

## Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - August 2005

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**Steering Committee Conference Call** - On July 27, 2005 your Class Steering Committee conducted their annual conference call funded by Juniata College. Participants included Elaine Ake Frazier, Bill Chew, Don Detwiler, Terry Grove, Marion Kercher Oliver, Rich Morgan, Tom Mull, Dan O'Sullivan, Jan Wengerd Moran, Gwen Woodworth Lang. Absent were Ron Smelser – on teaching mission in Germany, Gail Woodworth Mann – on teaching mission in China, Hal Yocum – busy treating heat exhaustion cases at the International Scout Jamboree, Lisa O'Dellick – Volunteer College Liaison who was celebrating her birthday at a surprise party. The committee discussed projects from the last year and plans for the next year.

Briefly -

- 1) The Juniata Fund Drive was a great success with 62% participation. Marion Kercher Oliver will again be our Class Fund Agent this year. You will receive a letter kicking-off this year's fund drive this Fall.
- 2) Bill Chew will continue to coordinate the Class Web Page. See the above note and Bill's comments below for two methods to access the web page. There will be a monthly deja vu picture and other pictures and articles of interest - but we need your help : send your pictures to Bill for posting - take a look at the site and you will see what we mean in the Classmate Collage Section. Bill's Email is [William.h.chew@lmco.com](mailto:William.h.chew@lmco.com).
- 3) Dan O'Sullivan will continue to maintain a class database and publish this monthly email newsletter. He too needs your input - see note at below.
- 4) Tom Mull will again coordinate a program for committee members to contact fellow classmates during the year - even if just to say hi! So do not be surprised if you get a call, card or email from a committee member.
- 5) Terry Grove said the 50th Reunion Fund Drive is off to a great start with over \$8,000 contributed in the first year. The transfer of funds to Juniata for holding until release by the committee has been completed. Contribution should now be sent to Juniata. WRITE "Class of 1964 50th Reunion Fund" in the memo section of the check.
- 6) There will be no formal campus gathering for the class until the next reunion in 2009, but informal gatherings will occur during special events - the next opportunity is Homecoming October 14-16, 2005. Dan O'Sullivan will be on campus so let him know if you will be there too!

**Deja vu** - During the Steering Committee Conference two "deja vu" projects were discussed. Rich Morgan suggested the newsletter include "deja vu" articles submitted by classmates recalling events during our College Days. He will kick-off the series soon. If you have an event you would like featured in this series send the input to Dan at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com). Dan O'Sullivan also offered to expand that concept to include a monthly "deja vu" picture for the web page - classmates would be asked to talk about the picture and identify those pictured, the location of the picture, the event taking place, etc. Comments could be sent to Dan at [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) for the next newsletter. Normally a picture will be posted on the first of each month. Check out the August entry now on the web page. We must credit the Juniatian Magazine with giving us this idea - there is a monthly deja vu picture featured on the inside back cover of each issue.

NOTE: If you have already sent in a comment about the August 2005 Deja Vu picture watch for them in the September Newsletter along with comments by other classmates.

**Newsletter Success** - The success and continuation of the Class email newsletters is in your hands - your input is needed. Send your comments, stories about Juniata, stories about your family and life after Juniata, family events, etc. to [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com)

**What Do You Do With Your Juniata Magazine?** - Think now do you keep it - probably not unless there is a special article in that issue. SO, why not give it to a neighbor; prospective student; your doctor, dentist or hairstylist for their waiting room; a teacher or a local school administrator. This passive act will serve two purposes - it will demonstrate your pride in Juniata College and it will help spread the word about the benefits of attending Juniata College. *Editor's Note: I wish I had thought of this idea, but it was Michelle Bartol, Dean of Enrollment who mentioned the idea during a conversation when I was on campus doing some JAA volunteer work.*

**50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive** - The 50th Reunion Gift Fund Drive is beginning the second year of the 10-year fund drive. Thanks to the following for getting this year's phase going with contributions in June and July of 2005 - Grey Berrier and Bill Chew. No report information has been received from Juniata since mid-July so others may have contributed and should be included in the next report. Hopefully a system will be in place soon to provide monthly information in time to pass it on to you folks each month in the Class Newsletter following the month of the gift.

**Juniata Fund Details** - In a recent email Marion Kercher Oliver illustrated that although participation is the primary goal of the Juniata Fund Drive, there is a wide range of giving. She mentioned - "We had four brand new donors this year (2004-2005). Also, we had 11 people give from \$10 to \$30, 17 gave \$50 to \$55, 4 gave \$75 to \$90, 19 gave \$100-\$175, 6 gave \$200 to \$235, 12 gave \$250 to \$400, 11 gave \$500 to \$950, 11 gave \$1000 to \$12,200. That may give (you) an idea of the range of gifts."

**More About the Web Page** - Bill Chew, our web page coordinator informs us - "Our class web page can be found directly by "clicking" on the link indicated at the top of the newsletter. You can also reach it from the Juniata main page at <http://www.juniata.edu> and clicking on "Alumni & Donors" then the panel called "Campus Connections" then "Class Websites". Each month will have something new posted. The categories are picture collages (40th Reunion, Homecomings, classmate trips, regional events etc by calendar year) Journal/contact info, the Bluebook Exam, the Class monthly newsletters and now TWO NEW CATEGORIES "Deja vu" pictures and "Fund Progress". Drop by for a visit and watch our 'hit' counter at the bottom of the page increase each time!"

**Still Serving Humanity** - Received this note from Jeff Varnes - "Just returned from a management assignment to the recent hurricanes. Was in Montgomery, AL for Hurricane Dennis and in San Antonio, TX for Hurricane Emily. Hope it stays quiet for awhile."

**A Great New England Vacation** – I saved this for last - it is almost a "blog" - a report on my (Dan O'Sullivan) summer vacation - if interested read on.

The week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Sheila and I enjoyed a six-day vacation to New England. It started as a nostalgia trip for me as we returned to Moody, ME just about 10 miles north of Portsmouth NH. As a youth I had spent my summers at my granddad's cottages in Moody. Sometimes we would go for two-weeks and sometimes for the whole summer – it was a great life!

Of course I insisted in staying at the Wells-Ogunquit Resort Motel in Moody (halfway between Wells and Ogunquit, ME) – actually a nice old-style one-story facility with individual rooms in a long row on either side of the central yard and swimming pool. Nothing fancy, but clean and much like I remembered. It was just down from the one-room schoolhouse that my playmates for years past attended in the winter. It is now a scout meeting place.

The first “must do” was a walk on the beach from Moody to Ogunquet – water was cold as usual. I remember as a child I would jump the waves until my lips turned blue. On the way back from the beach we drove by the old cottages – the little one is now worth almost \$200,000 – my mother could have bought it from my granddad in the late 1950s for a bargain price of \$16,000!!! The first evening

Sheila's new-found brother (they discovered each other over the internet about a year ago) came up from Portsmouth, NH with his wife and we went to dinner at the "Fisherman's Catch" – where else would one eat at the shore? Had some tasty clams – knowing that the next night I would be dining on lobster.

The next morning we walked "The Marginal Way" a famous trail along the rocky coast from Perkins Cove to Ogunquit. Then it was off to Portsmouth for a highlight of the trip – a lobster-fishing excursion with Sheila's brother who is a lobster fisherman out of Portsmouth. A real thrill – Sheila even piloted the craft for a while. Her brother Alan had intentionally left untouched a string of 10 lobster traps when he harvested his catch earlier in the week. He also had kept four lobsters, from the earlier effort, in a cage tied to the dock and submerged in the salt water – just in case we did not find any during our trip. Fortunately, there were 5 "catchable" lobsters in the ten traps. There were more lobsters in the traps but they were either too small or were "pregnant" females. So, we ended up with 9 lobsters for dinner. After a short tour of historic Portsmouth, we returned to Alan's home to boil the lobster – what a meal. The four of us – Sheila, Alan, his wife Mary and me – have no problem consuming seven of the 9 monsters – about 1 ½ per lobster. Mary made lobster salad out of the other two so we had lobster sandwiches the next day for lunch too. Ummm!

The third day in Maine was a little rainy but that did not stop us from another walk on the beach and visits to the shops in Ogunquit. After lunch – those great lobster sandwiches – back at the room, we headed to Kittery, ME for some obligatory outlet mall shopping. We took the coast road through Perkins Cove, York Beach, York Harbor and York, ME. Dinner again of course was from the sea – haddock for me and "Maine" shrimp for Sheila.

Day four was the worst for weather – rain, rain, rain. This was the day we relocated from Maine to Connecticut to attend a wedding. I often wear Juniata gear when on trips, and it usually results in someone stopping me some time during the trip. This trip was not exception. Before leaving Maine we had breakfast in Ogunquit – a young man came up to me carrying a Juniata umbrella and said his wife – Susan London Edson '90 - went to Juniata. They were visiting her sister who has a place in the area. In fact, I probably saw Susan at her reunion in June when I stopped by to see my son Sean at the reunion. Sean considers himself a class member by virtue of attending his freshman year at Juniata with that class.

After this encounter it was off to visit graveyards in Massachusetts. Both my parents and my wife's parents are originally from the Boston area. Sheila has been doing a lot of research on her family – mine was fairly well documented. Anyway, we stopped at the Calvary Cemetery in Waltham, MA where the "O'Sullivan Plot" is located – my Grandfather, Grandmother and unmarried Great Aunt are buried there and my dad's name is engraved on the family tombstone but his ashes are elsewhere. I have the deed to the plot and there are still five burial spaces left – but you have to be Catholic – well my son qualifies! (I plan my final resting place to be a National Cemetery at Indiantown Gap, PA – near Harrisburg.) Sheila got copies of the original cards listing the purchase and each burial.

Then we went to the St Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury – not as lucky there. We did find the gravesite of some of Sheila's relatives and got copies of some records but there was no tombstone – either destroyed or the burials were without markers.

Since we share the driving it was time for Sheila to take the wheel – lucky for me! The rain really hit as we drove on to Shelton, CT for our stay at the Hilton Garden Inn. The dip in the pool and whirlpool were really refreshing after that ride.

The next day was the “Featured Event” in Connecticut – a wedding of a young man from our neighborhood in Mechanicsburg to his Susquehanna College sweetheart who lived in Shelton. It was a beautiful wedding and reception. Once again the “small world” theory hit – the groom’s mother called me over to introduce me to one of the relatives. It was Becky Valigorsky Bricen a 1971 graduate of Juniata College. We talked at length about Juniata and she indicated she plans to return next year for her 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion – she almost joined the Class of 1970 at their reunion this year. After too many beers and too much fun we headed back to the hotel with the other three couples that came from Pennsylvania for the wedding.

A night’s rest and a quick trip home the next day ended our excursion.

NOTE: I took pictures for posting on the Juniata (College) web sites.

*Editor's Note: Share you stories about you summer excursions and activities - send you email - pictures too! - to [SOSulli177@aol.com](mailto:SOSulli177@aol.com) - Thanks!*

**Thanks** - Thanks to those that provided input for this newsletter.