

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter-October 2008

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We again attempt to fill some big shoes that Dan O'Sullivan has designed and worn over the past years in generating a monthly newsletter. We have continued hope for his complete recovery and we carry on to maintain communication among our classmates through this newsletter. The emphasis here will again be on reunion plans and on sharing information about each other in regard to recent experiences, life changes, travel, etc.

This month Bill Chew and Rich Morgan are making an attempt to produce a newsletter for all of our classmates. It will focus on:

- The class reunion
- Jan Moran's travel and fishing experiences
- Rich and Marilyn Morgan's travels
- Chief Flatfeather

The Class of '64's 45th Reunion Plans

Communication is continuing regarding the plans for the 45th reunion. First, you should be reminded that **the dates of the Reunion are June 11-14, 2009**, which is a week later than normal. More information will be forthcoming from a newsletter from Rolfe Wenner and Gwen Woodworth Lang, Bill Chew and Rich Morgan and through various emails and telephone calls.

Of special note is that the members of the classes of "63 and "65 will also be invited to join the celebration since there were many "connections" between the two classes. We will have a DJ to provide music. Along this line, **please take time to provide Jan Moran five song requests** from the era of our experience at Juniata which have meaning for you for the DJ to play. Contact Jan at Janicemoran1@aol.com.

Be prepared to respond to a "**Passing of the Basket**" to defray the cost outlays for soda, wine, beer and especially the DJ. These will all be paid upfront by various class members and need to be supported by all.

We will have a wonderful Reunion booklet/journal and a Travel log presentation for all to enjoy. For the Reunion journal, I am hoping most folks will have retained their journal from the 40th and could provide (at William.h.chew@lmco.com)

- an updated picture if they'd like
- any updates to the previous response (eg, address, additional grandchildren, etc)
- and one new category called maybe "**Update for the 45th reunion :**" that would catch us all up to date.

I imagine building the journal update from the prior one and using **bold blue type** for these updates (and replacing the picture if provided, or even adding it if requested). For the Travel Log, please send travel photos and description to Rich Morgan at cow80y@aol.com and label it **JuniataTravel64**. Please submit these photos before **March, 15 2009** for processing.

Also, we are considering a Sunday Worship service coordinated by Terry, Gwen, Gail and Rich perhaps to be held at the Peace Chapel.

It has been suggested by the Reunion Committee that we invite some professors to speak to us. The names of Drs. Post, Heberling, Zimmerer and K. Rockwell were mentioned as possibilities.

Be sure to make reservations for travel and accommodations well beforehand at local motels, B&B's, campgrounds, Juniata (for staying in dorm rooms), etc. Especially, it is important to invite other classmates.

Missing Classmates: There are several "missing" classmates. If you have any information on the following, please contact Marion by email at Mdoliver@optonline.net or by phone at 732-469-0981 or by "snail mail" at 216 Ashland Road, Middlesex, NJ

We are looking for Susan Barr, Richard Beck, Robert Burghart, Elizabeth Keiler Vasquez, Kenneth Marsh, Kenneth McKendree, Helen Merrel, Diane Salem, Issac Shank, Janine Thomas Beck, and Lois Troxell Linker.

News of Jan Maran's Summer Travel and Experiences

It's been a very busy summer - working and playing hard. What's new!?! Gene Baten and I have had many fun weekend trips - Myrtle Beach for my cousin's 50th birthday bash, South Beach for eating well and enjoying the scene, my cottage at Cape Cod when it wasn't rented and Gene's place in Simsbury, CT, to name a few. I was home one weekend all summer! We also spent 8 days in Montana; one of my friends built a second home there. The scenery was spectacular, especially Glacier National Park, and we did lots of outdoors activities - hiking, white water rafting, hot springs and fly fishing. Nada on catching any fish, but I've never caught any fish either in Montana or on several attempts at fly fishing in Colorado. I need more lessons!! However, Gene, who loves fishing and is much more experienced than I, wasn't successful either. I did have a nice trout dinner one night in a restaurant, but I had visions of catching and cooking it myself. Next time! Some neat art galleries, shops and good restaurants (trout, bison and other local specialties) to enjoy in the Bozeman area too.

Before leaving for Bozeman the weekend after our conference call, I did call Evelyn at the college and she has reserved the ballroom for us for our Saturday night dinner dance. This was the venue that Dan and I liked best when we walked around and checked out places during this year's Reunion Weekend. I also have been talking to the guy Dan recommended who is a DJ on the side. He has done a few other JC events and sounds

like he has a great personality (he's actually an investment consultant). Anyway, he normally charges \$100 per hour and figures about 4 hours - about 2 hours of background dinner music and about 2 hours of dance music. He says that he would charge us \$300 for the evening even if he stays longer. Sounds like a great deal to me! How are we going to pay for this? He would like a deposit now to hold the date. I could pay the deposit for now.

News of Rich and Marilyn Rear Morgan's Summer Travels

Not including a week spending camping with our grandchildren, (Shannon is twelve and Danny is nine) we spent three weeks touring the DelMarVa peninsula traveling as far south as Virginia Beach from our home in Northern NJ. We have a 19 ft. lightweight travel trailer which folds out on either end like a tent to a total of 26 1/2 feet. Last summer we took four months to take this unit across country to California and back.

Later we spent about ten days camping between Baltimore and Washington and spent time in both cities enjoying what each had to offer. We especially enjoyed the Library of Congress, Arlington Cemetery and crab anything (soup, cakes, sandwich's) in Baltimore.

As of writing this newsletter, we are camping outside of Chicago to see all of the sights there, especially the Museum of Science and Technology, the Chicago River Architectural Tour, the Shedd Aquarium and yes, to eat a famous deep-dish pizza. We "commute" in by train from a station near our campground and experienced some crazy Cubs fans.

I am looking forward to your travel photos and reports to include in our Travel presentation.

Marion's Ireland wedding visit :

Our son's wedding in Ireland was a wonderful experience. Traveling with us were our Juniata buddies Nancy and Tom Congersky '63 and Rita and Ron Poruban '63. Dave's sister and her friend also joined us. We spent a few days, before arriving at Clonakilty in County Cork where the festivities took place, in Killarney. We toured a castle in Adare and rode the Ring of Kerry. Unfortunately, the weather was rainy and we were cold, but the scenery was spectacular. Our B&B in Clonakilty was the MacLaim Lodge; we recommend it to everyone. Maeve Williams took such good care of us, that we felt that we were part of her family. The weather continued its persistent pattern of rain and cold while we explored Kinsale and Clonakilty resort area. Dave and I hosted a welcome dinner for 61 American and Irish guests who had traveled to the wedding one evening. It was a great way to meet everyone before the reception. Unbelievably, the sun came out on the day of the wedding and it was glorious. I have included a picture of the little chapel at Gougane Barra where the wedding took place. It is in a National Park and just lovely. A special note: the bride's parents were married there as well, forty years ago. After some sandwiches and tea, we all

boarded the two coaches for the 1 hour ride back to Clonakilty for the reception. And what a party! It started with Finbar Gilligan, the bride's father joining a little band to sing Frank Sinatra standards. And then other guests who were fabulous musicians took turns entertaining us before the actual reception began! Finally we had a delicious dinner and then dancing and more singing and entertainment. Dave and I had to go to bed at 2:00AM but the party did not really end until 5:00AM. That's how they celebrate in Ireland. Very seriously!

The next day our band of eight headed for Dublin and after a day in the city were picked up by Vagabond tours, a tour company we have used before and also recommend highly. We went to Newgrange, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Derry, Sligo, the Highland of Donegal, Croagh Patrick, Westport, Doolin, Cong, Enniscronin, Galway and finally back to Shannon airport. It was an amazing adventure, especially delightful because we were able to share it with our friends.

The other pictures [see the classmate collage on our webpage <http://web.juniata.edu/classof1964/>] are of the bride and groom, David and Lisa, the groom's parents, Dave and me, the Juniata bunch at Don Luce Castle, Dave and me on the Ring of Kerry, and me signing the Peace Wall in Belfast.

We are looking forward 2010 when we plan to go to Italy.

Marion

Note from Chew : Coincidentally, my son Casey is spending his JC senior fall semester in northern Ireland and loves it !

Chief Flatfeather Has Been Located

Yes, we were all very concerned, but Chief Flatfeather has been located in Hockessin, Delaware in the Real Estate office of George '63 and Jan Peters Patrick. Although he did not travel, he remained in the office and served as the greeter for many of the clients who passed through the doors. Glad we could locate him, we thought he may have met some dire consequences. Check out the picture on our webpage <http://web.juniata.edu/classof1964/> Where will he show up next ???

Mountain Day emails to share :

- *Hi, from Ireland! Several Juniatians just climbed part of the holiest mountain in Ireland, Crog Patrick, when we received your email about Mountain Day. This is pretty amazing! Dave '63, Tom '63 and Nancy Congersky, Ron '63 and Rita Poruban, Dave's sister and her friend and I ,64, came to Ireland for our son's wedding. Happy Mountain Day, indeed!
Marion Oliver*
- *Looking at the posters of Mountain Day made me positively homesick for the Juniata Valley and the loveliness of the area. Thank you for sending the reminder!
- Carole Banes-Doyon*

Other emails to share :

THANKS, MARION! You did a great job on the September Newsletter...thanks for starting the ball rolling!...I am already looking forward to the early morning nature walk at the next Reunion....Gail and I went last time and loved every minute...reminded us of our class with Dr. Will. I STILL know the names of some of those plants and can still see him looking with awe and reference at each plant as he gave us the information. I think that is one reason I love gardening today--one of the unheralded, but important reasons why Juniata means so much to me. Ok, Carol Marano...last time you didn't want to get up that early...I challenge you to come with us this time! smile GWEN

Reminder to classmates to go to the web sit to see the pictures of the 40th reunion - and it wilol be even more fun in 2009! LINKS TO THE PICTURES ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WEB PAGE.

Dan

For the cross country and track guys, an update from Dave Samuels to share :

Dear Friends,

First, let me thank you for your prayers over the past months. This is just a quick update on my ongoing health situation. The surgery on Sept 24 at the Cleveland Clinic went as well as could be expected. Dr, Murthy is a fantastic cardio-thoracic surgeon and the people at the Clinic are wonderful. It was as tough as I expected, but Dr. Murthy was able to: move the paralyzed diaphragm away from my heart and that has given me more strength. He was also able to lower the diaphragm three inches, which I am told is rather amazing. I have lung tests Nov 10 to see how much breathing improvement this gives me. My guess is about 10-15%, but ribs are so sore now that we can't do any tests. Anyway.....I believe this will help and that I can get some of my life style back. Thanks again for your support. It helped more than you know.

Best regards,
Dave Samuel

And a 10/12/2008 update from Dan to share :

Greetings,

I thought it might be an appropriate time to provide an update on my recovery progress for those interested.

With the outstanding support and care provided by my wife, and the support expressed through thoughts and prayers of many Hilltoppers (high school friends), Juniatiens (college friends), neighbors, other friends and associates; I have made great progress toward recovery.

Bruises and Fractures – All are mostly healed, including the most severe – the pelvis fracture and the wrist fracture. I am now walking pretty well without any aid. I forgo the fun of playing Jeff Gordon (or for you Hillt oppers Chris Glesson) when shopping at Wegman's – no more electrical shopping car races. I had my last appointment with the bone specialist about a week ago. I no longer go for physical therapy treatments.

Gashes –The two small head gashes were never considered a problem - probably nothing to damage up there anyway. Although not really a pretty sight, the elbow wound is healed.

Internal Injury – The intestinal tear has been repaired and all functions are normal. After about two and a half months they were able to reverse the colostomy – thank goodness! My next appointment with my internal medicine surgeon is the end of November. For you Juniatiens, his brother and one of his med students are Juniata graduates. (More about another recently discovered internal injury later.)

Burn – The burn on the right hand has almost healed. The wound was across the knuckles and three-fourths of the way up the index and middle fingers. The skin graft only partially adhered – my estimate 30% of the wounded area. The Doctor elected to just let it heal itself. Now there is just a small sliver of a scar on my index finger that gets smaller and smaller every day. Although “Doctor Sheila” still treats it, this is primarily so the scar does not get too hard – maybe for only a couple more weeks. I go to an occupational therapist twice a week to work on the dexterity of my right hand. Progress is extremely slow and it is expected it will be many month before I get full dexterity back in that hand. I will probably have my last visit with the plastic surgeon the end of November.

For Juniatiens – I met a fellow Juniatian, Samatha Bates '09, at the Therapy Clinic. She was injured in an accident in early August when on the way to visit a friends at Juniata. She hopes to return to Juniata in January to complete her work toward a Theater Arts degree

Life as normal – sort of!

I have returned to several of my regular routines, with the kind assistance of my friends and my wife as my “driver.” I am again attending the Hampden Township Planning Commission Meeting where I serve as a Planning Commissioner. I have been attending most of the local high school football games and some soccer games with my neighbors and I plan to again serve as the Minority Inspector at the election poll in November. I am even cutting my own grass again! Special thank to my neighbors John and Mike who were “true friends” when they stepped forward and offered to take on the grass cutting this summer – THANKS GUYS.

Except for the twice-weekly hand therapy, I have no medical appointments until November 25th.

My wife and I plan to take full advantage of this. We are going to attend Homecoming Weekend at Juniata College (well that is mostly for me but she is looking forward to the eco-cruise on Raystown Lake sponsored by the College’s environmental studies program), take a three-day trip to New England so Sheila can do some ancestry research and so we can visit her step-brother, and, possibly get to one or two NCAA Women’s Volleyball Regional Playoff games as Juniata College strives to regain the national title.

THE REST OF THE STORY –

About a month ago, as the swelling and bruising from the accident went away, Sheila noticed I was bulging on the left side. We asked the internal medicine doctor about this and he ordered a CAT scan. The CAT scan revealed that muscles on left side of my body have pulled away from the bones. This is causing a little discomfort, but not too much. The doctor felt it was important for me to basically recover from the trauma of the other operations and injuries before operating for this problem.

I will meet with him in late November and a date will be set for the operation – possible in December.

After the operation I will probably have a five-day stay in the hospital and then require some bed rest at home – we are considering renting a hospital bed to help get me upright and out of bed. The doctor indicated I would not be able to do any lifting for several weeks after the operation.

Let's Get Together -

For you Juniatiens – see you at Homecoming October 24 –26, 2008 or at Alumni Weekend June 11-14, 2009 (my class is celebrating it 45th).

For everyone – anytime you are in the Mechanicsburg area please stop by and say hi! Give me a call at 717-766-0621 and we will set up a meeting for drinks or coffee.

Thanks again for all your thoughts and prayers – and say one for Sheila too. Even though she is an angel for all the support she provides I know she shares with me the strain of this situation.

Dan O'Sullivan

PS :A recent AP news article in the Harrisburg Patriot News indicated Jerry Grubb, a Juniata graduate and owner of Grubb's Diner that was removed to allow construction of a Rite Aid store, cares so deeply about the future of his former diner that he is offering to give away the 1950's-style restaurant for free. But the new owner must transport the diner to a new location and reopen it. The diner was recently appraised for \$100,000.

And finally, to end this October newsletter, our informational footer :

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.