell** and **Joyce (Ballardini) Personius**, and talked with **Mary Edsall-Golway** and **Donna (Newhart) Rogers**.

Mike Malison writes from Siesta Key, Florida that he and wife Sue recently hosted a second annual reunion with **Jack** and **Maryjean (Hertel) Yengo**, **Bill Rocco** and wife Dottie, and followed it up with a second gathering that also included **George Knaysi** and wife Susan.

Linda (Conrad) Womble, Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt, Carol (Stevens) Jordan, their husbands, and others with Ithaca connections attended a concert given by Alice (Mulks) Detrick, IHS class of '57, at the club in the Zephyrhills, FL community where the Wombles live during the winter. (The Hoyts and Jordans also spend their winters in Florida.) Linda and Sally both report that the concert was wonderful as was the reminiscing at the reception before and the party afterwards. **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** stayed with the Hoyts and also saw the Jordans during her recent trip to Florida.

I combined a trip to see my wife's relatives in New Jersey with a visit to Sharron before she headed to Florida. (I should add that last year, during my final work trip for GAO, I visited with **Dick Monroe** and wife Toni in Seattle, **Kay Trimberger** and **Bill Wise** and wife Angie in the San Francisco area, and **Don Jania-Smith**, wife Barbara, **Betty (Allen) Little**, and husband David in the San Diego area.)

Correction: In the last issue, I wrote that **Bob Saturn**'s wife was formerly Sandy Malison. That was in error. Her maiden name was Sandy Madison. I apologize for the error.

LOST YOUR ANNUAL AND WANT A NEW ONE?

If you lost your 1958 Annual – several classmates have indicated that's happened to them – and want a replacement, you're in luck. Thanks to the collective efforts of **Rita MacDonald** and **Ron Pete**, we can offer you an Annual facsimile.

Ron's contribution was to acquire an unmarked, albeit mildewed, copy that was up for auction on EBay, and to make it available for duplication. (Who owned it originally? He has no idea.) Rita has taken the ball from there, checking into the logistics of getting copies made. What she's learned is that we can get the Annual photocopied and put in a binder – not bound in leather like the original – for about \$17.50 per copy. Even adding postage, the total cost should only be about \$22.

Please let me know ASAP if you'd like a copy, as we're only going to get enough printed to cover requests with possibly one or two extras.

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 284 class members and auxiliary members. If you'd like a copy, please let me know. It's free if you're on the Internet, but it'll cost \$2, to cover printing and postage, if you want it mailed to you.

THANK YOU

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

Since the last issue, I've received contributions from Anita Bonney, Ron Harmon, Jean Houghton, Roberta (Coleman) Hunter, and Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino, and Joseph O'Hara. Sharron also has continued to be a huge help in the search for "missing" classmates. And Rita MacDonald is coordinating the Annual project mentioned above. Thanks to all of you!!

WHO'S STILL MISSING?

In the last issue, I said that the list of "missing" class members – then down to 13 – might realistically be as small as it was likely to get. Well, thank goodness, I was wrong. Three more classmates – Ron Harmon, Joyce (Hinman) Shaffer, and John Wray – have been located.

Those on the current "missing list are Duane Cole, John Davis, Whitey Hart, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, Cindy Miller, Nancy Oktavec, Linda Waterfield, Craig Wilson, and Tank Young. If any of you have **any** information about what happened

to them after high school that you haven't shared with me, please pass it on.

The list of auxiliary class members – those who were in our class for part of our high school years but did not graduate with us – continues to grow. The latest member of that group is **Ron Kozak**, who left after the football season during our senior year because his parents moved.

In addition to Ron, the auxiliary list consists of Bill Cass, Ellie (Hugo) Christie, Peg (Credle) Cunningham, John Detweiler, Carol (Donalds) East, Dennis Ellsworth, Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman, Jane Galvin-Lewis, Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Graves, Jon Hubbell, Rita MacDonald, John Mahool, Joseph O'Hara, Wilmont Parker, Bob Pierce, Carol (Riley) Riggs, Chris (Mathewson) Salerno, and Bob Saturn. **If you know of others who'd qualify for the auxiliary list, please let me know**, even if you don't know where they are now.

Finally I'm still trying to find out about the following people, listed in the 1996 IHS directory published by the Harris Company as being in our class: William Barbe, Roberta (Finn) Brink, David Dennis, William Ehart, Jack Ellsworth, Donald Evans, Rick Evans, and Richard Frazier. I'd appreciate info about them, particularly whether they were indeed in our class.

SEARCH STORIES

Occasionally I've been asked how we've been able to locate so many "missing" classmates. I've used lots of Internet resources, particularly on-line phonebooks (Excite People Finder, Switchboard, and Yahoo People Search. Sometimes the process has had unusual twists. Here are a few examples, the names omitted to protect . . . well, to protect anyone who might want to be protected.

Someone said to me, "I think [classmate A] is dead." If they'd said, "He's dead," I would have taken things no further but the "I think" left the door open. Classmate A had a less-than-common name, so when I entered his name in an on-line phonebook, I got only two or three "hits" and

reached Classmate A, very much alive, on the 2nd call.

Classmate B also had an unusual name. Entering his name in the on-line phonebooks resulted in no hits. However, when I entered last name only and limited the search to New York State, I got several hits, one for a woman living near Tompkins County. I called. She was Classmate B's mother, and very happy to put me in touch with him. Without reaching her, I never would have located him because, while it's usually women whose last names change, in this case, **he'd** done so.

When I sought info about classmate C, someone in the class informed me that she'd gotten married, also giving me classmate C's married name and where her husband had worked. I tried the Internet phonebook approach but it didn't work. Made lots of calls to people with the names of the classmate and husband. No success. Then I decided to contact the husband's employer. I'd never done that before (or since), but it seemed OK in this case as the employer was a public library. One of the librarians responded that he knew the classmate, that her husband had died, that she had moved and remarried, **and he provided an address and phone number**. Result: one fewer "missing" classmate. That's some library service!

Recently I discovered US Search. Essentially it's an on-line investigation service, for which one pays, but it provides a tiny bit of free info. I'd looked on the Internet before for help in locating classmate D, but he has a somewhat common name and I wasn't about to call 100 people to try to find him. But US Search told me there was one person with that name who was age 61 – a possible hit – and his city and state. I then checked an on-line phonebook, found a listing for someone with that name in that city, called the number, and – voila – I was speaking with our classmate and the "missing" list shrunk once more.

In the case of classmate E – a woman – I wasn't faced with the most common problem in locating female classmates – not knowing if she'd gotten married and, if so, her married name. Someone had told me her married name and also the state in

which she might be living. With that information, I tried to locate her using the on-line telephone books, but without success. Then one of my neighbors mentioned Google, a search engine I'd never used before. He said that it was amazing; it would locate references to people in all manner of documents. I thought, hey, this is worth a try, especially since I was out of other leads. So I typed in classmate E's name – first name, maiden name, and married name. What I got was a college faculty directory that not only listed someone with classmate E's name but also an e-mail address. Off went an e-mail message and I soon had a reply from classmate E. Mind you, this was my very first encounter with Google. I wish I could report repeated successes using Google but that and one other were the only ones to date.

Such are some of the adventures in the search business.

Trying to track down “missing” classmates, while sometimes frustrating, has been once of the most rewarding aspects of my work on behalf of the class. I've had some wonderful conversations with ones I've located. And, far more often than not, they've been very pleased that they've been “found” and thus able to reestablish connections with others from our class.

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; 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620.

IN CLOSING

I'm now retired and have even more time to devote to the Tattler Two and other class-related stuff (or at least I feel less guilty about spending the time).

I'm already looking forward to the next reunion, especially since I don't have to organize it! But please keep the correspondence flowing. And have a wonderful summer.

Steve