

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter – September, 2008

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This is a “faux” newsletter. Any resemblance to the real newsletter, written by Dan O’Sullivan, is purely accidental. Dan is making remarkable progress in his healing from the injuries he sustained in the car accident in June, but he does not have the use of one of his hands yet, hence no real newsletter. Here are a few words from Dan:

“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. But this does mean I will have to curtail my volunteer activities on behalf of the class for a considerable length of time. 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.”

This imitation is a labor of love begun by the Reunion Committee to keep the Class of 1964 connected to each other and to keep Dan’s project going. The members of the committee are Bill Chew, Don Detwiler, Elaine Ake Frazier, Terry Grove, Gwen Woodworth Lang, Gail Woodworth Mann, Jan Wengerd Maran, Rich Morgan, Tom Mull, Marion Kercher Oliver, Dan O’Sullivan, John Reeves, Ron Smelser, Rolfe Wenner, and Hal Yocum. From time to time one or two of us will be sending you something that may or may not look like a newsletter. You can help us keep this going by sending us some news about your life or anything else you want to share.

Marion Kercher Oliver is the first to attempt this and she will focus on three things:

- the class of ‘64’s 45th Reunion plans
- the Oliver trip to Ireland for their older son’s wedding
- Juniata named a “Great College to Work For” in the Chronicle of Higher Education

The class of ‘64’s 45th Reunion plans

On August 13, the College sponsored a conference call during which the committee made plans for the 45th Reunion. **The dates of the Reunion are June 11-14, 2009.** Enthusiasm ran high as Bill Chew (on his cell phone in the parking lot of a golf course) led us through the agenda that Dan had previously organized. Dan was on hand to answer questions and keep us on the track. You will be hearing about the special features of this reunion in letters from the college and from Rich Morgan and Bill Chew, from a newsletter from Rolfe Wenner and Gwen Woodworth Lang, in these email communications, and even in phone calls as we get closer to the date and want to be sure everyone has been personally invited. This reunion will be unique in many ways. One special aspect is that we will be sending letters of invitation to the classes of ‘63 and ‘65 to join us at our celebration. How cool is that? Another is that we are looking into having a DJ provide music on Saturday night and of course we are inviting some favorite professors to be our guests. There’s more. There will be the fabulous Reunion Booklet, the memorabilia display (bring your ties and dinks if you still have them), and a special worship service in a unique setting on Sunday morning. Also, several members of our class will teach “classes” in the Alumni College. And you will be given the opportunity to purchase a chic golf shirt with a special Juniata Indian Brave Class of ‘64 logo. Mark those dates on your 2009 calendar right now! Make your plane reservation, call your roommate, keep your eyes peeled for the news as it comes to you and especially for the reservation brochure from the college.

Remember to send your travel pictures to Rich Morgan at 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.

Missing Classmates – We are trying to locate the following 11 “missing” classmates. If you have any leads on contact information for these classmates please send it to Marion by email at Mdoliver@optonline.net, by phone at 732-469-0981 or by postal mail at 216 Ashland Road, Middlesex, NJ. Thanks!

Susan Barr - Richard Beck - Robert Burghart - Elizabeth Keiller Vasquez - Kenneth Marsh - Kenneth McKendree - Helen Merrel - Diane Salem - Isaac Shank - Jamine Thomas Beck - Lois Troxell Linker

The Oliver trip to Ireland for their son's wedding

On September 9, Dave and Marion will travel to Ireland with three other couples to attend the wedding of their older son to Lisa Gilligan, formerly of Passage West, County Cork, Ireland. (This is just two days before Bill Chew's son will depart for Belfast, Ireland to study there for the fall semester.) David and Lisa have been friends for 10 years since Lisa arrived in the US, but it was just three years ago that their relationship turned romantic. We met Lisa when David asked if he could bring someone to Dave's birthday party in Feb. of 2006. As we were introduced and began to talk, we noticed her Irish accent. Dave took the opportunity to describe his favorite place in Ireland, Gougane Barra. (We had visited this lovely National Park on our trip in 2004 with the Congerskys and Porubans). When Dave mentioned the name, Lisa became quite excited; it seems her parents were married there in the very same little chapel on a peninsula surrounded by a lovely lake with swans swimming around which had captivated us so much on our trip. Well, guess what. David and Lisa are going to be married there as well. And yes, the Congerskys and Porubans, along with Dave's sister and her friend are all going to the festivities!

The wedding itself will be on Sept. 15 and then we are taking a tour of Northern Ireland, returning to New Jersey on Sept. 24. It is just so much fun getting ready for this wedding. It seems that they wear hats to weddings in Ireland, and since Lisa is a fashion designer in Manhattan, I considered going to a milliner to have a hat made for the wedding. And so I did.

Look for pictures on the website in October.

Juniata named a "Great College to Work For" in the Chronicle of Higher Education

Juniata ranked among the top 5 colleges nationally in fourteen of the 27 categories in the workplace survey of faculty and staff. President Tom Kepple sent us a copy of the survey from the issue dated July 18, 2008 and provided the following summary of the results:

"We did very well in areas critical to our success and that affirm our values: work-life balance, collaborative governance, confidence in senior leadership, healthy faculty-administration relations, career development, teaching environment, job satisfaction, and more. The common theme: our commitment to the development of the entire student extends also to the development of our faculty and staff.

That matters because the faculty and staff are what make Juniata the great place it is today. They are role models, colleagues, and even friends to our students...."

If you would like to see the categories and the other colleges who also did well, go to <http://www.juniata.edu/services/news/index.html?SHOWARTICLE+3390>

The president expressed his appreciation for "this latest proof of one enduring characteristic of Juniata. We have a distinct community." We who were students there, know the faculty is exceptional. It is nice to know that they are also happy to be there.

**The next "newsletter" will come from
Rich Morgan COW80Y@aol.com and Bill Chew William.h.chew@lmco.com
*Send them some stuff!***

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 used next year for scholarships.

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