

## **Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – June 2009**

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**YOU MISSED THE RESERVATION DEADLINE – NOW YOU BEG!** Deadline for Alumni Weekend Reservations has passed. But if you beg Chris Gibboney enough she will do her best to accommodate you. Call Chris at 814-461-3441. But please, do not just show up – that is worst than a coming without letting her know. You should make a reservation even if you are not planning to stay in the dorm or attend any events with a fee.

**Nothing Missing from Last Newsletter.** Sorry, but for some reason there was a big blank gap between the last article and the thank you note in the last email newsletter. But you missed no articles, so I chose not to correct and retransmit.

**Second Largest Group On Campus** – Only the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion group from the Class of 1960 will be larger than the Class of 1964 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion group. We have 64 scheduled to attend – members of the class of 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 2009 and their guests, two staff members and their guest, four Emeriti Professors and their guest. No class below us has even half as many attending. Thanks to all who chose to join us. Hope the rest of you will start planning now to take part in our 50<sup>th</sup> in 2014!

**Congratulations to the Class of 1959** – Congratulations are in order for the outstanding support the members of the Class of 1959 have given there reunion committee – over 100 individuals have registered to attend their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Sure hope the Class of 1964 can match that feat in 2014!

**If Arriving at the Reunion on Saturday** – If you are going to arrive at the Class of 1964 Reunion on Saturday, and will not make it to the Class of 1964 Hospitality Lounge in T-n-T by 1PM, be sure to email me or call me for directions to the Class Outing at Phil Rohm's Saturday afternoon - 2-5PM, come and go as you wish, no formal program. As a last resort you can call me on the cell phone that day and I will try to direct you out to the site – 717-512-9063.

**An Expression of Appreciation from Bill and Rich** - Our Juniata Scholarship Fund Agents, Bill Chew and Rich Morgan provided the following. "End-of-year annual fund report: Thank you classmates for once again keeping our contribution participation over 50% (83/150 as of 28 May) and keeping us on Founders steps. We did a bit better than last year and may have even hit the 60% mark in the last two days of May!"

**50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive Update** – Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift Fund Drive noted – “Five years ago our class leaders set a goal of giving \$1,000 for each of the 64 years that our class represents – the Class of '64. Our leaders then challenged our total class to join in to the goal. It was our hope that in the years from 2004 to 2014, at least 64 of our classmates would give \$100 each year so that we would accumulate \$64,000 by the time our 50th Anniversary Reunion arrived in 2014 - a noble and exciting goal!

As of March 31, 2009, 35 of our classmates joined into the challenge. And 14 of those 35 have achieved the goal of \$1,000. Our total giving including earnings from investment of our funds is \$26,278.00. We have achieved 41% of our goal with 2 months more to go in the "College Year" (April and May) – we may come close to reaching 50% at the end of 5th year of the fund drive, if we had a good finish in the last two months. Regardless over 40% is not bad for an initial effort - contributions usually increase as you reach the later part of a campaign.

Here is an idea – those who are coming to the reunion in June – why not bring your 2009/2010 commitment along with you and help put us over 50% of our total goal at this halfway mark.

Thanks to everyone for your support thus far. Here is hoping that we all can meet together in 2014 and hand an amazing check to Juniata in the name of the class of 1964.”

#### **Identity of Those in 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion Picture –**

The referenced picture is posted on the Class section of the Juniata web site and the Juniata College Class of 1964 and Friends FACEBOOK group page. Originally I was going to provide some identification of people in the picture. But Bill Chew and Marion Kercher Oliver had a better idea – come to the reunion and find out what it is or watch for info in the July Newsletter.

**Development Office in Contact with Classmate** – Kim Kitchen, from the Juniata Development Office sent me this note – “I wanted to let you know that I visited with Ed Marill in March. We had a really nice visit. He said he keeps in contact with you so I thought I would let you know about my visit. He doesn’t believe he will be able to attend the 45th reunion due to a sailing trip with the Boy Scouts but does want to visit campus at some point.”

*Editor’s Note: As you may recall when Ed retired several years ago, he sailed his boat from Washington State to his home in Florida. I visited Ed when we did our Key West jaunt so Sheila could see a couple homes she lived in while her dad was stationed at Key West Sub Base. Ed now supports the scouting program by giving the scouts a chance to experience the adventure of the sea. Maybe some time he will share with us some pictures of these activities. It is too bad he will not be at the reunion – maybe he will make the 50<sup>th</sup>.*

**Founders Hall Architect’s Comments** – At the following link you can read a nice article about Founders Hall design on the web site of the architectural company – Street, Dixon, Rich Architecture PLC –

<https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:12641.1963761609/rid:f392bbb9082889aeda74ceaa82ef02d2>

**Chief Flat Feather Runs from Marlene Fisher Butler** – Based on the picture received, either Marlene or the Chief were camera shy while he visited her in Bel Air, MD. The picture received shows the Chief running through her beautiful rhubarb patch. The picture was sent to Bill Chew for posting on the class web site.

**Chief Flat Feather Plucked from the Rhubarb Patch** – I guess Marlene Fisher Butler caught up with Chief Flat Feather since I received a second picture of Marlene plucking the little fellow from her Rhubarb Patch. Never can tell what mischief the little fellow will get into. Maybe he just wanted to pick some rhubarb so Marlene could bake him a pie. Marlene indicated – “This plant makes many strawberry rhubarb pies for a local veterinarian. His wife asks me to bake a pie each month for him.”

**It Is a Small World** - Our Class Traveler Rich Morgan wrote - "Marilyn and I were just awaking from a nap after having a huge lunch at a Mexican place in Bryson City, NC (Cinco de Mayo) when we noticed a couple sitting on a bench at the river nearby. They were enjoying a margarita and some guacamole dip and we went over to say "hello". They were from New Hampshire. As we shared travel experiences, I mentioned that we had to be home because I had a college reunion coming up in Pennsylvania.

He said where Penn State or a small school like Juniata or something. I returned that we were both Juniata graduates and asked how he knew about the school. The answer..... Dan O'Sullivan.

His name is Dick Spur and her name was Jeanne and they talked about their acquaintance with Sheila and Dan. What a small world!

*Editor's Note: Dick and Jeanne are good friends and have visited us in their RV both here in Mechanicsburg and while we were vacationing in Maine last summer. We also used their house for a couple days last summer and enjoyed relaxing at their lakeside home.*

*We first met Dick when he was a neighbor of ours in New Hampshire in the 80s. He has a son about the same age as our son Sean. The four of us and other dads and kids in the neighborhood would hike the White Mountains together. We also spent time socializing with him and other neighbors including mystery evening trips we would take - one or two of us would plan the evening and then the adults from the neighborhood would head out and not know where they were going or what we were going to do until we got to the mystery location.*

*It is a small world. Glad Rich and Marlene got to meet these friends of ours. They are going to pass us by this trip. Things are just to=2 hectic in the next two weeks - buying the first condo, moving into it, getting the house ready to go on the market and holding "the Mother" of all Moving (Yard) Sales. We will probably see them when they venture out this way in the Fall.*

**Chief Flat Feather Visits the Civil Rights Memorial** – Recently the Chief was taken to the Civil Rights Memorial by classmate Susan Habecker Haupt. In a note that accompanied the picture of the visit, Susan wrote:

“I chose the Civil Rights Memorial for the picture of the Chief Flat Feather and me for two reasons: 1) It is symbolic of the Civil Rights Movement, which is centered in my city – Montgomery, Alabama, and 2) The monument was designed by Maya Lin, who designed (the Peace Chapel) for Juniata College. (She’s famous for her design of the Vietnam War Memorial.)

Not really seen in my photos, but dominant to the monument, is the water constantly running vertically over the black granite words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and bubbling up and running horizontally over the flat black granite circle of names of those who died in the Civil Rights Movement. This is one of the most impressive monuments I have ever seen! Ken and I think it is beautiful, a very moving sight. There is no charge to view it! I am enclosing the brochure.

I knew I had to act quickly to keep Chief Flat Feather moving on, so I asked my son-in-law to take the picture; he is an Assistant Attorney General for the state, and his office window overlooks the monument.”

*Editor's Note: A collage made from her pictures was sent to Bill Chew for posting on our section of the Juniata web site.*

**Health of Juniata Professor's Wife in Hands of Juniata Grads** - Elaine Ake Frazier indicated she received a call from Dr. Zimmerer. His wife is having back surgery June 10 in Harrisburg so he may not be able to make our reunion. He will still try but Mary won't be with him. The possibility depends on when she is released. He would like to see his former students. He laughed that 2 JC students are doing the surgery---Barry Moore is one didn't get the name of the other one. Small world!

**Classmate Unable to Attend Reunion** - Sarabeth Hoffman Watson indicated - "Due to out of town family visits here and a trip to NC to celebrate my Mother's 92nd birthday immediately afterwards, I will not be able to attend the Juniata Reunion this year. I certainly enjoyed the 40th and hope it is not my last one!"

*Editor's Note: It is great our lives are still busy and we have so many options. Family ties are just as important, and maybe more important, as college ties. Remember, Alumni Weekend is not JUST FOR TRADITIONAL REUNION CLASSES - all alumni are welcome to participate any year. There is always a group of non-traditional graduates (those not from the classes celebrating their 15th, 20th, etc. reunion) at Alumni Weekend each year. I have attended Alumni Weekend every year since 1999. So do not hesitate to take advantage of a chance to visit campus some time between now and our 50th. Looking forward to seeing even more classmates at the 50th than are attending the 45th; and maybe some at Alumni Weekend sooner than 2014.*

**Join Jeff Varnes in Support of our 50th Reunion Fund Drive** - Jeff recently mentioned - "Just wanted to let you know that I have registered on line. Also if you could let Terry Grove know that I have made a pledge to the '64 Fund and am 50% of the way there. Look forward to seeing you in June. It will be a quick

turn around trip for Judy and me as we will be returning to Henderson on Sunday after spending a brief period with our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter in Mt. Wolf, PA.”

*Editor's Note: Terry Grove, Chairman of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift Fund Drive, will not be able to attend the reunion. I hope to be able to give the attendees an update on that fund drive at the Saturday night reunion dinner on Terry's behalf.*

**Update from a Recently Reconnected Classmate** – Janice Snowden Novachcoff, who will help her classmate from the Class of 1964 celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion sent this update – “After leaving in our junior year due to illness, I came back the next fall and while all of you were graduating I was managing to flunk out. I stayed at home working at some menial job I cannot recall. I got married in February of 1965 and my husband Robert Benson died in May of 1965. I gave birth to our daughter Roberta Benson in November of 1965. I applied for readmission to Juniata and returned in June of 1966 and graduated with a BS in Sociology in August of 1967. From there I went to Penn State. To make a long story short, I received a Masters in Physical Anthropology in 1976. There was a brief 2nd marriage. By 1976 I was in Denver at the library school and graduated in 1978, at which time I moved to the Detroit area. I worked at the public library for several years, had a short stint at what was then Burroughs - now Unisys - and then to BASF where I managed the Research Library for 21 1/2 years. In 2003 my position was eliminated in a round of staff reductions. In 2006 I finally found a contract position working for General Dynamics. I did remarry in 1992 to Mark Novachcoff. I will have lived in the city of Detroit for 30 years in three different houses in August of this year. My daughter married in 1998 to a retired principal dancer of the American Ballet Theatre. They live in Natick MA, where Michael is head of the Dance Department at Walnut Hill, a private arts school. I have two grandchildren, Nicholas who will be seven in June and Sasha (Alexandra) who will be 4 in August. Some 29 years ago I took up jogging - I was never really fast. Over the years I have run about 20 marathons, 8 ultra marathons -- one 50 miler, the others 50Ks. Of course there were many runs of shorter distances. On May 3 of this year I walked -- my knees don't care to run much anymore -- the Flying Pig 1/2 Marathon in Cincinnati OH. Marko and I have done a little traveling to St Lucia, St Kitts, and a windjammer cruise of the Virgin Islands.

*Editor's Note: Janice also asked if she had to do anything special to sign up for the Saturday Afternoon Class event at Phil Rohm's Raystown area retreat. NO – as long as you are arriving on campus by Noon Saturday, you can pick up directions to Phil's at the Class of 1964 Hospitality Lounge in the T-n-T lounge. If you are arriving after Noon Saturday let me know by email to [sosulli177@aol.com](mailto:sosulli177@aol.com) or call 717-512-9063 and I will get directions to you.*

**Sorry for Duplicate Email** – Sorry for the duplicate reunion message sent on May 7, 2009. My computer played tricks on me.

**Help Classmate Remember the Past** - Mamie Shick, Wife of Bob Shick passed on this unfortunate news - “I thought I would forward this email that I received regarding Jim Pearl. Unfortunately, it is not good news. Maybe some of the other classmates would like to email information and try to jar Jim's memory.” The email Mamie received from Jim's wife read – “This is Gerrie, Jim's wife. Nice to hear from you and I relayed the message to Jim. Unfortunately, Jim does not remember Bob. On a good day maybe. Jim has Lewy Body Disease, a form of dementia. He is bedridden due to the Parkinson aspect of it, and some days are better than others. Some days he is the old Jimmy. He still recognizes our immediate family, eats well, but lost interest in reading newspapers and magazines (he was an avid newshound). He still watches Fox News 24/7, some golf, and his favorites America's Funniest Videos and Dancing With the Stars! He retired from a sales career with Lenox China about five years ago. We noticed his symptoms, ever so slight, March of 07, got the final diagnosis after a multitude of testing May of 08 from a specialist in Charleston at the Medical University of SC. It is progressive and he is taking meds to slow some of the symptoms. Wish I could have better news. If Bob would like to email with some old memories, I can relay them to Jim and see if he recalls. Or if any of his old bunch of friends from college has memories, you can forward those as well. His long term memory should be better than his short term, but I never know. Thanks for remembering Jim. Our address is 101 Hagen Court, Lexington, SC 29072. Phone 803-359-7833.”

**Postal Version of Newsletter Funded Again** – Marion Kercher Oliver has again offered to continue helping fund the cost of mailing the newsletter to classmates without email address. Thanks Marion.

**Marion Hopes More Juniatics Will Join Their Group** – Last month there was an article about the group that take an annual trip to The Big Apple for dinner and a show. In a recent Facebook posting Marion Kercher Oliver mentioned – “If anyone would like to join us next spring for our annual trip to the city to see a show, just let me know. The more the merrier.” Marion can be reached at [mdoliver@optonline.net](mailto:mdoliver@optonline.net)

**Bill Crowell Unable to Attend Reunion** – Bill recently informed us – “Since you moved the reunion one week later in the month of June I will not be able to attend. That’s the week I spend with my sons and grandsons. Tell everybody I wish them well and I am sorry I can’t make it.”

**Pete Marzio Awarded Honorary Degree** - Peter Marzio, director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and a 1965 graduate of Juniata College, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree and deliver the commencement address at Juniata’s 131st Commencement ceremony May 16, 2009.

**Another Classmate’s Relative becomes a Fellow Juniatician** – Maxine Donahey Hendricks is proud to announce the following – “I am proud of my niece, Courtney Goss, who graduated May 16 (from Juniata). She has loved her four years at JC. Has mixed feelings about graduating, but is ready to move on to graduate school for her masters in environmental studies.

**Chief Flat Feather Views the Lazy Mississippi** – Sarabeth Hoffman Watson tells us about the Chief’s visit with her – “Happily, Chief Flat Feather reached me (from Mary Alice Moore Shirk) the day before we were to go to Savannah, Illinois to spend the weekend with Paul and Nancy (Graybill) Becker. We took him along and I attached some pictures to show you the views from the Becker’s home on the hill in Savannah. (They live in Brookfield, a suburb of Chicago, but come here on weekends and holidays.) There are 60 stairs up from the road below or 40 stairs down from the road above. Paul finally built a steep, switch back driveway to the garage on the north side of the house but he is the only one who dares to drive it! They have totally rebuilt the old two-story frame house and live on the second level, which has a deck that looks out on the Mississippi River to the west. The balcony and the Riverview is actually at the back of their house. The bedroom, living room and dining room have river views. Nancy and I indulged our cooking fancies; the meals were wonderful. We made two batches of strawberry jam and one of elderberry jelly. The Beckers picked up fresh asparagus at a farm on their way from Chicago and we divided that to cook and freeze at home.

I wish I could have CFF with me in July as I am headed for Germany and Italy with my sister and brother-in-law but I know he wants to be back in PA for the reunion so I will put him in the mail tomorrow. Hope you get him in time. Have a great get-together! Sorry I have to miss it this year.

**Chief Flat Feather Returned Home** – Chief Flat Feather has returned to the home “teepee” to rest up for the big Powwow in June. He is going to join me on my train ride to the Class of 1964 Reunion and partake of the fun we will have. Although he visited over 25 classmates already, he hopes that at the reunion he will meet and be pictured with many of those he has not had a chance to visit in the last year and a half.

**Rich Morgan Providing Strong Support for the Reunion** – Rich provided this up date on some of the special features for the reunion he is coordinating. “Just a brief note that the Worship Service plans are completed with the wonderful help of Gwen (Woodworth Lang) and Gail (Woodworth Mann). It will be a wonderful service with music, prayer and scripture and opportunity for all in attendance to interact about their journeys in the past years.

My church secretary volunteered when I asked her to put it together in a nice bulletin form. Let us hope we have decent weather, if not, we will find a place to hold it indoors.

Also the Travelogue slide show is ready to go. It’s not fancy, but I’m sure folks will enjoy the almost 70 photos that have been collected including Chief Flat Feather of course.”

**Reunion Chairman Also Provided Reunion Planning Update** – Bill Chew recently indicated – “I have a few Addendum to put together for the Journal update to hand out. Graduation was terrific and my son will be joining us for Friday dinner to say a bit about life on campus today. His band is also playing Thursday night 6/11 for anyone arriving early.”

*Editor's Note: If you have any input for Bill send it NOW to [william.h.chew@lmco.com](mailto:william.h.chew@lmco.com) Details about the band performance will be available Thursday afternoon at the Class of 1964 Hospitality Lounge.*

**Thanks** - Thanks to the following for providing input for this newsletter – Marion Kercher Oliver, Bill Chew, Kim Kitchen-Juniata Development Office, Terry Grove, Marlene Fisher Butler, Rich Morgan, Susan Halbecker Hauipt, Janice Snowden Novachcoff, Bill Crowell, Maxine Donahey Hendricks, Sarabeth Hoffman Watson

**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.**