

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – March 2009

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Remember if you want contact information for any classmates contact Dan O'Sullivan at SOSulli177@aol.com or by phone at 717-766-0621.

Rekindle Interest in Reconnecting - Bill Utley in a note to Bill Chew mentioned – “I will not know about the reunion until the end of this month when my schedule is defined for the next few months. You do a great job with the class web page along with Dan on the newsletter. Those things have brought me back to having interest in Juniata again.”

What Songs of the 50s and 60s Do You Remember? – Jan Wengerd Maran sent a note and a plea - “Gene and I are back from the fabulous trip to Southeast Asia and I'm trying to catch up. I had to make a business trip to the Philadelphia area shortly after returning and also coping with a zillion emails, but it was worth it! Ron (the DJ) and I had talked about music during dinner a while back, but not in detail. We had talked principally about the dancing music afterwards. By the way, I still haven't seen any requests from the class for selection of favorite 50's and 60's songs for the dancing after dinner.”

Come on gang! Jan and the rest of the reunion committee are working hard to put together a great reunion weekend for you and your friends. Help Jan out – send the titles of five songs you liked or remember listing to in the 50'-60s. These titles will be given to the DJ so you will hear the music at our Saturday DJ Bash that will bring back memories to you! I will make it easy for you. If you receive the newsletter by email just send your list in a reply email to me or send an email to SOSulli177@aol.com. If you receive the newsletter by postal mail send a note with your list to Dan O'Sullivan, 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 or call 717-766-0621.

Scholarship Fund Drive Update – Bill Chew, Co-Chair Class Scholarship Fund Drive sends this info – “The Annual and 50th Fund Drive posters have been updated on our webpage. As of 1 March, we need at least 21 more classmates to donate before 1 June to stay on (the newly renovated) Founders steps. Thanks in advance!”

Many Are Looking Forward To Reunion Time – Folks are getting excited about our 45th Reunion June 11-14, 2009. I hope you are too! Do not miss this one!!! Carol Banse-Doyon asked – “We sure are planning to make the reunion in June. When will reservations be taken for lodging in the dorms and meals? I see that the dates run June 11-14, so I am curious as to what will be the agenda for that length of time.”

I was informed the Reunion mailer from the college received its final proof reading and is at the printer. You should get it in early April. It will have all the details about the reunion weekend. On line reservations will begin to be accepted on April 1, 2009. I assure you it will be a fun-filled weekend with tours, informative meetings, Alumni College classes and lots of time to reconnect with you Juniata friends – and maybe make some new ones.

The Class of 1964 will have a hospitality lounge in Tussey-Terrace (T-n-T) Lounge where Elaine Ake Frazier will be waiting to greet you after you check in at the central sign in location. Stop by to view the travel log program, reminisce while looking at the memorabilia display or just enjoy socializing and reconnecting with fellow classmates. Juniata now allows you to have alcohol at reunion event - BYOB. I am sure classmates will be sharing their favorite beverages and snacks at the Hospitality Lounge and at our other “Class Unique” events.

As in the past, the highlight on Thursday, June 11, 2009 will be the Candlelight dinner. It will not be a large number of alumni that return Thursday, but I hope you will be among them. I (Dan

O'Sullivan) plan to be there all four days.

Friday will be the day of arrival for many attendees. Friday night is the All Class Dinner attended by all the classes in the Baker Refectory in Ellis Hall. After dinner we will gather in the T-n-T lounge for dessert and probably some kind of brief program. We are inviting some of our professors that are still in the area to join us – always fun to hear what they really thought of us as students!

On Saturday Juniata has many planned events including Alumni Assembly – where we will show are spirit with a class cheer and awards will be presented to distinguished alumni. The multi-class flavor of our reunion has been enhanced. The reunion committee has accepted an offer by Phil Rohm '62 for a class outing at his retreat near Juniata for a relaxing Saturday afternoon of socializing with all our Juniata friends. Also Saturday night is the Class Dinner in Ellis Ballroom. We hired a DJ to provide dance music to our liking after dinner. As mentioned above, Jan Wengerd Maran is organizing that and would like your help in identifying what songs we want played. Just send me your list by "reply" email to SOSulli177@aol.com, snail mail to 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 or call 717-466-0621, and I will get it to her.

I mentioned Alumni College classes, these are classes presented Thursday thru Saturday on Reunion Weekend by professors and alumni. Three alumni attending the Class of 1964 reunion will be presenting classes. On Friday afternoon, Ron Smelser, a professor of German History at the University of Utah discusses "The Nazi Regime and the German Worker;" and Jeff Varnes, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter will address "The Anatomy of a Disaster Response/Family Disaster Preparedness." On Saturday morning, Gene Baten '63, an Associated Business Professor at Central Connecticut College presents a class titled "What Grandma Said." Now if that does not tweak your interest I am surprised, but you will have to wait for the brochure to arrive to get the details about these and other Alumni College presentations.

On Sunday Rich Morgan will lead a religious service for the class members and their guest. It will be held at the Peace Chapel, weather permitting. And of course Sunday is a day of reluctant good byes – last reunion I remember Lucy Cookson just did not want to leave!

Regarding lodging and meals – you will be able to register on line or by mail for a room in either Tussey or Terrace Hall – as designated by the College. We arranged that since our hospitality lounge and Friday gathering are in T-n-T lounge. The dorms have two hallways on each floor with a bath on each hallway. One hallway will have a men's bathroom and the other will have a women's bathroom. There is a connecting walkway between the hallways – no going upstairs or downstairs to shower. YOU WILL WANT TO CONSIDER BRINGING A SMALL FAN WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE ONE. All though there are hotels and motels in the area they are probably all booked by now. Most of those that come to the reunion will be staying in the dorm – dorm room parties do happen! If you stay in the dorm, breakfast in Baker is included. All other meals are available and are include on the reservation form – as mentioned before Thursday night is a Candlelight Dinner, Friday Night is an All Class Dinner and Saturday night is the Class of 1964 Dinner. Dress is casual – remember to order your INDIAN golf shirt.

Hopefully this gives you some idea of what will take place – many more details will be in the brochure and future newsletters. But again, I assure you it will be a fun-filled weekend!

Request for "Words of Wisdom" or notes on "What I learned the hard way!" – Gwen Woodworth Lang and Rolfe Wenner sent this plea – "In the cold of winter we sent out our annual letter that included a request for updated info for the Reunion Booklet from Bill Chew, a form for JC Shirts from Marion Kercher AND A REQUEST FOR SOME INPUT FOR ADVICE FOR THE REST OF US. Hopefully you received it and have a recollection about the contents. To refresh your memory the following excerpt should help. Please email a reply to rwennermv@aol.com (Rolfe) or gwenlang@verizon.net (Gwen) by March 10th. If you do not have email access or

prefer to use postal mail, send you input to Gwen Lang, 42 Fuller Shores Road, Lakeview, MA 02347-2401.

We surmised that among our classmates there is a wealth of “learned wisdom” and consequently decided to focus this letter on providing a way for the class of ’64 to share suggestions, insights, support and knowledge we “learned the hard way”. Consequently, we are soliciting your tips, ideas, comments and suggestions on the following topics or others you may want to add. They can be practical, philosophical, humorous, insightful...whatever you feel may help or encourage others at our “age and stage” of life. We will take this input and develop a special section in the reunion booklet. If you wish to make a comment and keep your name confidential, your request will be honored.

Suggested topics are:

- Caring for elderly parents
- New interests, hobbies and/or satisfying volunteer work
- Death of spouse or significant other
- New health challenges
- Issues related to relocating to another state or country
- Suggestions for completion of Social Security and Medicaid forms
- Tips for traveling
- Developing living wills and dealing with other legal forms

In addition, if you have special expertise in some area (financial or medical, for example) and are willing to give more detailed information in individual (communications), please include contact information etc.

Editor’s Note: Please send your comments NOW! The summary of class comments will be the lead item in the Reunion Journal you will receive at the Reunion. The committee has a deadline for submission of the master of the Journal to the College that can be met if you get your info to them now! Those that do not attend the Reunion will receive a copy of the Journal, including the summary, in the mail after the Reunion.

Classmate’s Update – Received this update from our classmate Ed Rumberger. Sure hope it works out so he can attend both his high school 50th Reunion and our Class 45th Reunion.

“Because I was a ‘day student’ at Juniata for my last two years of college (my first several years were spent at Virginia Polytechnic Institute), I don’t remember too well many of my classmates, but I do remember so me of them. So I appreciate your helping to keep us all ‘up’ on each other, as best you can.

I would love to attend the reunion this year, but am waiting to find out details (dates, etc.) on my 50th Class Reunion from Huntingdon High School. I probably can not come up for both, and must admit that probably if I have to choose attending only one of these reunions, I would go to my high school 50th Reunion--for I do remember so well many of my classmates from Huntingdon. And, having lived all of my adult life far away from Huntingdon, I have not been able to attend any of my high school reunions, or college reunions, to date. When I say far away, I mean many years of living in Vietnam, the Philippines, and Thailand. My wife Pat (from Norfolk) and I are now living in Waxhaw, North Carolina (Carolina Panther country and NASCAR country) and while I am 67 I have not yet retired from my work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In fact, I enjoy my work so much and am still enjoying fairly good health, so that I hope that I can continue working with Wycliffe for at least another 3-4 years or so.

I won’t bore you with too many details of our life this past year, but will just include a couple of 2008 highlight ‘snippets’. In early May, I participated at a large study seminar in Whittier, CA for a group of about 100 agencies (missions and NGO organizations) serving in Vietnam in 20various projects. At the end of May, our youngest daughter, Hannah, who had just graduated from

Columbia International University, was married here in Waxhaw in a beautiful outside wedding, to a college classmate. They are now living in Fayetteville, NC. Our oldest daughter, Virginia (Virginia Ann, to coin her real true Southern name), was 12 years older than Hannah, so she had already married a very famous man back in 1992---Winston Churchill. Really! They now live in Winnipeg and we have two grandchildren there whom we like to visit every year or two in the summer. However, Pat and I have decided against trying to visit them up there in the wintertime! But while Virginia and her husband Winston were here in Waxhaw (about 25 miles from Charlotte) for the wedding, Winston treated me and my grandson to my first NASCAR race at the Speedway here. I don't know if there were any Juniata graduates there--if there were I could not find them there in that crowd of 200,000 people! And I would agree that EVERYBODY, not just 'rednecks,' should experience a NASCAR race at least ONCE in their lifetime! But do take your earplugs with you or buy some on site. Finally, in October and November, I (Ed) was able to make my annual ministry trip back to Thailand and Vietnam. That was a fantastic trip, too, and I was again encouraged to see how large and how strong the Christian churches in the various mountain (minority language groups) tribal groups have become in Vietnam. They still face many challenges there, but they are flourishing.

More than enough said/written. Will keep watching for details on the JC Class reunion, and if I can come, I will.

By the way, I am officially classified as being in the Class of 1964, as I transferred to JC in the fall of 1962 as a Junior. But I did take my student teaching and some final classes in the fall semester of 1964, to complete my education courses. But I guess that does not matter, as I am still listed as being in the Class of 1964—and that is certainly fine with me, too. And I still am so grateful to have had the opportunity to study at such a fine and wonderful college such as Juniata. Then I did my graduate studies in Bible and Missions and Anthropology at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC nearly 15 years later.

Hitting the Highway – Edy Trockels informs is – “In May we changed our mail forwarding address and "residency". We are still enjoying the Full-Time RV lifestyle. Currently we are in Casa Grande, AZ with tentative summer plans for Oregon, Idaho and Montana.”

New Email Address – Kay Larsen has indicated she has a new email address.

Editor's Note: If you would like to reconnect with Ed, Kay or any other classmates please contact me at SOSulli177@aol.com or call 717-766-0621 and I will try to get you the contact info.

Thanks for the 50th Fund Contributions – Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50th Reunion Fund Drive thanks those that have contributed. We are making good progress toward our goal of \$64,000 by our 50th Reunion in 2014. The contribution total as of January 31, 2009 is \$26,053 or 40% of the goal. 37 classmates have made a contribution. The suggested contribution is \$1,000 or \$100 per year in the ten-year fund drive (1904-2014). Thirteen Classmates have contributed \$1,000 or more and 9 more are on pace to contribute \$1,000 with a current contribution level between \$500 and \$800 in the first 5 year of the 10 year fund drive. Information on how to contribute to this fund is at the end of this newsletter.

Another Class of 1963 Juniata Friend Will Help Celebrate our 45th Reunion – Nancy Eash Congersky, wife of Tom Congersky '63, sent this note to me (Dan O'Sullivan) via Facebook. Nancy wrote – “we are thinking about attending the reunion, so we might see you then.” I attended Westmont Hilltop High School with Nancy.

A Unique Reconnection with Juniata – Have you ever stumbled across a friend you have not heard from for over 45 years? Well that is sort of what the class of 1964 just did. It appears Nancy Congersky, wife of Tom Congersky '63, mentioned Juniata to an acquaintance. This individual was Johanna Millar Henrickson '64. Johanna attended Juniata with us from 1960 to 1962, before transferring to Penn State. When Nancy mentioned Johanna to Marion Kercher Oliver, Marion remembered Johanna as a resident on her hall the freshman year. Marion

suggested Johanna might enjoy receiving the Class newsletter, and Johanna responded with a hardy yes. I also have requested Johanna be given her rightful place on our class roster – we have several classmates on the roster with similar situations.

In a recent email Johanna said – “In a way, I wish I had stayed at Juniata as Penn State was too big.” Hopefully Johanna will come to the reunion in June and reconnect with some old friends. If you knew Johanna and would like to reconnect with her let me know at SOSulli177@aol.com or call 717-766-0621 and I will help you link=2 0up.

Profs at the Reunion – Got this note from Elaine Ake Frazier – “Just received a note from Rockwells. They will attend our dessert meeting on the 12th of June. We (also) have Zimmerers and Heberlings coming. Heberlings will share their time---we have them for Friday, but the class of '59 has them for their class dinner.” Since the note she has also hear from Ernest Post that he also accepts our invitation to join us.

Still a Few More Ski Days Left – In a second email Jan Wengerd Maran indicated – “Later next month (March) we're heading to Sun Valley for a week of skiing and enjoying the ambience. Gene, who just started learning two years ago, is hoping to progress off of the 'slopettes' as he calls them.” Hope Jan and Gene provide some great pictures from the slopes or 'slopettes,' if that were the case. Hey I (Dan) do not think I would even try to go downhill skiing anymore!

Facebook Is for the Young at Heart Too! – Received this note from Marion Kercher Oliver – “Nancy Congersky encouraged me to join Facebook yesterday when the Juniata friends (12 of us) had lunch in Lahaska, PA, (Friday, February 20, 2009). I'll send you a picture.” This web site was started for the college students – in fact at the beginning you could not join unless you had an “edu” email address. But more and more folks our age are joining – it is FREE. Give it a try at www.facebook.com. There is a Juniata Group. If there is enough interest we could start a Class of 1964 group. Maybe we should discuss this at the reunion. If you join, or are a member, share your Facebook experiences with others by sending me an email or request me as a “Friend”. I'll “accept” and you can “post on my wall”. Join – you will see what I am talking about. It is all new to me too!

Finalizing Reunion Plans – Bill Chew, Reunion Chairman and Dan O'Sullivan met on Saturday February 28, 2009 to review the great job the Class of 1964 Steering/Reunion Committee has done on planning an outstanding reunion for you. The advance work of the committee is going to pay of by providing a unique reunion experience to all that attend. Committee members helping Bill are: Elaine Ake Frazier, Don Detwiler, Terry Grove, Marion Kercher Oliver, Rich Morgan, Tom Mull, Dan O'Sullivan, John Reeves, Ron Smelser, Jan Wengerd Maran, Rolfe Wenner, Gail Woodworth Mann, Gwen Woodworth Lang and Hal Yocum. Our Juniata Liaison is Lisa O'Dellick. And we could not do any of our work without the OUTSTAND ASSISTANCE of the Juniata Alumni Weekend Guru – Evelyn Pembroke, Alumni Relations Specialist in the Alumni Relations Office. THANKS EVELYN! Look for a picture of Bill and Dan on the Class section of the web site.

THANKS – Thanks to the following for contributing to this newsletter – Ed Rumberger, Kay Larsen, Edy Trockels, Carol Banse-Doyon, Marion Kercher Oliver, Linda Carpenter (Development Office), Elaine Ake Frazier, Gwen Woodworth Lang, Nancy Congersky (wife of Tom Congersky '63), Johanna Millar Henrickson, Rolfe Wenner, Jan Wengerd Maran.

Please Remember to Support the Class Fund Drives
Send your contributions to Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.
Make check payable to Juniata College and identify your desired use in the memo section.
Write "Class of 1964 50th Reunion Gift Fund" in the memo section if you intend the money to go toward
the \$64,000 goal for a gift to be given to the College in 2014.
Write "Juniata Scholarship Fund" in the memo section if you intend the money to be use next

year for scholarships.

Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive and Rich Morgan and Bill Chew, Co-Class Fund Agent for the Juniata Scholarship Fund thank you for your support.