

TATTLER TWO

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45TH REUNION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

You can now mark down the dates for the class of 1958's 45th reunion! The reunion organizers – **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley**, **Kathryn (Gleason) Smith**, and **Ann (Rosa) Weitzel** – inform me that it will take place July 25 through 27, 2003.

What is planned? On Friday evening, there'll be an informal get-together at the Meadow Court Motel owned by **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan** and her family. On Saturday, morning options include a visit to the Ithaca Farmers' Market – it's very impressive and not limited to produce – and boat rides on Cayuga Lake. There will be a picnic at Stewart Park all afternoon (probably with a band), and – possibly – parties at classmates' homes in the evening. And to wrap things up on Sunday, we will take over the Moosewood Restaurant, in the old high school building, for brunch.

More details will follow in future issues of the Tattler Two. (Following a suggestion made by **Kip Kane**, I plan to publish the Tattler Two more frequently in the coming year.) The reunion will be set up so that you can participate on one, two, or all three days and the cost will be reasonable.

CLASS NOTES

Here's what I've received since the last issue.

Cynthia (Beebee) Anderson recently moved from Arizona to California. She is located in North Highlands, near Sacramento, near son Jody and daughters Sonya and Shaunda, and is looking for a senior condo or a mobile home in a senior park. Cindy reports that her mom died in Florida this spring as after suffering a stroke – she was almost 90. On a happy note, her granddaughter and great-granddaughter (!) visited from Iowa.

Jane (McElwee) Decker sees retirement on the horizon. While she loves her job as a school counselor, she plans to leave at the end of the next school year so that she and husband Tom (retired from the FBI although on a second career, in sales) will have more freedom to travel and more time to spend with family. Once Jane retires, the McElwees plan to live at the North Carolina shore fulltime. Two of their children also live in North Carolina; the others are in Illinois and Texas.

Ann (Murphy) DeYoung will retire in June after a 30-year teaching career. She says it'll be strange not to be working with 5th and 6th graders any more but she looks forward to new adventures (in addition to continued involvement in church, square dancing, book groups, and garden railroading, and continued travels with husband Ronald who retired 5½ years ago).

Tom Hoff, who left IHS in the middle of our junior year to attend Cascadilla School, is one of our recent "found" auxiliary class members. He went to Broome County Community College, graduating in 1961, and then spent 4 years in the Navy. While stationed at Great Lakes, he met Carol, who's now his wife – a major dividend of his military service. The Hoff's then spent 11 years in Ithaca – he worked for Ithaco, Inc. – before moving to Wisconsin. They live in Sussex, about 25 miles northwest of Milwaukee. Tom's worked for Johnson Controls for 25 years but says he'll retire on Sept. 1. The Hoff's have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

Melinda (Flory) Groom is another recently "found" auxiliary classmate. She was in our class at Boynton Junior High but, upon returning to Ithaca after her dad's sabbatical year, became a member of the IHS class of '57. She went to Bryn Mawr – it was through that school's alumni office that I was able to get in contact with her – and then to graduate school in Pasadena. In Pasadena,

she not only received her M.S. in physics from Cal Tech but also met and married husband Don. The Grooms lived in Ithaca for several years in the '60s, while Don was doing postdoctoral work, and then in Salt Lake City, before moving to California. They live in Moraga, in the Bay Area. Melinda has taught high school math and physics and currently tutors from home. Don's an astrophysicist at Lawrence Berkeley Labs.

Randy Little was in Ithaca twice in April. On the first visit, he attended the annual Cornell Engineering Conference and participated in meetings of the Cornell Society of Engineers (he's on its board of directors) while wife JoAnn participated in meetings of the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine's Development Committee. A week later, Randy returned to present restored pictures to the Cornell Athletic Association at the swim team's annual banquet. (You may recall that his dad was swim team coach for many years.) Randy remains very involved in ornithology. In May, the Littles hosted the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's team competing in the World Series of Birding, a 24-hour bird-watching marathon held in New Jersey. Then they went to Racine, WI to attend the spring meeting of the Lab's Administrative Board (on which he's a director). And this month, he's teaching a natural sound recording workshop for the Lab in the mountains of northern California.

Hildy (Swanson) Morgan, having retired in 1995, continues to be active in several dog clubs and to serve as a dog show judge. Husband George is now semi-retired from his position at Colorado State University. As he's an enthusiastic traveler, the Swansons have gone on many trips, big and small. Last year, they spent 5 weeks on a trip to American Samoa, New Zealand, and Australia. This fall, they and their 10-year-old grandson will visit the Galapagos Islands!

Joyce (Ballardini) Personius is still working, as assistant manager of a store on the Ithaca Commons and also as a consultant with Home Interiors. She and husband Jiggs (formally, he's Donald), who retired 5 years ago after 45 years with National Cash Register, live in Newfield.

Between them, they have 7 children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Sandra (Deeley) Scaglione has also been added to the list of "auxiliary" class members. Sandy went to Boynton Junior High but her family then moved to the Binghamton area. She reports that, although she attended Union Endicott High, she remained in touch with classmates as she visited her grandparents in Ithaca almost every weekend. After high school, she became an Ithacan again. She married Thomas, IHS class of '54, raised sons Tom and Anthony; and worked for 27 years for the Department of Physics at Cornell (retiring in 2000). Thomas was a captain in the Ithaca Police Department before he retired and Anthony is currently on the force. The Scagliones have 2 granddaughters.

Short Takes:

Here are bits of news about other class members.

Palmer Agnew has just finished work on the 2nd edition of Distributed Multimedia, a textbook he's co-authored. He says it's taken almost all of his time for the past 18 months.

Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso is preparing students for her annual dance recital. Two years ago, after her sister announced she was closing the family's dance studio and moving to Florida, Rosalie came out of retirement to take it over again. Work includes travel. She coaches the national champion team precision and theater dance team that appears all around the U.S.

Diane Driscoll reports that she's enjoying her retirement immensely. She took an Italian course and is putting it to use right now on a trip to Italy that includes visits to Rome, Venice, and Florence and a week at a villa in Tuscany.

Karl Hoffmann (formerly Przyrembel) continues to enjoy his retirement. He says that his 3½ acres of land in North Carolina keep him out of trouble. He's an avid gardener, spending much time with his fruit trees and vegetable garden.

Auxiliary classmate **Carol (Riley) Riggs** says she and husband Ralph are close to retirement. Recently, she underwent bypass surgery, for the 4th

time. On the fun side, after Christmas last year, she and Ralph fled the cooler clime of Portland for Phoenix where she, **Kip Kane**, and **Gordon Light** (who came in from California) reminisced and tried to catch up on the past 40 years.

Since December, **Sue (Ensworth) Saltus** has spent much of her time assisting her mother and daughter who've had serious health problems. Sue also reports that she's embarked on a job share, playing the organ and directing a small church choir.

Carol (Bly) Weistart took a Caribbean cruise in January with sister Pat and brother-in-law Bill. She says it was wonderful. They swam, snorkeled, ate, tanned, and did lots of shopping. Carol is a weaver so she also checked out fiber and fabric, and brought back batik for projects she'll be working on.

In late March **Maryjean (Hertel) Yengo** attended a talk given at the U. of Rochester by **Mimi (Heinecke) Monfredo**. Maryjean reports that she's read all of Mimi's books. (I'm two behind her.)

Get-Togethers:

Ann (Murphy) DeYoung writes that she's heard from **Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer**. Ann said that Dorrice was trying to schedule a luncheon of the entire IHS class of '58 Vermont contingent – Ann, Dorrice, and **Judy (Herron) Pascal**.

IN MEMORIUM

Within the last month, I received word that **Joyce (Cornelius) Knuutila** died at her home in Toronto, Ohio. Joyce is survived by her husband Ron (IHS class of '55), four sons and two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She will be missed.

LOST YOUR ANNUAL AND WANT A NEW ONE?

It's still not too late to order a facsimile 1958 Annual. If you lost your copy – several classmates have indicated that happened to them – and want a replacement, or if you never owned one, you're in luck.

Auxiliary classmate **Rita MacDonald** is coordinating production and handling distribution of the facsimile. It's photocopied and in a nice binder (although not bound in leather like the original). The cost? The details are still being worked out as this goes to press but the maximum will be \$22 – only about \$17 if you're in the Ithaca area and want to pick your copy up from Rita – and it might be quite a bit less. To obtain a copy, contact Rita. She can be reached by e-mail (her address is macdona@twcny.rr.com), phone (607-257-2415), or surface mail (700 Warren Rd., #16-2F; Ithaca, NY 14850).

Want a Class List?

I'm continuing to offer the class list I've been maintaining to any classmates who want it. It 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. **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** continues to be a huge help in the search. Since the last issue, I've also received help from **Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger**, **Anita Bonney**, **Betsey (Moulton)**

Farnham, Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer and Jerry Rich. Thanks to all of you!!

WHO'S STILL MISSING?

Since the last issue of the Tattler Two went out in April, two more “missing” classmates – **Richard Frazier** and **George (Whitey) Hart** – have been located. Richard moved to Ithaca during our senior year, didn't have his picture in the Annual, and I therefore didn't include him on the class list. However, he was listed in the 1996 IHS alumni directory published by the Harris Company. I recently contacted Kathy Troy, Ithaca High School's registrar, who's related by marriage to classmate **Emily (Troy) Flores**, and she confirmed that he did indeed graduate in '58. My sincere apologies, Richard. George points out that he shouldn't have been so difficult to find, as he's been in Elmira, apart from time in the service, ever since high school.

With Richard and George now among the “found”, the “missing list stands at nine: Duane Cole, John Davis, 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.

As a result of my request for additional names, 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 – has grown further. The latest ones to be identified are **Alvin Brown, Tom Hoff, Larry Jones, Bob McCauley, and Ron Fitch**. Alvin and Tom have been located. The others have not. **If you know of others who'd qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass**

their names on to me, even if you don't know where they are now, and I will take it from there.

Briefly returning to those listed in the 1996 IHS alumni directory as being in our class but who weren't pictured in the Annual, Kathy Troy informed me that **George Neferis** was a 1958 graduate, albeit in January rather than June. I've learned that he lives in Ithaca. If any of you are in contact with him, please let him know that we'd been pleased if he joined our ranks.

Address Change? Let Me Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your e-mail and/or mailing address change.** (I want to be apprised of 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 getting psyched about the reunion already . . . and it's still over a year away. I hope we have an excellent turnout.

In the meantime, keep the communications coming – I can always use material – and have a wonderful summer.

Steve