

TATTLER TWO

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45TH REUNION

ALMOST HERE!

The 45th reunion of the class of '58 is now less than 2 months away. The plans are all set. By now, you should have received the official reunion announcement. And, we hope, you've marked the dates – July 25 through 27 – on your calendars, sent in your money, and, if you don't live in the Ithaca area, made your travel arrangements.

WHO'S COMING?

. . . is a question a number of classmates have asked. **Kathy (Gleason) Smith**, who is handling the reunion finances, has provided a list of those who have paid thus far. In addition to Kathy and yours truly, they are:

Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso, Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld, Rollie Boda, Ross Carlisle, Rodney Chapman, Frances (Riela) Ciaschi, Linda (Womble) Conrad, Cal Cotner, Donna (Phillips) Dawes, Jane (McElwee) Decker, Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman, Myra Fincher, Bonnie Jo (Cornelius) Freda, Dana Furman, Ruth (Warren) Gerlach, Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer, Karl Hoffmann, Roberta (Coleman) Hunter, Jim Illes, Judy (Sine) Jager, Don Jania-Smith, Sally (White) Jennings, Ingrid (Brohm) and Phil Jimrusti, Carol (Stevens) Jordan, Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz, Dick Lavoie, Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley, Randy Little, Rita MacDonald, Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino, Jim McCarthy, Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory, Dick Monroe, Bob Moore, Wilmont Parker, Peggy (Chester) Petrillose, Bob Pierce, Howard Raymond, Carol (Riley) Riggs, Jim Rogers, Dave Rumsey, Susan (Ensworth) Saltus, Sandra (Deeley) Scaglione, Patsy (Morrow) Smith, Kay Trimberger, Shirley (Cook) Weeks, Carol (Bly)

Weistart, Ann (Rosa) Weitzel, Susann (Hornbrook) Wilcox, and Maryjean (Hertel) and Jack Yengo.

I have heard through another source that Anita Bonney, Peg (Credle) Cunningham, Kip Kane, Monica (Van Lent) Kosar, Gordie Light, and Chris (Mathewson) Salerno are also planning to attend.

STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

While the reunion committee is very pleased with the number of "registrations" received thus far, they are hoping that it will grow by reunion time. It would be nice if there were greater attendance from the Tompkins County contingent.

As previously mentioned, there is a charge of \$20 for the reunion. It is **per classmate** -- spouses, significant others, et al. get to come for free – and covers the picnic (renting the pavilion, hiring the band, buying paper goods and the like) and paying for printing and mailing of the announcement.

If you plan to attend the reunion, please send your \$20 to **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** at P.O. Box 85, Spencer, NY 14883-0085. The reunion committee would appreciate it very much if those of you who expect to attend would pay in advance. But if you genuinely do not know whether you can make it, payment will be accepted at the reunion.

REUNION EVENTS RECAP

Once again, here's a list of the reunion events.

Friday Evening, 7:30 pm, Meadow Court Inn, 529 Meadow St. (Rt. 13) – Gathering on the patio of the inn and restaurant owned by classmate **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan**. Light snacks provided.

Saturday Morning, 9 am to 12:30 pm, Ithaca Farmers Market – Award-winning market with

international food stalls. Boat rides on Cayuga Lake are available but you must make your own arrangements.

Saturday Afternoon, 1 to 7 pm, Stewart Park's Large Pavilion – Picnic. Bring a dish to pass. Music at the Pavilion, 4 to 7 pm, by “Steve Southworth and Rockabilly Rays”.

Saturday Evening, 7 pm and after – Free time, Grade School Get-Togethers (more information below), etc. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning at the Old High School – Buffet brunch at Moosewood Restaurant in the Dewitt Mall, our old high school building. Reservations are not needed but please note that the cost is **not** included in the reunion fee.

Sunday Afternoon – Some classmates may want to get together to tour the Finger Lakes' wineries.

LODGING OPTIONS

For those of you coming in from around the U.S., the reunion announcement provides lodging information. The Meadow Court Inn is offering a special rate of \$75 per night if you reserve by June 1 and mention you are a member of the class of '58. Call 1-800-852-4014.

Classmate **Carol (Stevens) Jordan** still has accommodations available in her home, located in Berkshire, NY. If you are interested in staying at Carol's, please write her at 69 Rejmer Rd., P.O. Box 35, Berkshire, NY 13736-0035, call her at (607) 657-2540, or e-mail her at cajordan@anet.com.

If you would like to make your reunion trip a real vacation by staying a week or so and want to rent a house during your visit, you can contact Orlando Turco (IHS class of '52) who works for REMAX Associates. His phone number is (607) 257-6866 and his e-mail address is oturco@twcnny.rr.com.

TRAVEL HINTS

If you are traveling to Ithaca and plan to spend time before or after the reunion, the New York Times ran an article last October that could give

you some ideas about things to do. It is on the Internet at www.xent.com/pipermail/fork/2002-October/015368.html.

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY

On Saturday evening there will be parties hosted by various classmates.

The core group for one get-together, site to be determined, will be those who attended Cayuga Heights Elementary School but it will not be limited to CCESers. For more information, please contact **Anita Bonney** (by mail at 8519 Torchwood Lane, Cicero, NY 13039; phone at 315-699-7955; or e-mail at nitzibonney@aol.com) or **Rita MacDonald** (North Woods Apts., 16-2F, 700 Warren Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850; 607-257-2415; rmacdona@twcnny.rr.com).

Another party will take place at the family home of **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld**. The core group will be those who attended Belle Sherman Elementary School. As with the CCES event, attendance will not be restricted. For information, you can contact Carol. As she lives in Germany, it would be easiest to e-mail her. Her e-mail address is 106010.1356@compuserve.com.

Bob Saturn, Dick Monroe, and Ross Carlisle are organizing a get-together of the Sea Scout Ship Spear (Ship 25) crew members from our era, their wives, and any one else in the class that wants to attend, either on Saturday evening (their first choice) or Sunday afternoon. For more information, please contact **Bob** (by mail at 1719 Lovely Lane, Tucker, GA 30084; phone at 770-938-7157; or e-mail at bsaturn@mindspring.com), **Dick** (19322 196th Ave., NE, Woodinville, WA 98072; 425-788-2969; roadkill@nwlink.com), or **Ross** (395 Main St., Newfield, NY 14867; 607-564-7719; gc31@cornell.edu).

If you want to organize a get-together for your grade school, call **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley** on (607) 272-8600.

REUNION THANKS

It's not too early to say thanks to those who have been instrumental in organizing the 45th reunion.

Votes of thanks go to **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley**, for scheduling the Meadow Court, Stewart Park, and Moosewood events, and arranging for the band; **Peggy (Chester) Petrillose** for setting up the program for the main event at Steward Park; **Marilyn (Hull) Ryan** for hosting the Meadow Court event; **Kathy (Gleason) Smith** for handling the money and responses; **Ann (Weitzel) Rosa** for designing and producing the reunion announcement; and to Kathy, Kathy, and Ann for mailing out the announcements. The reunion committee also thanks yours truly for his classmate search and his assistance, through the Tattler Two, in publicize the event.

CLASS NOTES

Bill Cogshall reports that 2002 was a very busy year for him and wife Janet. Three major trips – to Shanghai (where he said they attracted lots of attention when they went dancing in a park at 7:30 a.m.), to Ithaca for the Cornell class of '62 reunion, and to Australia for what Bill describes as a second honeymoon (highlight: Kangaroo Island). You may recall that his company, Pacific Media Associates, is a “research boutique” that “counts things” and sells the results to manufacturers, many in Asia. Janet is an investment counselor but also provides advice on finances and fund-raising to local organizations, is on her church’s finance commission and endowment fund board, and finds time to be involved in the Junior League.

Auxiliary classmate **Carolyn (Penta) Coolidge-Riggs** left Ithaca after our freshman year as her mother had finished her studies at Cornell. She completed high school at Northfield School in Massachusetts, received her bachelor degree from Swarthmore College, and went to graduate school at the U. of California at Berkeley. Ten years ago, after living in California for 30 years, she moved to North Carolina to marry Tim Riggs, an old friend from Swarthmore. Carolyn is a geriatric nurse practitioner, hoping soon to be working in public health. (She has been learning Spanish so she can work with Hispanic families.) She reports she is involved in as much music (singing in choruses, playing the viola de gamba in early-music ensembles) and theater as possible.

Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer and husband John have been married for 38 years. Dorrice has been a free-lance writer – doing advertising, PR, technical writing, newspaper and magazine articles – and continues to write for local publications. John is an oceanographer/hydrographer who now consults in that field. Because of his work, the Hammers have lived in Japan, Germany, and England in addition to various places in the U.S. They now live in Charlotte, Vermont, 20 minutes south of Burlington. Together they ski, sail, and travel. Dorrice raises and rides Morgan horses. They have a son who is an art director in L.A. and a daughter who is in medical school.

Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley lives in Ithaca. After graduating from Cornell, she lived in England for 14 years, where she sang in the chorus of the London Philharmonic. (While there, Kathy often met **Jean Houghton** who lived in London for 9 years, working for Newsweek International.) After returning to the U.S., Kathy directed a human services agency before getting her master’s degree and setting up a private psychotherapy practice. She enjoys singing with an informal group and traveling, especially back to Lewes in England to see old friends. She has two children, son Jake, an architect working in Boston and Philadelphia and daughter Sasha who lives in Berkeley and produces a daily public affairs program for Pacifica Radio. Kathy plans to spend a year in Berkeley, fortunately not starting until August, after the reunion is over.

Eva (Palmer) Johnson married Mike (IHS class of '56), whom she had dated all through high school, in October 1958 and they have been together ever since. They lived in Ithaca – Eva worked for 10 years at Tracy’s Hallmark – before moving to Cape Coral, Florida in 1996. They now own a business, designing and manufacturing underwater video housings. See their website – www.oceanimagesinc.com. In her spare time, Eva enjoys gardening and boating. The Johnsons have 3 daughters, a son, and 5 grandchildren.

Auxiliary classmate **Jim McCarthy** left IHS after our junior year to join the Navy. Unfortunately he suffered a service-connected disability. Upon returning to Ithaca, he worked at the post office

from 1960 until 1976 when he took a medical retirement. In 1978 he moved west, to the San Diego area, where he remains. He volunteered at the Veterans Hospital until this January. He has been held leadership positions in the DAV, the VFW, NARFE, and the Democratic Club, but takes particular pride that he helped organize the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in San Diego which has grown in 23 years to be the third largest in the U.S.

Mary (O'Connor) MacKenzie resides in Auburn, California (30 miles northeast of Sacramento). Having retired in 1996 from sales and sales management in Silicon Valley, but finding not enough satisfaction in volunteer projects, she has started her own business of teaching reading using a comprehensive phonics approach. She says teaching is what she loves to do, noting that she taught for 4 years at Boynton Junior High after college and before starting a family. Mary loves living in California, in proximity to her son, daughter, and two grandchildren, and within striking distance of both the ocean and the mountains.

Marty Schmidt entered the Air Force in March 1958, having left IHS the previous month. After retiring from the Air Force in 1978, he worked 7 years in Indiana as the director of material services for a hospital and for 14 years as a supervisory contract negotiator for the Navy, retiring (again) in 1999. He and second wife Pat, married for more than 31 years, live in Spring Hill, Florida. Marty has one child and two grandchildren.

Calvin Sears and his wife have been doing missionary work in Mexico for 40 years, teaching the Bible to various ethnic groups. They live in the city of Puebla where they have a religious bookstore. Their missionary work has included the ministry of music, which has involved forming many groups to perform types of Mexican music as well as making records and tapes. They have 11 living children – 1 child died – and 18 grandchildren.

Short Takes:

Here are bits of news about other class members.

Diane Driscoll passed the New York State insurance licensing exam. After “celebrating” with a trip to Naples, Florida, she has started to work for State Farm, selling long-term care and other insurance products.

Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino now has two great grandchildren, great granddaughter Alyssa born February 20 joining great grandson John who is 1.

Barbara (Utter) Park works for the Cornell Federal Credit Union which this year celebrated its 50th anniversary. To mark the milestone, the staff had an event with a 50' theme – period costumes (Barb wore a black skirt, sweater, and crinolines and “accessorized” with her husband's class ring on a chain, her IHS Annual and some old 45 records), a soda fountain, and 50's music.

Get-Togethers:

Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz and husband Terry spent a day this past fall with **Jane (McElwee) Decker** and her husband Tom when the Deckers were visiting Seattle. When Judy wrote in April, she said she and Terry planned to visit **Sally (White) Jennings** this month.

Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory and **Carol (Kleeman) Hayes** took time in March to go to Pennsylvania to shop and visit the Grand Canyon of the East.

Maryjean (Hertel) and **Jack Yengo** spent February in Florida. While there, they got together with **Bill** and **Dottie Rocco** and also met **George** and **Susan Knaysi**. (George was attending a medical convention at which he expected to see **Bob Gardner**.) The Yengos had planned to get together with **Mike Malison**, but he had an abdominal aneurysm. Maryjean reported in early March that he was home recuperating.

A TRIBUTE

On the next page you will find a tribute, written by auxiliary classmate **Joe O'Hara**, to **Jim Bascom**, his friend from many years ago. Thank you, Joe. I encourage all of you to provide me with contributions that I might include in future issues of the Tattler Two.

Jim Bascom



The 45th IHS class of 1958 reunion will soon be upon us! It is therefore appropriate to remember the students in our class who are no longer with us. Here then are a few of my recollections about Jim. This dedication does not include the customary "from-to" dates, the biographical data, or the "survived-by" information. Instead, included are a few facts about Jim that will help you to remember him and to celebrate his life. I think Jim would have preferred it that way.

You will probably best remember Jim from this photograph that appears in the IHS 1958 Annual.

Jim lived in the north-central Street. Incidentally, Jim's Elementary School. Many of us Fall Creek before continuing on eventually, to Ithaca High

Jim truly celebrated life and His desire to do new and and had an extremely positive part of his world.

Jim had two great loves: his Jim and I hadn't seen each recall that his family and parts of his life. My recent

- and with Jim before he left us - demonstrated that there was - and is - a lot of love for and by the people within his sphere. As for his passion for music, I vaguely remember Jim performing on the grand piano at either a Boynton or an IHS talent show. As I recall - keeping in mind that I have only a few brain cells left - he played a piano piece imitating Liberace - quite effectively - I might add. Jim's love for music extended beyond just the piano. He was a member of the IHS Junior Glee Club. He was also affiliated with drum and bugle corps for many, many years. Jim was recently honored by senior corps members for helping form and instruct a junior corps, for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with young people. Jim dedicated part of his later years to performing on the piano in clubs and restaurants - much to the joy of other people.

Jim often teased me because I listened to 'rock n' roll' rather than 'real music' like classical music and the magnificence of the big-band sound. I still listen to classic rock but also possess a great appreciation of 'real' composers due, primarily, to Jim's early influence.

Judy best summed up Jim's life when she expressed this sentiment: "Jim really loved life and lived each day to the fullest. . . he spent his last hours playing the piano in a restaurant. What a fitting way to finish his time in this world."

So long, Jim!



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family and friends, and his music! other for nearly 42 years but I do friends were always the central communications with his wife, Judy

TEACHERS' CORNER

This issue of the Tattler Two brings a new feature, a column about our teachers. **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley** thought it would be a nice idea to invite teachers from our era to our reunion and I took on the task of getting in touch with them. To date, I have located and talked (or corresponded by e-mail) with 19.

Several plan to attend our reunion. One has provided me with material to include in the Tattler Two.

Curtis Pfaff, who taught history, writes that after he retired in 1978 he continued to escort students on trips to Europe during vacations for 16 years. On one trip, he “picked up” another teacher-escort, they have been married in 1979, and she moved to Ithaca. They moved to western New Jersey in 1994, his wife having long had a summer home there. They now live in a retirement community in Hackettstown.

In reading the Tattler Twos I had sent him, Curtis was struck by **Mimi (Heinecke) Monfredo's** account about **Julius Eastman**. In his words, “I had had exactly the same experience . . . His voice boomed out. ‘Oh God!’ as she said, ‘Shivers ran up my spine!’” He adds that many times, he would open the auditorium balcony door, and Julius would be alone on the stage, practicing the piano.

BY THE NUMBERS

Here again is an update on the response to the inquiries in the December issue, seeking to identify the class leaders in the following categories:

Married the longest? **47 years**. I know of at least 12 classmates who have been married 40 years or longer. Most recently married? **Less than 1½ years**. (Remember, either a first marriage or a re-marriage counts in this category.)

Most children? **11**. Most grandchildren? **18**. And does anyone have great-grandchildren? **Yes** (several classmates).

Oldest child? **47**. Youngest? **18 and 8** (children of female and male classmates, respectively).

Oldest living parent? **99**.

One classmate asked why I had not linked names with the numbers. That will happen at the reunion and in the issue of the Tattler Two that follows. If you can top any of the above, or know of another classmate who can, please let me know before the reunion.

VIETNAM VETERANS?

From **Calvin Cotner** comes the question, “Who in the class of '58 served in Vietnam?” Cal said he did because, while commissioned through ROTC, he delayed his entrance on active duty until he completed graduate school in 1964. At the end of his 2-year active duty tour, he spent about 6 months in Vietnam as the signal maintenance advisor and communications officer in the 69th Maintenance Battalion. After his tour was over, he joined the Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel in 1993.

Who else served in Vietnam? If you did, please let me know so I can pass the information on to Cal and include it in a future issue of the Tattler Two.

Want a Class List or E-List?

As in the past, I am offering the class list I've been maintaining to any classmates who want it. 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.

I am also offering a list of classmates' e-mail addresses. Like the class list, it is free if you are on the Internet but there is a charge of 75 cents otherwise. You should know that I absolutely will not make these lists available to anyone other than our classmates.

HAYTS CORNERS SCHOOL

Peggy (FitzGerald) Greenfield shared with me recollections about the Hayts Corners School and I thought them worth passing on to all of you.

The school, located between Ithaca and Trumansburg not far from the Odd Fellows Home, originally encompassed grades 1 through 8. However, when Peggy attended – she recalls that her classmates were **John Davis**, auxiliary IHS classmate **John Mahool** and **Dick Monroe** – it only went through 4th grade.

It was a one-room school with one teacher – Alice Hopkins. Peggy says Ms. Hopkins was special, visiting each student's home before he or she started school and giving each student a book for Christmas each year. Peggy also recounts that everyone, including Ms. Hopkins, rode the bus to school. She remembers that Ms. Horton, the driver, gave everyone a lasting lesson one day when, after someone tossed a paper out the window, she brought the bus to a halt and told the culprit to get out and pick the paper up.

According to Peggy, the Hayts Corners School building is now a private home.

“THE SEARCH”: STATUS

The arrow has moved in the wrong direction. We were down to four “missing” classmates but we are now up to five again. Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, Craig Wilson, and Willie Young remain “missing” but Duane Cole has been added to the list. For a brief while, I had a phone number for him in Carmel, California – no mailing address or e-mail address – but it is no longer in service. Teacher **Curtis Pfaff** recalls that Craig Wilson had a camera store in the Fall Creek area. Does anyone know anything more about that?

As for auxiliary class members – those who were in our class for part of our high school years but did not graduate with us – **Carolyn Penta** and **Jim McCarthy** have been added to the ranks. The list of potential auxiliary class members now consists of **Starr Atwood, Jane Banks, Bill Ellsworth, Jack Macbeth, Bob McCauley, John Ryan, and James Taft**. If you have any information that would help us get in touch with them, please pass it on to me. And, again, **if you know of others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass their names on to me**, even if you don't know where they are now.

THANK YOU

Once again, I want to acknowledge the classmates who have provided assistance to me in two areas. Helping to locate “missing” classmates or identifying potential auxiliary classmates: **Carol (Bly) Weistart**. Provided financial assistance that helps defray my newsletter and search activities costs: **Bill Coggs**, **Carol (Kleeman) Hayes**, **Judy (Spacher) Kallfelz**, **Jo Ann (Ink)** and **Richard Lychalk**, **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino**, teacher **Curtis Pfaff**, and **Marty Schmidt**. Thanks to all of you!!

Address Change? Let Me Know!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your e-mail or mailing address changes.** (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

If you have not “registered” for the upcoming reunion and you are not constrained because of the cost or other commitments from attending, I strongly urge you to consider coming. There will not be another reunion until 2008. And there will never be another 45th.

As mentioned in the March issue, the program the reunion organizers have put together is excellent – a wide range of activities that should include something for everyone's taste – and the cost is very reasonable.

Please try to attend if at all possible! We will miss you if you don't!

Steve