

# TATTLER TWO

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## IT'S ABOUT TIME . . .

to visit the Ithaca Clock Museum. If you live in or around Ithaca or are there for a visit, and you are interested in local history and/or clocks, take the time to visit the museum, founded in 2003 by our classmate **Ralph Thorpe**. And if you do not plan to be in Ithaca soon, you can visit the museum web site, [www.ithacaclockmuseum.com](http://www.ithacaclockmuseum.com) for an introduction.

The museum is dedicated to the beauty of the American clock and displays and preserves clocks made in, and related to, the Ithaca area. Offering a perfect opportunity to learn more about the local clock-making tradition, the museum's exhibits include over 100 clocks made by the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company, Clinton & Mood Clocks, Poole Clocks, Mix Brothers, and Joseph Burritt, as well as local reproductions of the Ithaca Calendar Clocks.

Not only does the collection take one back in time but so does its setting -- Fire House Number 5. Located at 136 West State Street and constructed in 1882, the building originally housed a horse-drawn fire engine. In 1905 it was upgraded to house one of the first motorized fire truck companies in the U.S. The building became obsolete as a fire station when more modern equipment could no longer fit in its single-engine bay. From 1993 to 2002 the building was home to the Firehouse Theatre, a local theater group that staged over 90 performances.

The museum, open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and by appointment, offers lectures and slide shows by specialists in the field of horology, the science of measuring time, and the art of making timepieces.

A non-profit organization, the museum encourages donations, which are tax deductible. Donation checks can be mailed to: Ithaca Clock

Museum; 136 West State Street; Ithaca, New York 14850. Also welcome are donations of clocks and clock mechanisms. If you are interested, please contact Ralph by writing him c/o the Clock Museum or by calling him on (607) 227-2303.

## CLASS NOTES

Ithaca Academy of Dance, the studio that **Rosalie (Bower) Amoroso's** parents started and which she now runs, celebrated its 70th anniversary in June with a special show. "Celebration Time" opened with a video montage of pictures from the studio's early days, featured performances ranging from ballet to hip-hop by more than 220 dancers, and closed with a clip of Rosalie's parents dancing in 1979 shortly before her mother died. Rosalie performed in the show with her competition dance team. Many dance studio alumni attended, including **Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld** who had grown up with Rosalie at the studio. The date -- June 12th -- will be recognized in future years, as the mayor of Ithaca proclaimed it Ithaca Academy of Dance Day. Earlier in the year, in April, Rosalie was wined, dined, and honored by National Dance Week. Another recent delight for Rosalie was the birth of a grandson, her first among eight grandchildren.

**Margaret (Mix) Betts** writes that after graduation she worked at the N.Y. State Gas and Electric but, upon meeting husband-to-be Daniel, decided to be a stay-at-home mom after they had children. They had three and she spent most of her time taking care of them, but also worked in their vineyards, doing the books and marketing the wine grapes. They live in North East, PA (actually in the northwest part of the state, between Buffalo and Cleveland on Lake Erie) and love the small town atmosphere of the community of about 10,000. Their children are all married. Their oldest son lives in England, is the director of technology for a

software firm, and is married to an orthopedic surgeon. Their daughter is in research and development and married to a buyer of large manufacturing equipment. And their youngest son, who has an electrical engineering degree from Penn State, works for General Electric, presently in Erie. He just got married – in the process giving Margaret her first grandchild because he now has a stepdaughter – and bought a home in her community. Margaret loves to travel, mostly to visit their children and other family members – she still has family in the Ithaca area and tries to get there once a year – and on mission trips with her church. But she has also been to Paris for the tennis opens and to England where she spent a month with their son, seeing the historical sites. The Betts are sort-of retired. She has worked off and on since the children were older, her last job as office manager at an investment firm. They still have 65 acres but would like to cut back. She and Daniel have been married for 45 years. She says there have been good times and a few bad times, but in the end God seems to know what direction to take them.

**Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger** is also a grandmother again, Ella Mary Bomberger of Arlington, VA having arrived on September 13. Cathy and husband Pete visited proud parents Craig and Melissa when Pete attended the Congressional Conference on Civic Education, and Cathy visited again when she was in D.C. for a meeting. Cathy also reports that, as a result of hurricane Katrina, their daughter Kristen Boston, her husband, and their son had to evacuate their home in Covington, LA, first staying with a friend of Cathy's in Jackson, MS and then with the Bombergers in Indiana. Fortunately, their home and veterinary clinic were not damaged much and they were able to move back 3 weeks later.

Soon to be Floridians are **Chuck Calkins** and wife Lynda. While he is still selling real estate in North Carolina, the Calkinses have been to The Villages in Florida – if you are not familiar with that area, Chuck places it about 20 miles south of Ocala, 50 miles north-west of Orlando, about an hour and a half west of Daytona, and about an hour east of Tampa – and fell in love with it. Chuck says there is so much to do that he gets tired just thinking about it. They have put an offer on a house there

and hope to get a buyer soon for their house in North Carolina.

Having relocated to Florida earlier in the year, **Donna (Phillips) Dawes** and husband Mel spent a considerable part of the summer in the north. They went to visit their son Darren and family in Michigan; their son Van in New Jersey; family and friends, including **Barb (Utter) Park** and husband Avery, in the Ithaca area; and family and friends in Virginia and North Carolina.

Like Donna and Mel Dawes, **Frank Feocco** had relocated to Florida but headed north for the summer. In mid-August, he reported that he was trying to buy a small piece of property on Cayuga Lake, with the intention of spending three or months there for the next few years.

**Bonnie Joy (Cornelius) Freda** retired recently. After graduating from the Ithaca Practical Nursing School, she went to New York City to work as an LPN at the Cornell Medical Center, met Louis Freda, and after getting married to him – they have been together for 41 years – moved to Brooklyn. Encouraged by a professor at the College of Staten Island, she went on to get an RN, a BSN, and finally a masters in rehabilitation counseling from St. John's University. She worked at the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn for 26 years, mostly in the home care agency – the Community Care Organization, Inc. – affiliated with the Center and which she helped develop. For the past 10, she had been its director. She retired on October 31 but is still on salary until year's end to assist with the transition. But retirement does not mean that Bonnie will stop working, as she plans to start a company to provide geriatric case management for families. Also, she will continue to volunteer at the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Staten Island, where the Fredas live, to provide counseling for young men and women – her way of "giving back" to the community. On an entirely different front, she is very active in the Richmond Choral Society, singing in their chamber chorus, which puts on two performances a year in places that have included Carnegie Hall, and serves on the Board and is the chair of the scholarship program of the Society. She a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Staten Island and is still actively involved in their activities. However, Bonnie notes that her family and church have

always been first in her life. The Fredas have two adult daughters, one of whom is married with 3 children (two girls and a boy). The grandkids keep them busy, particularly with gymnastic competitions and baseball playoffs. The oldest will soon be 16 – She cannot wait to get her drivers license – and the others are 13 and 8.

After several years in various stages of caretaking and a year of going back and forth daily from Foxboro, MA to Norwood, **Peggy (FitzGerald Greenfield)** and husband John put most of their things in storage and on October 1 moved to Norwood to take care of Peggy's mother who, at 94½, is in hospice care at her home. Peggy writes that they have enjoyed the wildlife that visits the yard. They had to haul away a Rose of Sharon, more than 20 years old, that keeled over, defeated by 9 days of rain and then snow this fall and last year's hard winter. But it had bloomed profusely all summer and was a favorite landing place for birds going to and from feeders. Peggy's sister is coming to Norwood for a week in mid-December, giving Peggy and John a welcome respite to go to Tennessee to celebrate the high school graduation of grandson Pete and the 22nd birthday of grandson Jon.

**Dick Heimlich** writes that he and wife Sonja have given up their Hawaiian base – they had a place in Lahaina on Maui – and now split their year between Pinehurst, NC and Fountain Hills, AZ. He says that the birth of a granddaughter, their 7th grandchild, in the Phoenix area, precipitated their move. Dick also notes that his father, who had owned IC Optical Services in Ithaca, lives not too far away, in Boulder City, NV. He is 92 and in reasonably good health. In July, the Heimlichs went on an 18-day cruise/tour of Alaska and the Yukon. Dick says the region is spectacular and they saw some unforgettable scenery and wildlife. Denali, he observes, is by far the most amazing place.

**Elinor (McLaren) Henkels** and husband Ed again spent the summer in upstate New York, at the place they bought several years ago in Savona, near Bath. Elinor says they enjoy the change from Phoenix very much.

**Don Jania-Smith** and wife Barbara took advantage of their retirement by traveling a bit in

their RV. Heading east from their home in El Cajon, CA, they visited five national parks in Utah, took a ride on a narrow gauge railroad ride from Durango to Silverton, Colorado, and then headed north to Brandon, Manitoba to visit a friend of Don's from graduate school. Then it was eastward across the Trans Canada highway to Maine. There they joined 18 other RVs for a 47-day caravan through the Canadian Maritime provinces including, by ferry, Newfoundland with the RVs and Labrador (which is actually part of Newfoundland) without RVs. After returning to the U.S., they attended a reunion of Don's family in Vermont and visited his sister in Ithaca. They then spent two weeks in the Washington, DC area, taking in many of the museums and tourist sites. When they visited the Capital they had the opportunity to hear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee stating their positions on John Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court. Also while in the D.C. area, they spend a day with **Steve Schmal**, seeing some sights they had missed in their rushes around the city and in the evening, joined by Steve's wife Deb, enjoyed dinner and conversation at a Afghan restaurant that the Schmals frequent. After D.C., Don and Barbara visited Charlottesville, VA and then made one final stop, in Okemos, MI to visit her daughter and family, before making the long drive back to El Cajon.

**Huldah (Gibbs) Jones** sends heartfelt thanks to all who sent e-mails before and after her recent surgery. She says, "It was uplifting to reminisce with many of you, former classmates/friends. It's amazing to realize how well I remember those days with great clarity and not remember where my keys are! Oh yes, I left them in the ignition, with the car running. . . . Kidding aside, I'm grateful for all of your kindness. Now that I've recovered, I'm ready to do a 5K up State Street Hill!!!"

**George Knaysi** reports he still is working very actively – putting in 14-hour days – as a surgeon in Richmond. In a 12-person group practice, he mainly does breast cancer treatment and diagnosis. But George says he will probably retire . . . in 2008. He and wife Susan have a summer home in Maine and from July to September he "commutes" there from Richmond on weekends. Their daughters live in Wichita and Los Angeles. The

one in Wichita is a retired newspaperwoman, now housewife, with 4 children, while the one in Los Angeles is an actress who is single.

**Nettie (Chirillo) Kossmann's** husband Joe has recently completed a book – *Sounds of Silence . . . A Monk's Journey*. Written under Joe's pen name of Father Benedict Kossmann, it can be found at Authorhouse.com. This summer the Kossmanns went to Germany, where Joe was able to locate his great grandfather's hometown (Reinhausen in the Black Forest). They stayed with family members who still live there.

Another classmate is engaged! **June (Mulcahy) Leagans** and Klaus Gruner, whom she met in Chicago, will be married next Christmas. He has a country home in Crystal Lake, IL but they will keep her large condo in the city for jaunts to the opera and everything else the city has to offer. They expect to be doing some traveling to Europe and China, as Klaus has his own business and has European clients. June comments that she is blissfully happy and would love for everyone to come to the wedding even though she knows that is not possible.

**Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** got married! She is now Mrs. William Vogt. They tied the knot on November 25 in a small private ceremony on a 34' sailboat out in the Gulf of Mexico, with Sharron's daughter Becky as a witness. (Becky had come down from New York State for Thanksgiving and Sharron and Bill surprised her with the news.) Earlier in the year, they had quite a scare. After they returned from a grand 8 days on St. Thomas in July, Sharron had to take Bill to the emergency room and it turned out he had a problem with his heart, requiring a heart artery stent. Two hospitals and 11 days later he was home and on the slow road to recovery. They had to cancel a planned trip to Ithaca for her family reunion in August but, Bill is now healthy and feeling so good that they sold one boat and bought a bigger one -- a 27' Regal Ambassador.

**Pat Marion** reports that she and husband Al will start building a house – their 4th – next spring on the middle fork of the Payette River in Idaho that she says will offer wonderful water ambiance. They sold their previous house in mid-May – it was supposed to be their retirement home but

proved to be too big – and moved into their motor home. This summer they went to Alaska, where they once lived and quite often have visited. Pat says their favorite part of the drive is the Casiar highway, with awe-inspiring scenery. While in Alaska, they visited with one son and daughter-in-law in Anchorage and another son and family (including the 2 grandchildren) in Kodiak. They had a great time fishing, catching lots of salmon and halibut; did some clamming, which was a blast; and rode in their Anchorage son's new drift boat on the Kenai River, where the scenery was indescribable and the weather sunny and warm. Now back in Idaho, the Marions are no longer living in their motor home, as friends have graciously let them stay in their house while they are involved in jobs that take them away.

**Mary (O'Connor) MacKenzie** has moved again, the second time in a year, but remains in Auburn, CA. She says both moves have been associated with her decision to stay in Auburn for at least another year or two, while her grandchildren are still young (ages 6 and 9). They live only about 60 miles away, so she sees them frequently.

Central New York Reads recently chose **Mimi (Heinecke) Monfredo's** second book, *North Star Conspiracy*, as its book for 2005-2006. CNY Reads promotes reading, research, discovery, and sharing of perspectives among local citizens by encouraging them to read the same book and to participate in programs related to it. Past selections include John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, Earnest Gaines's *A Lesson Before Dying*, and works by Arthur Miller. CNY Reads chose the book – a mystery, set in Seneca Falls in 1854, in which a young feminist librarian becomes deeply involved in the Underground Railroad – out of 39 suggested titles. It felt *North Star Conspiracy* would, among other things, appeal to the widest possible audience, catalyze discussion about important contemporary issues, and lend itself to the teaching of local history and literature. Mimi will participate in several of the programs planned by CNY Reads. Among the attendees at one of the kick-off events was classmate **Anita Bonney**. Mimi mentions that the book previously was chosen for the 2002 "Alaska Reads a Book" and the 2005 "Brookline (MA) Reads the Same Book" programs.

**Dick Monroe** continues to be very busy, as he describes it, as PR guy and gopher in support of his wife Toni's business, Taste the Moment Restaurant and Tea Room, in Redmond, WA, near the Monroes' home in Woodinville. A recent visitor to the restaurant was the governor, Christine Gregoire.

**Joe O'Hara** and wife Barbara have joined the ranks of classmates now living in Florida. They moved from New York City to Ocala. Joe says that being in Ocala is similar to living in Brooklyn. "Just about everyone down here is from there!"

**Barb (Utter) Park** reports she is really enjoying her retirement. She says she never seems to lack things to do. Although she misses seeing some of the people with whom she had worked, she does not miss having to go to work.

**Gail (Woolley) Scullin** writes that her grandson started Ithaca College this fall with plans to go into education. Her daughter Amanda celebrated her 40th birthday in October by attending a NASCAR race in South Carolina, where her husband had arranged for her to drive around the racetrack with a Petty Team member. Amanda says she drove 163 mph for three laps (but Gail notes that Amanda has been driving her own modified stock car around local tracks and winning races even though she has a below-the-knee prosthesis on her right leg). And last but not least, Gail says that her dad, Manning Woolley, turned 96 at the end of September. He lives at McGraw House in Ithaca and, except for his vision, is in excellent health.

**Joyce (Hinman) Shaffer** and husband Stephen recently moved from Sun City to Kingman, also in Arizona. She says it was time to retire and enjoy family, travel, etc.

**Kay Trimberger** has had another book published. Beacon Press released *The New Single Woman* in September. Kay has given a number of book readings – six in California (San Francisco twice, Santa Rosa, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Laguna Beach) as well as in Ithaca; Boston; Livingston, NJ; Milwaukee; and Charlotte. Among the attendees: **Bill Wise** at one of the San Francisco readings, **Gordy Light's** daughter – sent by Gordy – at the other, **Sally (White) Jennings** – whose review of Kay's book appears later in this issue – and her daughter in Santa Rosa, **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley**

in Berkeley, and **Myra Fincher** and **Jean Houghton** in Ithaca. Also, tied in with Kay's Boston reading, **Sarah (Briggs) deRis** helped set up a TV interview with New England Cable News, a Boston public access station.

Both of the Tracy twins have been spending time with doctors. **Lu Tracy** wrote that she had three surgeries since February – a right thumb joint replacement, two sinus lifts, and bone grafting for dental implants. **Isie (Tracy) Wilcox** underwent a knee replacement in June. We wish them well.

**Marge (McLachlan) Trimm** is very much a homebody. She reports that she stays home much of the time as she no longer works as her health is questionable. But she says her family is fine.

In late October **Carol (Bly) Weistart** headed to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she met up with her daughter, son-in-law, and their 3 youngest children who, when it is not hurricane season, cruise the Caribbean on their 46-ft. Morgan sloop. Among the items Carol brought along were six of **Mimi (Heinecke) Monfredo's** books. Carol says that good reading material is in high demand among cruising families and is swapped around from family to another, adding that Mimi's are wonderful stories for history and/or mystery readers of any age.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Margaret Harding** died on July 21 at the Cayuga Medical Center. She had worked for Swarthout & Ferris and had been a member of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Margaret is survived by daughter Theresa; sons Jeffrey and Brian; daughter-in-law Linda; grandchildren Christopher, Justin, Jeffrey, Noah, Samuel, Ashley, and Daniel; sister Kate Herson; and brother John Brennan.

Donations in Margaret's memory may be made to the Reconstruction Home, Residents Fund, 318 S. Albany St., Ithaca.

Also, Carol Hedden, who taught history at IHS during our time – she was Carol Taber then – died on August 30 at the Groton Nursing Home. She

was 94 and had Alzheimers for a number of years. From her obituary, one learns that she was only 15 when she graduated from high school. She taught at IHS from the late 1940's until 1976 when she retired. She loved anything to do with history, be it reading, traveling, or collecting. She was also an avid swimmer and in her later years, spending part of the year on Sanibel Island, FL, she became a passionate shell collector.

### Correction:

The Florida mini-reunion was in Palm City, FL, not in Davie. **Ingrid (Brohm) Jimrusti** wrote that, although Davie is their business address, she and **Phil** live in Palm City. She adds that they have two companies. Hers is Natural Habitats, Inc., which is involved with planting and maintenance of wetlands. Phil's is Philip R. Jimrusti & Associates, Inc. and deals with the permitting and design of environmental projects.

### Get-Togethers:

Since the last reunion, **Ann (Murphy) DeYoung** and **Dorrice (Griffith) Hammer**, who live fairly close to one another in Vermont, have met every so often for lunch. In August, the locale was the DeYoung's cottage on Lake Champlain. And in late October, they met at an Asian restaurant in South Burlington. As Ann tells it, they were both delighted when Dorrice opened her fortune cookie and read, "Friends long absent are coming back to you."

In the last issue, I mentioned that **Carol (Riley) Riggs** and husband Ralph had visited **Carol (Van Buren) McPherson** and husband Don at the McPherson's winter place in Key Largo, FL. Early this year, Carol's sister **Cathy Bomberger** and husband Pete also paid a visit there. The sisters and their husbands also got together in Las Vegas, the Bombergers after visiting the national parks in southwest Utah and the McPhersons before spending a weekend in Phoenix with the Riggsses and **Kip Kane**.) More recently, the Riggsses and the McPhersons went to England, along with Ralph's daughter and her husband. On her return to the U.S., Carol stopped off in New York City to

watch her 45-year-old daughter Terrie run in the NY marathon. (For the record, Terrie finished in 4 hours, 18 minutes.) Carol's sister Pat flew in from Oregon for the event and the two toured the city together.

In September, **Sandy (Deeley) Scaglione** had lunch with **Roberta (Coleman) Hunter** and **Donna (Newhart) Rogers** before Roberta went back to Florida for the winter.

**Maryjean (Hertel) Yengo** writes that while she and **Jack** were in Florida last February, they got together with **Ron Kozak**, **Mike Malison** and wife Sue, **Bob Moore** and wife Donna, **Bill Rocco** and wife Dottie. Maryjean says that lots of stories about IHS football were told, adding that it amazes her that the guys can remember every game and almost every play.

## IHS BOOK REVIEW

Contributed by Sally (White) Jennings

**Kay Trimberger**, a member of our class, is a sociologist, professor emerita of Women's and Gender Studies at Sonoma State University, and a visiting scholar at The Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of California, Berkeley. Her book, *The New Single Woman*, is both scholarly and personal and provides a fresh and vivid concept of single women today, moving us beyond the soul mate ideal as the standard for personal happiness.

Kay's book is based on her study of 27 women between the ages of 30 and 60 over a period of 10 years. The sample is a broadly middle-class group of single women, small and yet diverse enough to mindfully explore the crafting of fulfilling, long term, single lives. The women's stories are colorful and authentic, encompassing the challenges, fears, joys and successes that are part of life's journey.

Kay first formed the group in 1994 through a widely distributed letter to friends, colleagues and acquaintances. She conducted a series of interviews and learned that most of the women experienced conflict with respect to the search for "the right one". But due to her own challenges

combining single motherhood and work, Kay tabled the project after the initial set of interviews.

Eight years later, she re-contacted members of the original group – two had died – and found that all the women were still single. What she also learned, however, became the thesis for her book: that most had emerged to find themselves thriving and content with being single.

Kay identifies the following “Pillars of Support” as a common thread among the women: a nurturing home; satisfying work, providing economic autonomy; a sense of ease with their sexuality; connections to the younger generation; a close network of friends; and a sense of community. She noted that such Pillars of Support are sustaining elements in the new single woman’s life.

The rich life stories revealed that none of the women in Kay’s study made a choice to be long-term single, but rather, deliberately created an infrastructure for a viable single life. This challenges internalized cultural notions about what is essential for women to live happy and fulfilling lives.

Kay challenges a number of social stigmas attached to those who become or remain single – that they fear intimacy; are products of broken homes, are disenfranchised in some way, are destined to die alone or impoverished, or seek other women’s partners.

Kay has no ax to grind; she does not disparage married women in order to defend single women, nor does she glamorize the single life. In fact, the writer reflects upon their lives with care and grace, mindful not to pathologize any of the women or the groups addressed. This book is a celebration of the new woman in our society whether she is single or married. The common threads speak not only to single women, but to all women taking personal responsibility for their own happiness. So to *The New Single Woman*, and its author, I say Bravo! And, thank you.

## TATTLER BROUHAHA

During the past year, the real Tattler has made the regional, and perhaps the national news, on several

occasions. The reason: a controversy over what a student newspaper may publish.

The first skirmish occurred when the Tattler published three controversial articles in its January 2005 issue – a report of a survey showing that students lacked confidence in new IHS principal Joe Wilson; a story stating that Wilson went into a classroom, proclaimed he was the “Food Nazi,” and told the students they would have to stop eating unless they wanted the teacher to go to the “food gas chamber”; and a restaurant review some considered racist. As a result, the school district issued guidelines – apparently the first the paper ever had – required that the paper’s faculty advisor “read, edit, and approve all articles prior to publication” and giving the advisor the right “to change, edit, or remove” any content that would “substantially interfere with the district’s work or impinge on the rights of other students, or is inconsistent with the legitimate pedagogical concerns of the district (for example, content that is ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, inaccurate, libelous, biased or prejudiced, unethical, vulgar or profane, or is not suitable for immature audiences) . . .”

This was soon followed by another content dispute. A cartoon prepared for the February issue, to accompany a story on sex education, showed a health teacher pointing to stick figures in various sexual positions. The faculty advisor censored it. The Tattler editors unsuccessfully protested her decision, as well as the guidelines, to the principal under the school’s student grievance procedure. The editors decided to publish a paper on their own. They named it *The Issue*, produced it without using school funds and distributed it off school property. The school administration shut the Tattler down, barring the staff from the offices they had used, and no longer gave the paper the \$1000 expense allowance it had received.

The editors went on to publish three issues of *The Issue*, before returning to prepare the June issue of the Tattler under a new faculty advisor. And they took another step. In June, after discussions about possible changes to the guidelines proved fruitless, they filed suit against the school district in U.S. District Court, claiming that requiring the faculty advisor’s approval constitutes prior restraint and thus is unconstitutional. The suit is still pending.

The Tattler continues to be published this school year. The editor-in-chief was a member of last year's editorial board but many of the staff are new. The guidelines are still in effect. And while the new advisor has said she will use her red pen sparingly and leave final editorial decisions up to the editor in chief, she also set firm ground rules at the beginning of the year: no personal attacks, no "yellow journalism," and no gratuitous bad language.

### Want a Class List or E-List?

I continue to offer the class list that I have been maintaining to any classmate who wants it. If you would like a copy, please let me know. It is free if you are on the Internet, but it will 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. You should know that I absolutely will not make these lists available to anyone other than our classmates.

### “THE SEARCH”: STATUS

Our auxiliary classmates ranks keep growing. This time it is **Jane (Banks) Angstrom**. Jane attended Cayuga Heights Elementary School, Boynton Junior High, and was with our class at HIS until December of our senior year when she left to go with her parents to Belgium. She went to school there but ended up graduating the following year from Linden Hall in Pennsylvania. After nursing school at the New England Deaconess in Boston, Jane has remained in the Boston, where she worked as a dialysis nurse – she “retired” in July -- and also as a writer. She has patented a bandage for catheters used in dialysis and chemotherapy and, with her business partner, is in negotiations with several companies interested in producing the bandage. She reports things look very promising. On a more personal front, Jane is a divorcee with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. She had a hip replacement last December. It did not "take" and, as a result she could not garden or Scottish dance, two of her passions. Recently, she had the hip repaired and says this time things are looking much better. Jane's third passion is traveling. In

August, she took her 15-year-old granddaughter, Emily, on a barge cruise on the rivers of Paris and reports it was a blast.

The list of “missing” classmates remains much the same. **Duane Cole, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq,** and **Willie Young** are still on it, but auxiliary classmate **Ronnie Chandler** should be added. He previously lived in Macedon, NY.

As for auxiliary class members, I am still trying to get in contact with **Albert Ellis, John Chacona, Bill Ellsworth, Jack Macbeth,** and **John Ryan** but thus far without success. **If you know of others who might qualify as auxiliary classmates, please pass their names on to me.**

### A WORD TO THE WISE

A couple issues ago, I included advice from **Dick Lavoie**, who had undergone prostate surgery, and said he hoped male classmates were having their prostates checked on a regular basis, as early detection was the key. Now I would like to add words of wisdom from **Carol (Bly) Weistart**. Writing me in October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, she said that in September of 2003 she failed a mammogram, which led to a partial mastectomy, sentinel node resection, and 7 weeks of radiation. She noted that early detection made hers an "easy to cure" cancer. Healthy again and enjoying every day, Carol says her message to female classmates is “Get your mammograms!” One in 7 or 8 women will get breast cancer and the number is rising. And men, talk to your wives and daughters. Make sure it gets done. And my wife Deb adds that you should get checked as men also can get breast cancer!

### THE CONTEST: RESULTS

Yes, this time we have winners. Co-winners of the prize for the e-mail recipients of the newsletter who answered the most questions correctly: **Carol (Bly) Weistart** and **Howard Raymond**, ably assisted by wife Jeanette. The winner among the Postal Service recipients: **Gini (Lane) Jursick**.

See the following page for the questions and the answers.

1. There is one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it? *Boxing (at least the professional version)*

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards? *Niagara Falls*

3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. (All other vegetables must be replanted every year.) What are the only two perennial vegetables? *Actually there are more than two. Asparagus, artichokes, and rhubarb are the best known. But there is also chayote (in the squash family).*

4. Name the only sport in which the ball is always in the possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching it? *Baseball. Surprised? But it makes sense.*

5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside? *Strawberries*

6. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe. The bottle hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle? *The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and wired in place. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems. After being removed from the tree, the bottles are then filled.*

7. There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Name at least twelve of them. *Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, parentheses, brackets, braces, and ellipses.*

8. Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los Angeles Lakers"? *In Minnesota, where the team, then known as the Minneapolis Lakers, was based before the franchise moved to L.A.*

9. There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Receiving a base on balls is one. Name the others. *Being hit by a pitch, as a result of catcher interference, as a result of the catcher muffing a third strike badly enough so the batter reaches first, on a fielder's choice, as a result of fielder interference as the batter is running to first, and by being designated as a pinch runner.*

10. It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form other than fresh. What is it? *Lettuce*

11. You have 10 stacks of coins. Each coin in 9 of the stacks is real but each one in the remaining stack is counterfeit. All the coins look alike but the real coins weigh 10 grams and the counterfeit ones weigh 11 grams. You have a scale but can only do one weighing. How can you determine which coins are counterfeit? *Place 1 coin from the first stack, 2 from the second, 3 from the third, etc. on the scale (all at the same time). If the total weight is 551 gram, the first stack contains the counterfeit coins; if 552, the second stack has the counterfeits; if 553, it is the third stack, and so on.*

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