

Juniata College Class of 1964 Newsletter - 120504

Happy Holidays - Since this is the last Newsletter this year I want to wish you all Happy Holidays and hope the New Year brings you health and happiness. Thanks for another successful year for the newsletter - keep you comments coming!

Volunteer Hours - Since the accounting year for Juniata College is almost half over (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005) it is a good time to think how you have volunteered for Juniata so far this year - probably the most common way you volunteered was as a "informal" Juniata Alumni Ambassador by promoting Juniata College to your friends, colleagues and prospective students. Some also may have hosted Juniata Events, participated in the Juniata Career Team program, helped with a fund drive programs, etc - basically anything you do to promote Juniata or help Juniata alumni stay connected is considered volunteering. Please let Chris Gibboney know how many hours you have volunteered by sending her an email at gibbonc@juniata.edu The goal is a minimum of 5 hours per alumni per year - that is less than 30 minutes a month. (Even if you have volunteered less than 5 hours let he know - you can always add more hours in the next six months.)

Contact Information Changes -

CORRECTION - In the November Newsletter the email change for John Veals was incorrectly associated with Ron Veit. The correct email information for each is as follows.

John Veals - jwveals@earthlink.net

Ron Veit - (I do not currently have a valid email address for Ron.)

Other Changes in Contact Information As a result of my annual comparison of my class contact data with the data on file at Juniata there have been many changes of contact information for classmates. You can see all the changes since June 4, 2004 - i.e. since the publishing of the Reunion Journal w/Addendum - on the Class web page. Go to the Juniata web site - <http://www.juniata.edu/> - SELECT Alumni & Donors, SELECT Campus Connections, SELECT Class Web Pages, SELECT Class of 1964, ENTER USERNAME Alumni and PASSWORD WelcomeBack (remember capital "A" "W" & "B" and WelcomeBack is all one word.) Then under Contact Information SELECT Contact Information Changes since June 1, 2004. *Editor's Note: With the exception of two people, my database is in full agreement with the Juniata database - and I am trying to clarify those two remaining issues.*

Classmate Continues to Serve during Disasters - Jeff Varnes shares this update - "Just an update. My disaster assignments keep rolling along. I might have told you that I was assigned this Summer as Government Liaison to the Emergency Operations Center for New York City during the Republican National Convention. Thank goodness it was a boring assignment. More recently I was assigned as Director of Operations for our response to the Corporate Airlines/American Airlines Flight 5966 air incident that took place in Kirksville, MO on October 19th. I was the on call Director and got the call at 3:00 AM. There were 13 passengers and 2 crew. 2 passengers survived, the remaining passengers as well as the two crew members died in the crash. We worked with the National Transportation Safety Board, Corporate Airlines and American Airlines to provide services to the families of those aboard."

An Update from Jan Peters Patrick - Marion Kercher Oliver sent this note from Jan Peters Patrick to share with you - "It was wonderful to hear from you, Marion. Thanks for touching base. We so regret that we could not be at the reunion. I promise you we were there in spirit."

Life is currently filled to the brim for us. The good news is that it is all very exhilarating and fulfilling. Business is fabulous, and having our family involved in the business with us is simply unbelievable. We are consumed this weekend with final details for an event we sponsor to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We have sponsored a golf tournament for three years, that includes a silent auction and banquet dinner. We expect to raise about \$65,000. It is enormously exciting for us. Our passion for the cause is a result of our love for our nephew (my sister Carole's son) who was stricken with diabetes at 8 years old. He has been a member of our real estate team since graduating from college about 3 years ago. Our grandchildren, Alexandra, 5 years old, and Nicholas, 18 months, are simply precious. I imagine that you are loving the experience of grandparenting as much as we are. Where, indeed, has the time gone. Thank you for continuing to think of us! We send you much love and hope that you are both doing well. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We hope there will be an opportunity to see you soon!"

Another Mini-Reunion - Marion Kercher Oliver also sent this note of her recent reunion with a fellow classmates - "Sally Barcklow LeRoy and I had lunch together last week. It was so great to see Sally. She is teaching in a preschool near her home in Montgomery, NJ; Harris has his own business." *Editor's Note: Hopefully they took pictures we can put on the internet.*

Classmate Found - Remember the nostalgia quiz question at the Reunion last June - "Who were the Juniata Indian and Princess in Fall of 1960?" Well, we have found the Princess - classmate Janice Snowden Novachocoff has been located - if you want to get in touch with this fellow classmates her email address is novach@prodigy.net Great to have you reconnected with us Janice.

Juniata Women's Volleyball NCAA Champs - Although Sarabeth Hoffman Watson is spending a lot of time with her 88 year old father in North Carolina, she was excited that she was in Minnesota when the Juniata Women's Volleyball Team was there to compete in the NCAA Finals in her home town of Rochester, MN. She made a point of telling me - "I'm going to wear my Juniata sweatshirt and go cheer them on!!!"

After the semifinal competition on Friday, November 26, 2004 she sent this report - "We just got back from the Juniata/NYU semifinals in the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Tournament. They won their match in three straight games (best of 5). Roger and I sat in the stands with the President of Juniata and parents from Altoona, Lititz, Huntingdon, etc. It was exciting and fun to be part of a big group from my small school. I took some pictures from the balcony; no one could go down on the floor except the players and officials. Tomorrow night Juniata plays Washington-St. Louis. Since St. Louis is only a day's trip from us, they will probably have an overwhelming following. The people behind us said they (Washington fans) were loud! So we will have to be as noisy as possible! Friends are going with us. Jim used to coach girls volleyball. We'll let you know what happens."

And after the Championship game Sarabeth reported, that she also sent to family and friends - "It was a great night! I took a bunch of pictures and if they turn out, I will send you copies. I'll have to do it snail mail because I don't have the digital equipment or know how to do it electronically. I'm sure the stat details are being recorded on the Juniata website. What you probably had to be there to see was the reaction of the girls...elation and tears...hugs and tears....screams and tears!!!! Some of you know that the NCAA Division III women's volleyball **National** Championship is being held in Rochester (MN) this weekend. The exciting part for me is that my little college, Juniata, from Huntingdon, PA won the semifinals on Friday night and the Finals tonight!!! The newspapers have been reporting their story and all kinds of Juniata clothing is being worn downtown and in the Mayo Civic Center! It is so exciting. I've met other alumni who live near here and friends, faculty including the coach, students and even the President of Juniata and his wife. One couple was from Huntingdon, another from Altoona and another from Lititz. We went to the celebration tonight and had a good time talking with everyone. It was so exciting for them and for me, too!

As a footnote, because I went to my 40th class reunion in June and bought a Juniata sweatshirt, I was able to wear it and be identified as a part of their fans. Just thought you might be interested and needed to share the good news!"

Sarabeth also had good news that she and Roger were going to be a great-grandparents - possible by Thanksgiving. So I guess the blessed baby boy has arrived and we can expect some great-grandma stories from Sarabeth - hope so.

Editor's Note: See how easy it is to volunteer for Juniata - just by taking the time to spread the word about the success of her small College team's accomplishments but send her email to friends and family she has served as an informal Admissions Ambassador. Thanks Sarabeth for you continued and varied support of Juniata College.

Want to Support a JC Team - Complete schedules are on the Juniata web site at <http://www.juniata.edu/>.

Away games - possibly in your area - in December include:

Men's Basketball - Dec 8th at IUP, Dec 13th at York.

Women's Basketball - Dec 8th at Lycoming, Dec 14th at York, Dec 30th at Olivet.

Men's and Women's Indoor Track - Dec 10th at Dickenson.

Women's Swimming - Dec 9th at Lycoming, Dec 10th Tri-meet with IUP and Penn State-Altoona at IUP.

GO EAGLES!!!

Service in Asia - Classmate Ed Rumberger has returned from service in Asia interpreting the Bible. He had been there since 1968. He is now settling in Waxhaw, NC. Hopefully he will share some comments about his service and maybe some pictures for the web site.

SHHH - I do not normally put general news in the newsletter but thought this might interest some of you considering we are reaching the age that sometimes is affected by hearing problems. Self Help for hard of Hearing People (SHHH), based in Bethesda, Maryland, is a nonprofit, educational association that speaks out for people with hearing loss all over the country. Their mission is to raise awareness and reduce the stigma attached to hearing loss through education, advocacy, and self-help. SHHH is able to help people with hearing loss not just to cope, but also to thrive. SHHH also offers support meetings at 250 chapters throughout the country. The SHHH web site <http://www.shhh.org/> offers a wealth of information on hearing loss.

That Time of Year - I was reminded that it is that time of year when the snow begins to fly by the following comment from Jan Wengerd Maran when I was coordinating to meet her next week in Boston. She mentioned - "I am going to California next week (Week of November 29) for business followed by a few days in Breckenridge for skiing, but will be back on the 8th." *Editor's Note: Any other skiers out there - what are your ski plans this season?*

Classmate Marries - In a phone call with Louise Burkhart James (formerly Louise Burkhart Ettline) she informed me she was married a month ago to L.R. James. Congratulations.

Thanks - Thanks to the following for contributing to this newsletter - Jeff Varnes, Jan Peters Patrick, Marion Kercher Oliver, Sarabeth Hoffman Watson, Ed Rumberger, Jan Wengerd Maran, Louise Burkhart James.