

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - January 2006

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Happy New Year - I hope you had a good 2005 and are looking forward to an even better 2006 full of happiness and good health. Hopefully you will have a chance to reconnect with some of your old Juniata friends this year.

CORRECTION to Email Addresses - The December newsletter incorrectly identified the new email address for Robert Shick and Gerry Zwick Suvak. The correct information is as follows - sorry for any problems this may have caused.

Robert Shick - Email Address: mcarlson@tricounty.net

Gerry Zwick Suvak - Email Address: gsuvak@hotmail.com

New Email Address -

Chet Berkey - Email Address: cberkey@centurytel.net

Ed Rumberger - Ed requested - "Please change the email address you have for me to the following new email address: vr_msea@kastanet.org

Elaine Bella Detrich-Long - Elaine has reestablished her email account of bellaedl@yahoo.com

Ralph Heimbaugh - Ralph noted - "My e-mail address is ralph@heimbaugh.com. The old one will only give you an error."

An Invitation to Visit South Carolina - Ed Rumberger sent this interesting update - "Hi, this is Ed Rumberger from the great Class of 1964. Born and reared in Huntingdon, I have not lived there since graduation at JC. After JC, did three years in the US Army, with assignments in Washington, DC and Saigon, Vietnam. Then a couple of years in the Graduate School of Bible and Missions, Columbia, SC and subsequent many years of service with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Vietnam, the Philippines, and Thailand. My wife Pat and I have not yet retired from Wycliffe, but we returned home from Asia in the summer on 2004 and since then have been living in and working out of our home in Waxhaw, North Carolina--the birthplace of Andrew Jackson, and quite a nice, quaint, historic, beautiful, and until recently quiet little town of around 2,000. But since nearby Charlotte (about 6-7 miles from Waxhaw's northern border) has been growing exponentially the past several decades, little old Waxhaw has been experiencing much, much growth itself the past 10 years or so, and is now up to over 10,000 and on its way to 30,000 by 2010. Really. Our oldest daughter is married to an MK (Missionary Kid) whom she went to high school with in Manila and later married. She and her Canadian husband and her two children now live in Winnipeg, which I have always called 'Winterpeg', especially from about October or November up until quite late into our Spring. Our youngest daughter currently is in her second year at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. My wife and I are not planning anymore terms of service overseas, but in my continuing work with Wycliffe, I do make periodic trips back to Thailand and Vietnam. My last visit to these countries took up almost the whole month of October, 2005. It was a great ministry trip; but unfortunately, I did not meet up with any of my Juniata classmates (or any former JC former students, for that matter!) on this Thailand or Vietnam trip! So there were no Juniata class reunions for me in Thailand or Juniata on this trip. Since my wife and I will now be living permanently here in Waxhaw, any of my former Juniata classmates or friends are welcome to contact us should you be passing thru Charlotte area. We have one of the biggest and best 4th of July parades here for miles around. Thousands come to view it and it takes over an hour to pass by the reviewing stand in historic, beautiful downtown Waxhaw. (And there are NO fire trucks, rescue squads, etc. in the parade, but all good stuff, like mounted policemen./policewomen on horseback, floats, bands, Scottish bagpipe bands, old vintage cars, hillbilly model A cars, mini-sized little cars and trucks, you name it, even a steel drum band on a float playing bluegrass music! These parades are fun! And in the evening, about an hour's fireworks display! Last year, over 10,000 came to see the display. Well, sorry, for the length of this email. But I need to close by adding how much I do enjoy getting these monthly email newsletters. Keep up the good work, everybody."

Editor's Note: A special thank to Ed for sharing this update. It is notes like this that make the newsletter interesting - why not send and update on your activities to Dan O'Sullivan at SOSulli177@aol.com or 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Consider sending pictures too! Dan will ask Bill Chew to put them on the Class web site.

The Good Old Lazy Hazy Days of Summer - Last month I suggested you send tales of your Juniata College summer vacation days. Here is mine to get us started -

Dan O'Sullivan - During my freshman year at Juniata my parents moved to New England. So my first two summer breaks were spent working at an arcade in Nantasket Beach, MA. It was just across the harbor from Boston with regular ferry service. The Arcade was run by the syndicate so there are many good stories of working there. If you ever went to a carnival or amusement park in those days and hear some one yell - "Hey Rub" - they were not trying to get the attention of someone named Ruby. Actually that is the call when a rhubarb is starting somewhere on the property and staff are need to quell the riot. We had two people at each counter where the lite-numbered-wheels were where you won those prize, with the call of "Hey Rub" one of the two would immediately jump the counter to go assist management with the situation. Of course for the worse situation there was "Froggy" who wore a vest with a bulge in a strange place (i.e. where his holster pistol was concealed) no matter how hot it was outside. No one ever seem to want to argue with him!!! And, play those wheels for FUN - not PRIZES. At least in those day the wheels were rigged and a good operator could stop the light on any number they wanted too! Strange how the operator's friends always seemed to win a prize. The second year, Gary Horner - my good high school friend and Juniata roommate could find no work in Johnstown, so he came and lived with my family and worked there too. We both enjoyed going out on the family boat to cruise the bay. The final summer, involved summer school at Juniata to lighten the load my senior year - what a relaxed way to get a few credits. But, before summer school I had an interesting adventure with another high school friend. We hitchhiked from Pittsburgh PA to Albuquerque NM in just three days. We pretended we were broke college students on the way to summer school at UCLA and had a sign that said "UCLA or by July 4th or BUST!" We bummed our meals by knocking on doors along the way - try doing that now and you would end up dead or in jail. When we reach Albuquerque I felt I was getting to far away from Huntingdon to get back by July 10th for Summer School so my friend went on to see the Pacific Ocean as we had planned, and I crossed the road, freshened up in a gas station and started thumbing back. Believe it or not I got a ride with some marines from Albuquerque to Pittsburgh - driving non-stop and sharing the driving responsibilities. There are many other stories related to these three summers I'll share with you at the next reunion if you want.

December Deja Vu Comments -

Bill Chew - Perfect for December - it's a 50/50 guess: Jan and Gail or Jan and Gwen!

Mapes Andrews - I believe it's Janet Peters on the left and it sure looks like Elaine Ake on the right. I'm thinking they must be in the lounge in Founders Hall.

Dan O'Sullivan - The holiday season always was a good time at Juniata - Toto all decorated for Christmas, anticipation of a long vacation from classes and the general spirit of the holiday. This picture was take our Freshman year and I suspect was taken in Oneida or Brumbaugh Hall. I too think one of the Woodworth Twins is in the picture - Gail or Gwen. For sure it is Jan Peters. But unless Elaine or one of the Twins let us know who the other person is we may never know - there is no caption with the picture in the 1961 Yearbook. Christmas is still a happy time at Juniata, but you would not believe how BIG the Madrigal Dinner has become - student now camp out in tents on Founder's Lawn to be first in line for tickets to the dinner and to get to sit at the "Golden Ring" table. Each year they sing the 12 Days of Christmas with a different table designated to represent each of the gifts - the kids really get into it.

Gary Leathers - Jan Peters and one of the Woodworth Twins.

January Deja Vu - The January Deja Vu picture has been sent to Bill Chew for posting on the web site - when he posts it, take a look and let me know who you can identify in the picture and where it was taken.

Postal Newsletter Appreciated - Gary Leathers called to say how much he enjoyed receiving the postal version of the Newsletter and to offer the above response to the December Deja Vu Challenge. (This is the second month since Marion Kercher Oliver began funding the postal mailings - it is good to hear her efforts are appreciated.) Gary and I (Dan O'Sullivan) had a long conversation reminiscing and updating Gary's activities.

We talked about mutual friends like Ron Smelser, Bill Chew and others. Gary, who lives in Indianapolis, IN, mentioned he had read about an award received by Fred Lytle who lives near by and teaches at Purdue University. I provide Gary with contact info so these Juniatiens could reconnect - hopefully they will let us know of the meeting - maybe even take a picture! Gary retired from the railroad business a year and a half ago - that make at least two railroaders in the class - Grey Berrier is also retired from railroad service. Gary has four children and 14 grandchildren. Although Gary has not made it back for any reunions he has kept some contact with a Juniata classmate - Ron Smelser - at the Altoona High School Reunions. Hopefully Gary will join his Juniata classmate at the 45th Reunion in 2009. One last interest tidbit he passed on to me, since I lived in Johnstown, Gary is actually related to the founder of Johnstown, PA - his Great Aunt was a Great Grandchild of the founder of Johnstown - Joseph Johns - small world!!!

Editor's Note: I love to hear from fellow classmates, if any other classmates want to provide an update of their activities or provide other info for the newsletter by phone just call me at 717-766-0621.

Missing Classmates - As we start a new year I thought it would be a good time to try to locate some of our "missing" classmates - those for whom we have no contact information. If you can help locate and of the following please let Dan O'Sullivan know at SOSulli177@aol.com or 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 or at 717-766-0621 - Thanks. The Missing Classmates are Susan Barr, Richard Beck, Robert Burghart, Elizabeth Keiller Vasquez, Ken Marsh, Kenneth McKendree, Helen Merrel, Bernie Ripper, Diane Salem, Isaac Shank, Jamine Thomas Beck, Lois Troxell Linker

Christmas in Florida - Bob Shick's wife Mamie recently indicated - "We are leaving for Florida this Thursday (December 15) for two weeks."

Classmate Visits Paris - Fran Brumbaugh sent this brief trip report - "Paris Report: Did I mention 'fabulous'? And it snowed! The new Egyptian wing at the Louvre is wonderful."

Editor's Note: Fran also sent a picture of herself enjoying her visit to the NEW Egyptian wing at The Louvre. I have sent it to Bill Chew for posting on the Class web site. Remember to send me your travel pictures and reports for sharing. Send to Dan O'Sullivan at SOSulli177@aol.com or 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Changes in Juniata Athletic Competition - The presidents of eight colleges and universities have announced the formation of a new NCAA Division III athletics conference. The members of the new conference will compete in all sports other than football. The conference, yet to be named, will begin competition in the fall of 2007. The institutions are Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; Drew University, Madison, N.J.; Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.; Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.; Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa.; Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J.; Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point, N.Y. In a joint statement, presidents of the above institutions outlined the purpose and character of the new conference: "In forming an affiliation with this new conference, we have affirmed a shared focus on institutional excellence that emphasizes our academic mission and a belief that athletics competition is an important component of the undergraduate experience." "Juniata is pleased to become part of an athletic conference with these seven truly exceptional schools," said Juniata College President Thomas R. Kepple. "We believe that our association with outstanding institutions will be extremely beneficial for both our student-athletes and the Juniata College community as a whole. The new conference also provides us with a chance to compete in areas with high Juniata alumni populations."

Also Bub Parker, Director of Alumni Relations provided this update on the plans for the football team - "The conference that has accepted (Juniata) as a member just from a football standpoint is the Centennial Conference. Other schools that participate in (the Conference) are Johns Hopkins, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Dickinson, McDaniel (formerly Western Maryland), Muhlenberg, Ursinus (Juniata and Moravian will start playing football in the Centennial Conference in the Fall of 2007)."

*Editor's Note: The name of the new conference for all but football has not been designated yet - it is just referred to in some news articles as "the group of eight." I suggest the **Academic Conference** to parallel the stated "shared focus on institutional excellence that emphasizes (the) academic mission and a belief that athletics competition is an important component of the undergraduate experience." That might help keep the institutions focused on the principle under which they first organized!!! And, it might provide some pretty good PR attracting some outstanding scholars/athletes!*

Central Pennsylvania Alumni Club - Last month I mentioned the Central Pennsylvania 1st Annual Theater Gathering and Pre-Show Social. Bub Parker, Director of Alumni Relations took pictures of the event. I place a collage of four picture on the Class web site. Additional pictures and a description of this event and other regional events in available in the Alumni & Donor Section of the Juniata web site. You will also find a calendar of planned regional events - I encourage you to attend one of these - like reunions, you not sure if you will enjoy it but once you go you will return again and again!!! You can also use this link to see the schedule - <http://www.juniata.edu/pages/affinity/alumni/calendar.html>

Juniata Fund Update - Marion Kercher Oliver, our Class Fund Agent provided the following update of the Juniata Fund Campaign.

Currently at 32% participation (of 65% goal) / Donors to date: 49 / Donors needed to reach 65% goal: 49 / Donors needed to reach 50% and (remain on) Founders Steps: 27.

Gifts were received in December from John Reeves, Bob Shick, Grey Barrier, Gary Horner, Jan Peters Patrick, Carl Hikes, Larry Landini, Bea Schorsch Hueglin, John Gorsuch, Richard Hartzler, Bob Hoellein, Jan Wengerd Maran, Mel Simmons, Dave Patchen, Thelma Hallman Shoneman, Bob Cupper and Betty Jo Miller Taffe. **Thanks** for the enthusiastic response in December!

50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive Update - Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive also reported that campaign had a successful December with contributions from - Grey Barrier, Bea Schorsch Hueglin and Don Detwiler. To date 22 Classmates have contributed to the fund and the fund total stands at \$11,080.27. To maintain a pace of \$6,400 per year we still need \$1,720 in contributions before May 31, 2006. Thanks for the great support being shown so early in this 10-year campaign it means great returns on investments in the form of dividends on accumulated funds!!!

General Contribution Guidance - When sending a check to Juniata be sure to identify your desired use of the contribution by writing -

"Class of 1964 50th Reunion Gift Fund" in the memo section of the check if you intend the money to go toward the \$64,000 goal for a gift to be given to the College in 2014. The Gift Fund has a monetary goal as indicated above and is a 10-year campaign to reach that goal.

Juniata Fund in the memo section of the check if you intend the money to be use next year for scholarships. The Juniata Fund has a percentage of participation goal - so even when you do give to the other fund please give something to this fund too! Participation is more important than dollars to reach the goals set for this fund.

Send you checks to: Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Thanks for Input - Thanks to the following for input for this newsletter - Bill Chew, Bob Shick, Gerry Zwick Suvak, Ed Rumberger, Mapes Andrews, Chet Berkey, Bob Shick, Bub Parker, Gary Leathers, Elaine Bella Detrich-Long, Bub Parker, Ralph Heimbaugh, Marion Kercher Oliver, Terry Grove, Fran Brumbaugh