

SNIPPETS #12 AUGUST 2010

Summer of 2010 has been a series of memories. As I speak to members of the June class of 1965 I am reminded of events, places and people from my past. Whatever happened to my first high school boyfriend? He was in a “club” and he was the first person to take me to “The Terminal”. All I can say is “wow”. He was a junior and I was a freshman and clearly too young for him. We didn’t break up we just agreed we would be better as friends. Have you thought about the people you hung out with at the park or pool? Where’s that boy who lived downstairs? The one you walked to school with every day. Locker partners, bicycle buddies, best friends, division friends, where are they now? These were the kids who made going to school bearable. These kids always saved a place at the lunch table for you. Because we went to Roosevelt and grew up in Albany Park we hold these people and memories dear to our hearts. After all these years we can reconnect with old friends and still get warm and fuzzy feelings. So who would you like to find? This issue is dedicated to all those people we are desperately seeking and all those memories that bring us smiles.

Reunion reminders:

The all year Reunion for Roosevelt will be held on Saturday October 9, 2010 at Roosevelt High School. You may arrive at 5pm and do a self guided tour of the school. Later meet with old friends and join us for a buffet dinner in the cafeteria at 7pm. Music will follow dinner in the gym. The cost of the event is \$60 per person with all profits donated back to the school. You should have received a flyer in a separate email. Please contact me at Flora47@aol.com or Arnie Kamen at (847) 432-2773 for more information. We need a count for our food order.

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS IN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2010.

As a special treat Snippets’ newest staff member, Art Hoffman, will donate copies of his novel **Tail Tigerswallow and The Great Tobacco War**. Written in 1988, it was the first anti-smoking novel. As it takes place in Chicago there are lots of local references to enjoy. All proceeds will be donated back to the school. Thanks Art. What a guy!

The Bateman Elementary School classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961 will meet at Bateman on Friday, October 8, 2010. There will be a tour of the school, followed by lunch and a program by the current students. The cost is \$10. Please contact John Wotring at JohnnyWol@aol.com for more information.

If you were in the Bateman class of 1963 you are invited to Bateman on October 8, 2010 for a get together with your class. You will combine with the other Bateman classes for a tour, lunch and program. Make your \$10 checks payable to Newton Bateman Elementary School, and send them to Joyce Tatum Schmitt, 4646 Kilpatrick, Chicago, Illinois. 60630. Please contact me if you need more information.

Karen Sagmeister Sikorski (68) recently attended her 40th high school reunion and says it's the best thing she did. She caught up with **Milan Mitrovic** (68), **John and Kathy Krause** (68), **Marty Lapidus** (68), **Ray Klass** (68), **Sue Hazel** (68), **Lee Mishkin** (68) and **Audrey Johnson**(68). Audrey and Karen were best friends in high school. At 59 Karen has become a groupie. She really enjoys **The Wind Gypsies** band, lead singer Ray Klass and Lee Mishkin's band. She has even made contact with some people from the class of 67 who knew her brother **Frank Sagmeister**. Believe it or not Karen's dentist **Dr. Kirschenbaum** went to Roosevelt and recently attended his 50th high school reunion. It's great to hear from you Karen. I can feel your excitement as I read your email. Welcome to Snippets and enjoy reconnecting.

Howie Bengelsdorf (67) and family are having a very busy year. His younger daughter is getting married on August 29, 2010 and his older daughter ties the knot on October 10, 2010. What a very happy time for you all, congratulations! Howie gets together several times a year with friends from Volta and Haugan, who are also RHS graduates. They would really like to reconnect with **Barbara Harris**, Von 1967. Any information you have would be appreciated.

In honor of the 5th anniversary of Snippets I have added two new staff members. Welcome to **Mike Fainman** (June 65) and **Art Hoffman** (June 64). They promise to keep me informed and grammatically correct. Thanks guys.

Hi to everyone from **Nancy Malloy** (June 65). She is living in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin where she is serving a wonderful Parish, Holy Communion Episcopal Church. I just found out that another one of our 65 classmates lives in that area and may be popping in for a surprise visit. Have fun.

Congratulations to **Marilyn Alongi Nelson** (Jan 66) and husband Craig on the birth of their first grandbaby. Their son Matt and wife Lia welcomed baby Lucas into the world on Jan. 29 in Franklin, North Carolina. Lucas had some breathing problems and his family will never forget their ride to an Asheville Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. This occurred during a record breaking snow storm through mountain passes. It was the Chicago storm of 1967 with mountains. We are happy to report that Lucas is doing well and growing quickly. That will be quite a story for his baby book.

Barbara Delin Patch, (66) and Jim are really enjoying retirement. Over the last year they have gone to Las Vegas, Napa Valley and Orlando. They are traveling buddies with her cousin, **Al Kahn** (61) and his wife. Their Eastern Mediterranean Cruise never happened due to a fire in the engine rooms several days before departure. They spent a week in London instead. They were going to try the cruise again this summer. Hope it worked out for you and you both had a great time.

Bonita Wein Spinka (June 65) says all is well with her. She has a daughter in Alaska, a son in the Boca area with his computer company, and another daughter in Chicago in advertising. When it's warm she can go north and when it's cold she can go south. How much fun is that?

Sharlene Rosen Stein (Jan 63) doesn't know too many people in Snippets but she still reads it from beginning to end. Sounds like a challenge to me. Let's hear from some January 63 grads for next time.

Eileen Levin Jacobs, Sullivan 66, transferred out of RHS in 1964 but says there are no friends like the old friends. She would love to hear from **Ginger Herman** (66), **Sid Tepp**s (66), **Jeffrey Schwartz**, **Susie Phillips** (66), **Helene Blumsack** (66), **Gayle Bysak** and any of the Top Hats or Vakitas. OK guys, now it's your turn to make a reconnection.

Laura Levin (June 65) recently relocated to Tacoma, Washington after living in the Fort Lauderdale area for 27 years. She is happily near her daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandchildren. Tacoma is a beautiful city and nothing beats being close to family. Her mom is still in Rogers Park. Laura will be attending a wedding in Madison, Wisconsin on October 10 and hopes to be at the RHS reunion. She would love to reconnect with **Veronica Kessler** (June 65), **Bob Rosen** (June 65), and **Mark Holtzman** (June 65). Laura still keeps in touch with **Barbara Murnick Sachs** (June 65), **Mike Cooks** (63), and **Bob Near** (64). She also is in touch with **Laura Lifschultz Hollander** (June 65) who says hi to everyone and hopes you are all doing well.

Diane Marie Krebs Goubeaux (64) got Snippets from a fellow teacher who also went to Roosevelt. She enjoyed reading about old friends. Send us your news Diane!

Charlene Greenberg Marcus (63) is a very busy lady. She belongs to an international women's group and travels quite a bit with them. They recently had a grand time in San Antonio and enjoyed a private tour of the Alamo. She volunteers at the zoo in the lion's den taking care of the gardening. She also volunteers at a grammar school in Evanston. She works one on one with an assigned student once a week. She leads a discussion group at a senior home. Charlene belongs to all the museums, studies kick boxing and does 2 hours of exercise 4 times a week. Just thinking about everything she does tires me out. Did I mention her strong interest in Abe Lincoln and her pen pal in England for the past 52 years? Charlene would like to say hi to **Bob Plotkin** (June 62). I hope you will be able to squeeze in the all year reunion in October. Thanks for sharing your news.

Lee Mishkin (June 68) has been keeping busy with "Loose Change & Friends". They will be at:
Kenosha Public Library on Saturday, September 18, 2-3:20
Orland Park Library Sunday, October 3, 2-3:20
Berwyn Library Saturday, December 11, 2-3:20
You can find out more about the band at their website:http://lcafband.com/Site_2/Welcome.html.
Steve Goodman would be proud.

Hi from **Norm Block** (66), who now resides in Hawthorne, New York. Norm doesn't get back to Chicago very often but he does enjoy reading everyone's news. Norm still keeps in touch with **David Unterman** (66) whom he recently visited in Vancouver. After he got his MSW in Champaign, he moved to D. C. to work for the Federal Government. He was recruited for a job in New York and moved there with his wife Patricia whom he met in D. C. They have 2 sons who live and work in Manhattan. When social work got boring Norm went law school at night and now practices in Westchester County. He occasionally sees the Clintons at the movies and in restaurants. Thanks for catching us up on your exciting life.

Hi to everyone from **Anne Weitzman Klowden** (Jan 66) and **Marc Klowden** (Jan 66). Marc recently retired from teaching at the University of Idaho. Anne stopped teaching while back but taught a graduate level online course this summer for the University of Idaho. It was only a 4 week course so it was easy to do, so says Anne. They have recently reconnected with **Sherwin Rubinstein** (66) and **Linda Rutherford Kostera** (66). After celebrating their 40th anniversary with a Mediterranean Cruise and a trip to Spain, they will continue the celebration at our all year reunion in October. It will be great to see you all, says Anne. In her mind everyone is still 17. Do you think we've changed much?

Roberta Dorf Bohm (June 65) has been found. She didn't even know she was lost. Roberta is living in the northern Chicago suburbs and is looking forward to hearing from some long ago friends like **Barbara Nicker**(June 65) and **Ellen Passman** (June 65). Roberta and Ellen were very close in college and bought some land together in Boca. Ellen sold her share to Roberta and Roberta still has the land. Does this mean winter in Boca? Have fun reconnecting ladies.

Good luck to Max and Benny's/ Maury's baseball team. Although the season is almost over we are all still rooting for the guys. We have heard a lot about the outstanding performances by: **Phil Immergluck** (66), **Al Rosenfeld** (June 65), **Jeff Moran**, **Arnie Mandell**(65), **Ken Hammer**, **Mike Leibovich**, **Mark Beaubien**, **Gordy Shore**, **Barry Rutstein** (67), **Joel Stein** (67), **John Aber** (June 65), and **Louis White** (68). **Coach Norm Gassman** (June 65) has done a fine job. These names bring back such nice memories....Go Rough Riders!

Judy Rullo Hall (June 65) has followed her dream and walked up a different career path and we are so glad she did. Her art has won her many accolades. One of her paintings is on display at **Serene Teaz** on Front Street in Wheaton, Illinois. She created a painting depicting two friends having tea at the shop. You can view Judy's work on her Service Page at www.judyahall.com. Way to go Judy!

In my 4A semester I was lucky to have 9th period swimming. It seems you cannot graduate if you don't pass the beginning swim test. **Linda Black** (June 65) and **Myra Steinman Wolf** (June 65) were also lucky to be in the class. To this day none of would be called "swimmers". Does anyone remember who else was in that wonderful class? I remember Mrs. Levin, the hook and the tank suits, but not the other "swimmers". If you are out there let us know.

Linda Novak Landsman (June 65) is happy to reconnect with **Sylvia Epstein Michels** (June 65). Linda has been working for a company in Northbrook as an executive assistant. She did teach 4th grade at Haugan for a year before her daughter was born. Besides working she keeps very busy with her grandchildren. Son Brad has twin boys, born this past February and a 2 year old daughter. Son Brian has a 6 year old daughter and a 4 year old son. Daughter Nori has a 4 month old son and a 3 year old son. She is blessed that they all live nearby and can get together often. Thanks for sharing Linda.

Bob Handelsman (June 65) says it's funny after 45 years how many names in Snippets jogged his memory. He is an attorney in downtown Chicago who graduated from U of I Champaign and Chicago Kent College of Law. He lives in Evanston with wife **Sharon Kacel** (Von June 69). Sharon is an attending physician at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. She began medical school at age 50 and graduated in May of 2005. That is impressive. Their son Ben played rhythm guitar in an adult rock band when he was in high school. He recorded for the bands two CDs. Check out the band called "The Daves." Ben and his wife Reesa reside in Birmingham, Michigan where he does advertising for a small self storage unit company. Besides his family, Bob's other passions are fresh water fishing and backpacking. He has been to Wind River Mountains in Wyoming, Michigan, Montana, New York and north central Pennsylvania. He is also learning to fly fish and is training in Israel Martial Arts, known as Krav Maga. Bob and Sharon will be in Israel for 2 weeks mid October, but hope to join us at the reunion. As for me I am amazed Bob found time to fill us in on his activities, but glad he wanted to share. He would love to catch up with old friends. Lots of good fishing out my way on Mobile Bay and the Gulf, maybe you will come down here sometime.

Barry Wolfe (June 65) recently spent a few weeks in Israel with his 15 year old granddaughter. What a great experience for you both. He will be in Chicago at the end of October visiting his daughter and son-in-law. He would love to regain contacts with old friends. Sounds like you are keeping busy.

Linda Brechman Oenning (June 65) says hi to everyone and is sorry she will probably have to miss the reunion in October. Good chance I will get to see Linda since she has family in Fairhope Alabama, which is the next town and about 5 miles from me. It's a cute place to shop and visit. Small world don't you think? I was reminded that my date and I doubled with Linda and **Mike Halla** (June 65) to our Junior Prom. I wonder if I have any pictures! Linda and Jerry had a fun summer with their 6 and 4 year old grandchildren. Their son-in-law Mike is the San Diego State Women's Soccer Coach. Mike and Jamie, Linda's daughter, attended the World Cup in South Africa with the under 20 National Team. What a wonderful experience. Jerry and Linda are compiling a list of towns more affordable than those in Southern California. They are going to check them out for retirement options. They plan to take the next 24 months to visit towns around the country. They are looking for: more affordable housing, good climate, affordable golf, no or low state income tax, a decent airport nearby and close cultural offerings. They are asking the Snippets crowd to recommend their towns for consideration. This sounds like a fun project, so share your communities with us.

Mike Wolstein (June 67) is looking forward to the October reunion. He is a member of an international organization and attends their annual convention every July. He ran into **Marty Blumsak** (Von 60) brother of **Cooki Blumsak** (Jan 67). Marty lives in the D.C. area. Mike would really like to know about any Von all class reunions that might be coming up. Did you know that the assistant principal at Von is Larry Vigon a Roosevelt grad from 1968? Good to know.

It was nice to hear from **Kathy Grigg Kuncce** (67) who has been friends with **Bonnie Schauer Keen** (67) for more than 43 years. Kathy is married and has 3 grown children. One son is in Texas. Their daughter is in England with her Air Force husband and 3 daughters. Their other son is at the University of Michigan. Kathy gets back to Albany Park quite a bit since her mom still lives in the same house Kathy grew up in on Mozart and Sunnyside. I'll bet you have seen quite a few changes. Glad to have you join us Kathy.

Doreen Rosenberg Bianchi (June 65) says hi to everyone. Her friend **Ray Rottstin** wants to say a special hi to **Barbara Nicker** (June 65).

This past April saw great sadness come to Rough Riders. Saying goodbye to **Coach Al Klein** was like saying goodbye to a part of my youth. He was a wonderful man who cared deeply for all Rough Riders. A great coach who will live in our hearts. Everyone whose life he touched has been enriched. "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter, that tells what kind of life you have lived." Coach Al Klein lived a great life and will be missed everyday. We send our love and prayers to his family. Thank you for sharing him with all of us.

Alan Geis was a special man who graduated from Roosevelt in January 1964. He was a Neonatologist in Albany, New York. He met his wife Maureen at Swedish Covenant Hospital. They have 2 sons and 2 grandsons. Alan had great empathy for the parents he dealt with and was greatly respected wherever he went. Sadly Alan passed away in 1999. His wife Maureen would be happy to hear from any of his old friends.

We extend our condolences to the family of **Larry Torf** (June 63). Larry was husband to Marla and father to Corey Edward and a loving grandfather. He was a championship little league baseball coach, a masterful cheesecake baker and a doting pet lover. He will be missed by everyone.

When I moved to Westlake Village, California in 1978 I was pleased and surprised to find **Terry Oberman** among the residents. We reconnected and got our families together. As our children got older, we got busy and only spoke once in awhile. Terry's oldest daughter served on The Conejo Free Clinic Board of Directors with me. Sadly she recently told me of Terry's passing in August of 2009. Terry was a very successful CPA, a wonderful father to his three children and a great asset to our community. **Phil Immergluck** (Jan 66) and Terry had been best friends since childhood. They shared many memories over the years, much like brothers would do. Phil sends this message, "Terry, my good friend, rest in peace buddy".

We send our love and prayers to the families of loved ones taken too soon. May you all find comfort in those special memories you shared.

I would like to send a warm Snippets welcome to: **Carol Katz Lev** (June 65), **Ben Brener** (June 65), **Arnie Mandell** (June 65), **Randi Zoot** (June 65), **Carl Satterfield** (June 65), **Bayla Floren** (67) and **Abe Koppel**, **Mary Mucci Pittman** (June 65), **Ilene Cowen Fiddler** (Jan 65), **Renee Maltz Landsman** (June 65), **Betty Braun Gordon** (June 65), **Clara Averkiou Moraris** (June 65), **Linda Peterson Stahlhut** (June 65), **Eugene Lieberman** (June 65), **Tom Sigrist** (June 65), **Joan Swanson Gunn** (June 65), **Maureen Cohen Fox** (June 65), **Leba Glicksman Schwartz** (June 65), **Linda Johns Kurtz** (June 65), **Ricki Mitnick** (June 65), **Phyllis Abrams Leader and Michael Leader** (June 65), **Phillip Burnstein** (June 65), **Edward Kurtzman** (June 65), **Carol Kwalwasser Rubin** (June 65), **Howard Rosenberg** (June 65), **Sam Tolub** (June 65), **Sylvia Rosenbush** (June 65) and **Sheldon Gershon** (June 65). I hope you will all enjoy Snippets and the memories that are stirred. Please send us your news to share for the next Snippets.

The next Snippets will come out after the Reunion, so dust off your party shoes and join the fun. Please share Snippets with friends and my email address also. Thanks for taking my calls and sharing your news. Contact me at Flora47@aol.com . I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Flora Schwartz Chamberlain, Roosevelt June 1965 and Bateman June 1961

"Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are there."