

## Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – June 2008

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

**6/18/2008 Note From Dan.** *I've asked Sheila to pass on this information. I know she's kept you well informed about my serious accident when returning from Alumni Weekend. I appreciate all the cards, emails, thoughts, and prayers that have been sent my way. As I'm sure you realize I have a long recovery/recuperation ahead of me. (I've actually walked a foot and a half today!) But this does mean I will have to curtail my volunteer activities on behalf of the class for a considerable length of time. I'm certain others will step in and fill any void in reunion and planning activities. The following is the newsletter that was ready for dispatch when I left for Juniata ten days ago. Unfortunately I will not be doing newsletters for some time. Thanks again for all your emails and cards that demonstrate that we have a truly loyal class that keeps others in their hearts and minds.*

**Apologies** – My apologies to Carole Banse-Doyon for the missing “e” at the end of her first name in the last newsletter. As I told Carole – my database is correct – it is my mind and fingers that are failing!

**Validation of Contact Information** – In April/May class members received an email, or attachment to the postal version of the newsletter, with their contact information as recorded in the Class data file. You are requested to validate that information, if you have not already done so. Let Dan O'Sullivan know if it is correct, needs changes, additions or deletions. You can reach Dan by email at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com), by phone at 717-766-0621 or by postal mail at 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA. PLEASE help save on the phone costs for follow up calls by responding by mid-July.

Contact information is available on 175 classmates. Xx classmates (xx% of those sent the survey) have already confirmed their contact information.

Dan will begin contacting those that have not responded in August. Thanks in advance for you timely action.

**2009 Reunion Plans** - The contact information survey also asked if you planned to attend the reunion in 2009. xx (xx% of those responding) have indicated they will or may attend the reunion. IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT EVENT WITH LOTS OF CLASSMATES RECONNECTING – **HOPE YOU ARE MAKING PLANS TO JOIN US!**

**Missing Classmates** – We are trying to locate the following 12 “missing” classmates. If you have any leads on contact information for these classmates please send it to Dan by email at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com), by phone at 717-766-0621 or by postal mail at 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA. Thanks!

Susan Barr - Richard Beck - Robert Burghart - Joseph Cammerata -

Elizabeth Keiller Vasquez - Kenneth Marsh - Kenneth McKendree - Helen Merrel -

Diane Salem - Isaac Shank - Jamine Thomas Beck - Lois Troxell Linker

**July Newsletter May Not Be Published** – The month of July I (Dan O'Sullivan, Editor of this newsletter) will be in Arizona. I am accompanying my wife for part of the six weeks she is going to be spending in Tempe, AZ cat sitting for 5 cats. Their owners are in England where one of them is teaching at Cambridge University this summer. I expect to have limited access to the internet and will not be able to access my home-based files. Therefore, there may not be a July 2008 edition of the Class of 1964 Newsletter.

**Dooflichers** - In the last newsletter there was a reference to “dooflichers” at Juniata. Bill Chew indicated that his son Casey says that "dooflichers" is a term like "whatchamacallit." Casey went on to explain – “The gang is actually called the ‘Dooflichers,’ not ‘Dooflickers.’ They are the Razor Scooters that were really big when I was in middle school. We decided to bring them back since they are funny looking and help us zip around campus. They became quite popular on campus this year! Let me know if you need any other info.”

*Editor’s Note: Bill also included a picture of a “Dooflicher” that was on the raffle table at the benefit concert. I made a collage of it for Bill to post on the Class web site.*

#### **New Email Address –**

Janice Snowden Novachcoff has a new email address. She is one of the many planning to attend the reunion in 2009.

John Veals indicate he too has a new email address and phone number.

If you want to reconnect with Janice, John or any other classmate to plan to meet at the reunion, contact Dan O’Sullivan and he will help you. You can reach Dan by email at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) or by phone at – 717-766-0621 (not available June 25 – July 30).

**Doug Dorset Surfaces** – For some time Doug Dorset has be estranged from his classmates. He recently reconnected with these comments.

Perhaps this is because one begins feeling his finitude. In any case, I don't think it is exactly right to remain totally anonymous, even though I do prefer to remain a private person. We don't give out our home phone number to anyone except family and close friends.

I do not plan to attend the reunion, however, mainly because I have not had contact with any of my classmates for many decades. To quote my grand-daughter: 'Ich kann aber ich will nicht...!'

My wife (of over 40 years) and I are back home in the countryside of the Delaware Valley, among our books and with our two cats, after 30 years in upstate NY. We visit our family in Berlin at least once a year and are grateful for a direct connection from Newark. I'm still happily carrying out crystallographic research and collecting more books.

Doug’s life after Juniata is summarized below.

Graduate education: Ph.D. biophysics, University of Maryland School of Medicine (1971), minors: chemistry, physiology

Current Position (since 12/2000): Distinguished Research Associate, ExxonMobil Research & Engineering Company (crystallographer: structural research on microporous materials)

Previous Positions: e. g., head of Electron Diffraction Department, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Buffalo, NY; research professor of biophysics, SUNY Buffalo; guest professor, Biozentrum der Universität Basel; visiting professor, Polymer Science and Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, etc.

Current Outside Scientific Activities: Co-editorship, *Acta Crystallographica*, *Zeitschrift für Kristallographie*, member, Structure Commission, International Zeolite Association (Formerly: Chair, Commission on Electron Diffraction, International Union of Crystallography; member, US National Committee on Crystallography)

Publications: two monographs (*Structural Electron Crystallography*, Plenum, NY, 1995; *Crystallography of the Polymethylene Chain*, Oxford Univ. Press, Oxford, 2005), over 300 published papers, patents, etc.

Honors: 2002 A. L. Patterson Award from American Crystallographic Association (for pioneering structural research in electron crystallography); Roche Research Foundation Fellow for Scientific Collaboration with Switzerland; E. N. Maislin Fellow, Society of Crystallographers in Australia, etc.

Married: Bonnie-Lee Border (B. A., mathematics, Douglass College - Rutgers University); M. S., mathematics, SUNY at Buffalo)

Son: Erik L. Dorset (B. M., Oberlin Conservatory, postgraduate studies: Schola Cantorum Basilensis (Basel, Switzerland), Royal Conservatory (Hague, Netherlands); currently violinist in Akademie für Alte Musik, Berlin; married, Dörthe Geißler (violinist, teacher, daughter of DDR organist/pianist, Jürgen Geißler), grand-daughter: Hannah)

Languages: German (proficient), Dutch (good reading ability), some knowledge of Yiddish and Afrikaans

Hobbies: passionate book collector - themes: history of typography from earlier calligraphic origins, arts & crafts printing (UK, Germany, Netherlands), private presses, incunabula, early printing; general reading: novels written in German or Dutch, political history, Holocaust studies; linguistics: German dialects (including Pennsylvanisch Deutsch) and their inter-relationships; classical music listening - particularly compositions of C. P. E. Bach

Travels: Australia, China, South Africa, Morocco, Czech Republic, Austria, Germany (BRD + DDR), Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, England, Scotland, Ireland, Bermuda, Canada, various parts of US including Hawaii

In a later more personal note Doug indicates – “I must credit (Juniata) for inspiring the love of research. I realized that I wanted to do basic research and not teach. So, before the current job with Big Oil (really an end of career move - I'd consulted for the place before), I wanted to do research badly enough to support myself as a free-lancer for 30 years from my own federal research grants (they call it 'soft money'), despite rather stiff competition. It gave me the freedom to develop something of my own and, also, I had the privilege to work with a guy who eventually received a Nobel Prize. He is still a close friend/mentor and very much a father figure.”

*Editor's Note: I hope we will see Doug at the reunion next year for the first time in 45 years! In a series of email exchanges between me (Dan O'Sullivan) and Doug, he seemed to begin indicating a possibility that he may return to reconnect with fellow classmates next year.*

**Congratulations Extended to our Class Fund Agents** – Marion Kercher Oliver sent this note of congratulation and other comments.

Congratulations to Rich, Bill and all our fellow classmates who sent their gifts to the Scholarship Fund before the end of May. I can't wait to check out those Founders steps when Dave and I are on campus in June. (As you read this they should be back home from the Alumni Weekend activities and Dave's 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion.)

Bill's son Jesse is indeed an amazing young man. Thank you, Bill, for sharing his message with us. We all hope and pray for the best-case scenario for him.

I loved reading the notes sent to you in response to the validation of information appeal.

**Juniata Still Helping with Katrina Relief** - Thought this extract from the Juniata web site about Juniata's participation in Katrina relief activities might interest you.

"After the destruction of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, President Tom Kepple announced that Juniata employees willing to do clean-up in the hurricane stricken areas would be eligible for a week of paid leave to do so. In May 2006, with financial backing from the Presidents' Office, 12 employees from Facilities, Development, Athletics, Residential Life, Campus Ministry, along with President and Mrs. Kepple, departed on the first service trip for JC employees. What they did - or thought they did - was very little when they looked at the devastation around them. Back at Juniata they reflected upon that time, the relationships built and the small, but important impact they had made. After further discussion, the President quickly agreed to support a second trip and as the story goes, we (just completed) the third and final trip helping with the rebuilding stages in the New Orleans area."

Reminds me of the civil rights support provided by some Juniatians in the 1960s.

**Beeghley Library Needs** – Classmate Gerry Zwick sent me this note - “Recently I attended a J.C. Friends of the Library meeting. The President of the college has asked the Friends if they would consider paying for doors to be installed which would allow handicapped people to enter the library. The price tag is estimated to be \$30,000 just for the doors. The Friends are already committed to some other projects in the library and the fundraising just isn't bringing in that kind of money. Has our class been asked to work on a particular project already? Since our class helped to move the old library into the new Beeghley Library, perhaps the Class of 1964 could help upgrade it now. John Mumford, the current librarian would have more details and could tell you of other needs within the library. From what I heard at the meeting the library is the one building on campus not getting much attention and more importantly and regrettably not receiving money from capital improvement funds. This is just an idea. The Friends of the Library will hold an Open House and BOOK SALE during the Alumni Weekend. In your next newsletter you may want to promote the Book Sale Saturday June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.”

Class contributions for major projects are normally done as 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gifts to the College. Often the College will suggest what the Class should consider giving – BUT it will be our class members and the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Fund committee who will make the final decision. **This suggestion from Gerry is about five years too soon.** As you probably know, Terry Grove is chairman of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Fund Committee. Already the class has accumulated over \$23,000 toward our goal of \$64,000 to be presented to the College for a designated gift at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2014.

With that said, Gerry has brought up one of the many valid needs at Juniata College. Possibly some of our classmates would be interested in helping with the Library project or joining The Friends of the Library. If so, you could contact Gerry and see if she is interested in helping you coordinate a contribution. You can contact Gerry at [gsuvak@hotmail.com](mailto:gsuvak@hotmail.com)

Any contribution to Juniata College - Friends of the Library, Juniata Presents Sponsor, Friends of the Field Station, J-Club, Founders' Fund, Scholarship Fund, 50th Reunion Fund, personal designated gifts, etc count toward the goal or 50% participation required to keep the Class listed on Founders' Steps.

**An Alum from Our Era Left Everything to Juniata** – Dr. Larry Johnson, a member of the Class of 1961 left absolutely everything he owned to Juniata. After the death of Dr. Larry Johnson, 68, from an apparent heart attack last year, Juniata College found itself the owner of possessions including his \$1.3 million condominium overlooking Monterey Bay, extensive music collection, Lexus, .38-caliber handgun, his cat named Princess and other items. The will designated \$1.3 million to be used to establish in perpetuity a four-year scholarship for tuition, room and board (\$38,700 per year) for a Juniata student from Somerset Area High School. The scholarship will go to a student who shows financial need and an interest in natural sciences. It also established another \$1.5 million endowment for a scholarship to send a Juniata graduate to the University of Rochester school of medicine and dentistry, where Johnson received his degree. The donation, valued at \$6.5 million, is the largest ever for the 1,460-student Huntingdon County school. It includes all of Johnson's personal property, retirement assets and investment accounts. The will allows Juniata to sell tangible property and use the money as the school sees fit.

A 1961 Juniata graduate, Johnson, who never married, had said he would not have been able to attend college if it wasn't for a scholarship from Juniata. Kim Kitchen assisted with spreading his ashes over San Francisco Bay. One of Johnson's neighbors agreed to take Princess the cat. His gun, flat-screen TV and most of his household furnishings were sold in California, while his wardrobe and groceries were donated to a homeless shelter there.

*Editor's Note: Who knows, one of the scholarships awarded as a result of contributions by the Class of 1964 to the Scholarship Fund may be creating an opportunity for another worthy student that will repay the help with their own significant contribution 50 years from now! I wonder how many of us have put Juniata in our wills – if you have a t bequest you would like to make the Juniata contact is Kim Kitchen, Director of Planned Giving at [kitchek@juniata.edu](mailto:kitchek@juniata.edu)*

**Relief Help for China** – Gail Woodworth Mann sent this note – If anyone wants to somehow help victims of the Earthquake in China, the agency with which I work, the Amity Foundation in Nanjing, can be relied upon to use any funds to help the people directly. Amity deals with the small towns in the countryside, whereas many of the relief efforts are centered in bigger cities.

An excerpt from a missionary friend there: Amity has arranged for teams of social workers and psychologists to go to the quake area to help in counseling, as well as providing water, food, blankets, etc. Amity has decided to focus on the rural areas, since much of the other relief work is focused on towns and cities. It is impossible here to report on the details. I would encourage you to go to the website periodically to check on what Amity is doing. I would also encourage you to donate to Amity for relief work. Amity is scrupulous in accounting for donations and you can be confident that any money donated for relief will be used in that way. They do retain a small portion for administration, which I assume applies to relief funds as well, but I think you would know that is standard, but if you want to know more, you can check the website. The web address is: [www.amityfoundation.org](http://www.amityfoundation.org), or try this link: <http://www.amityfoundation.org/wordpress/index.php>

**An Update from Jan Wengerd Maran** - I started working again December 1 as Director, Business Development for Cetero Research. Cetero was formed within the last two years by the merger of five companies that do early phase clinical research for testing of new drugs and devices. With 1700 beds at six sites in North America we have the biggest clinical research capacity in the industry. The job is the kind of high pressure position that I've had in the past - 12 hour days and considerable travel. At least I'm working out of my home in Boston when not traveling. I'm concentrating on working with biotech companies with innovative products which are interesting.

Gene Baten and I are still seeing as much as possible of each other (we're two hours apart), although since I've returned to work full time, it's been harder. I negotiated four weeks vacation with my new company plus extra time for trips already planned when I started. We've had some fun trips including to my home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with old friends of mine from California over Christmas; a Caribbean Blues Cruise with top Blues bands; Breckenridge, Colorado in March (skiing) with a side visit to see Suz Martin Bloomfield and husband, John; the New Orleans Jazz Fest in late April and a recent weekend in Manhattan. We spent the Memorial Day weekend at my cottage in Dennisport, Cape Cod. This summer

we are planning a trip to Montana where a good friend of mine has built a second home. Work hard, play hard is still my motto!

I'm going to the Juniata Reunion this year with Gene whose class is celebrating its 45th Reunion. Gene was just recently elected to the Board of Trustees. He'll probably be on crutches for the weekend since he's having foot surgery today. I hope to see you there. I was originally going to a medical conference in San Francisco that weekend, but plans changed, so I'll be in Huntington. Plus, Gene needs a driver! Should be fun!

**Share Your Travel Plans and Pictures** – Please share your travel plans and pictures.

As for my plans, thank goodness for my wife's wise decision to purchase a Prius last year before her cross-country trip to her cat-sitting job in Helena, MT. She gets great gas mileage - up to 52 miles per gallon and averages 42 miles per gallon.

She is on the road again this year for a cat-sitting job in Tempe, AZ. I am going to go out with her and stay for a month. We will be leaving Mechanicsburg on June 25th and do a relaxing drive to Tempe over six days. It includes a stop in Branson, AK to enjoy some of the country and western shows for a couple days. While in AZ we plan to do many day-trips and maybe a couple overnight-trips. Even though she needs to care for five cats we can leave them overnight, especially since they are indoor cats. She has several short trips planned. One trip will be to the Indian reservation on the AZ/UT line where she spent two weeks a couple years ago working at the Indian high school. When not sightseeing we will relax in Tempe. The house where she is house-sitting has a pool - with a pool maintenance person - yard maintenance person too - so all she needs to do is care for the cats and sit back and relax. I suspect much of our pool time will be in the morning because of the afternoon heat - air conditioning is a life saver. I will fly back to Harrisburg the end of July.

Before departing for the trip I will spend four days in early June 2008 at Juniata College helping the 1963 Class celebrate their 45th Reunion - I graduated in 1964. I will also be talking to returning alumni to join my group of Juniata Admission Ambassadors in helping recruit the best and brightest students to consider Juniata College as their college of choice.

The only other trip on the books for this year is a return to Denmark in late September to visit Poul and Jytte Jespersen and their family that lived across the street from us when we were stationed in Denmark for three years in the 1970s. Sheila found a tour that provides relatively cheap flights and Copenhagen lodging for three days with an option to delay our return at our own expense. After the Copenhagen stay - one of the boys from the family lives in the Copenhagen area - we will rent a car and drive from Zealand - where Copenhagen is located to the Family's hometown of Skive on Jutland. This trip will take us through Odense on Funen - Arhus, the largest city on Jutland and Viborg where we lived in the 70s. We will also visit with another Dane who has often visited us in the US when he was here on sales trips for his furniture distribution company. He is now retired and lives relatively close to Skive.

Then it will be back to the USA and a less active schedule with the regular trips to Huntingdon for Juniata volunteer activities and cultural events, while Sheila plans for the activities for 2009 - of course that must include my 45th reunion at Juniata College in June 2009.

I look forward to reading about the travel plans of others and enjoying the pictures they provide documenting their travels.

Feel free to send me your travel plans to share with classmates. Send in an email to [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) or in hard copy to 6102 Charing Cross, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Also remember to send your travel pictures to Rich Morgan at [COW80Y@aol.com](mailto:COW80Y@aol.com) (that is an eighty not BO) with a subject – “Class64Tvl.” Rich is developing a travel log to share with everyone at the Reunion – June 11 – 14, 2009.

**Thanks** – Thanks to the following for contributing to this newsletter – Carole Banse-Doyon, Bill Chew, Janice Snowden Novachcoff, Doug Dorset, John Veals, Marion Kercher Oliver, Gail Woodworth Mann, 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.**