

SNIPPETS #15 JUNE 2011

From time to time something will trigger a memory. Suddenly I am back at Roosevelt talking to someone I haven't seen or heard from in years. I will remember things we did together. I will see a smile. They feel close enough to touch. This Snippets is dedicated to those long ago friends. The ones we never hear from. The ones we have lost touch with. The ones who were so important years ago, yet today are out of our lives.....except for that jolted memory. They were there when we were growing up. They saw us through happy times and sad times. They were there on the first day of high school. We found classes together. We found each other in the cafeteria. They helped us belong. Where are they now? Do they ever think of me? Are they happy? The next time a memory triggers a lost friend jot down their name and maybe we can find them together.

Hard to believe it's time for the classes of the 60's to start planning their 50 year high school reunions....WOW!

The January 1961 class will host their reunion the weekend of July 22, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Deerfield. There will be a "Meet and Greet" at the hotel hospitality suite Friday night. Saturday night there will be a dinner, music, talking, dancing, schmoozing, reconnecting, hugging and kissing at the hotel with the time to be announced. Sunday will wrap up the festivities with a brunch at the hotel. Please contact any of the committee members for more information:

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The June class of 1961 will hold their 50 year reunion at The Embassy Suites Hotel in Deerfield the weekend of July 29, 2011. There will be a pizza party at the hotel Friday night. Saturday will begin with a bus ride and tour of Roosevelt High School at 9am. Reunion evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00, a class photo at 6:45 and dinner at 7:30. Sunday morning breakfast will begin at 10am in a private room for the class at the hotel. Please contact **Marvin & Sharron Karlin-Rosenthal** at rosy36@att.net or call them at (847) 566-6202.

We recently received word that the classmates of 1954 will be having a collective 75 birthday celebration reunion on July 23, 2011. You can contact Herb Roskin Sherbs100@aol.com or reunion chairman Ed Berliner edchiro@aol.com for more information.

Mark your calendars and start saving your pennies for the next All-Year Roosevelt Reunion. It will be held at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas the weekend of October 19, 2012. This event is sponsored by the Roosevelt High School Athletic Fund with proceeds benefiting Roosevelt. More information will follow as it becomes available. Be sure to check the website for updates and news about the Athletic Fund: www.roosevelthschicago.org

We would like to once again congratulate **John Emrich** (June 62) for his recent induction to the Roosevelt Hall of Fame on May 6, 2011. He was unable to attend the event, but we know he was there in spirit.

Mike Wolstein (June 67) enjoyed the reunion in October and wants to see more people at another reunion. He hopes **Jacky Wolf** (June 66) will put together more schmooze sessions at the Deerfield Hyatt. While others may be tiring of these get-togethers Mike never gets tired seeing old friends from Albany Park. He often sees **Norm Comrov** (June 65) checking out the “chazzerai” at Wolf’s Outdoor Flea Market at the Allstate Arena (formerly Rosemont-Horizon). Their season runs Saturdays and Sundays, mid-April through October. He sees other RHSers there also. **Jeff Beyer** (June 66) sells there as does **Steve Gemple** (January 66). Sounds like a good place to do some reconnecting. Mike would like **Joel Busse** (June 62) to tell us all more about “Pataki’s”. He’s never heard of it and wants to see what he’s been missing. Here is a blog that Mike says is lots of fun to read:

<http://francesarcher.com/2011/02/hot-dogs-and-baseball-an-albany-park-boyhood/>
Thanks Mike for staying in touch with everyone.

Dennis Schnell (June 65) and Kathy lived in Dell Webb in Huntley, Il and were neighbors with **Norm Comrov’s** sister **Naomi** (61). Kathy keeps in touch with Naomi and will send her Snippets. We would love to catch up with all the Comrov’s someday.

Corlette Laino (65) was fortunate to spend the winter in California and glad to have escaped the Chicago cold. California weather is hard to beat. Did I hear she will soon be there permanently? She recently ran into **Mike Fainman** (June 65). They didn't recognize each other, but when Corlette heard this guy say he was 63 and went to Roosevelt she could not help herself and asked him his name. Mike remembered her and they talked and talked. Mike knew Corlette's cousin **Tom Scachitti** (June 66). They even chatted about Snippets, which is why my ears were burning...AWW! What a fun way to spend an evening. She wanted to let everyone know to look out for a great book she just read. It's called The Widow's Son by Bruce Steinberg. It's an autobiography about a Jewish boy growing up in Skokie in the 60's. Probably lots of things we can relate to. Thanks for sharing Corlette.

Hi to everyone from **Marlene Meyer Saltzman** (June 65). She reminded me that she was in Mr. Spies' division. I'm so bad.... I only remember the guy in division that I had a crush on. He just thought I was a pest. Marlene was also sorry to hear of Mr. Spies' passing.

Hi from **Carroll Preece** (Bateman 61). Carroll is hoping to reconnect with **Lynne Tatro**(Bateman 61). She is keeping busy working and having fun with her new kitten. He keeps down the clutter by breaking something everyday. Sounds like a fun way to de-clutter. Let us know how reconnecting with Lynne goes.

Thanks to **Jerry Zabel** for helping us find **Ellen Silverstein Silbert**(June 64). Now Jerry, send us some of your news to share for next time.

Penny Goldman (66) has begun to reinvent herself. She has worked for doctors and attorneys. She was even a flight attendant. One airline she worked on was owned by an Indian gentleman. She used to say...here it comes...that she worked for the doctor, the lawyer and the Indian Chief. She is thinking about taking an online course to become either a physical therapist or an occupational therapist aide. Good luck in your new adventure. Whatever you decide to do, they will be lucky to get you.

We understand that **LaVerne Farina Swanson** (June 65) and **Jill Wagner Meyer** (June 65) are reconnecting. Hope you have fun remembering the good times.

Hi to everyone from **Helen Gertz Rosenberg** (June 64) who resides in sunny Kenosha, Wisconsin. Helen would love to hear from old friends.

Diane Nielsen Gross (65) and Joe took their snow birding to Arizona again this winter. They had a great time and got to visit with **Angel Sekerka Whalen** (June 65) and Scott. I hear Arizona is a tad warmer than Chicago. Glad to hear you stayed warm this winter. We would love to hear more from you.

Welcome to **Teri Descher Wilson** (June 62). She is happy to read about old friends and would love to hear from more people from the June 62 class.

Hi from **Tony Mackin** (June 65), who was unable to join us in Chicago this past October. However he was able to make it to Vegas in March and had a great time visiting with old friends. That's all I can tell you because..."what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!" Glad to hear you are feeling well again.

Herb Dubin (June 65) was unable to attend the reunion in Chicago but really enjoys catching up on the lives of his June 65 classmates. He would love to hear from his old friends. Herb and his wife have lived in Arlington Heights for the past 17 years. They are enjoying their beautiful granddaughter, their daughter and son-in-law. Herb is currently a representative with Johnson & Johnson, but looking forward to song writing, singing Karaoke and possibly returning to Community Theater. He hasn't performed since the mid 80's. Your audience awaits. Please let us know how that goes. Let me know if you would like to get in touch with Herb and we will make it happen.

It was great meeting **Joel Weber** at the Roosevelt reunion. He is such a happy up beat guy. Joel continues to enjoy reading Snippets and catching up with old friends.

Sam Brilliant (June 64) doesn't know a lot of the names in Snippets but it doesn't matter. It helps connect him to a wonderful time in his life. He hopes more classmates from 1964 will resurface. Sam, I am still working on the two names of people you would like to hear from.

Who is responsible? It seems there is a name in the June 65 yearbook that doesn't belong. Apparently the choir students would make up names and put them on the attendance sheet. **Mrs. Helen P. Johnson** would read them out loud and of course everyone would laugh. Did you know Chanda Leer, or Bud Weiser? Someone in choir was on the yearbook staff. In the choir photo and also in the index is the name Lou Kemia. Anyone want to fess up?

Krista Olson Benisek (June 65) says hi to everyone. She is enjoying retirement and catching up and renewing old friendships. Her daughter is in Boston and one of my daughters is in Providence. I think we have to schedule our trips out East at the same time and have a mini reunion. Anyone else want to join us?

Randy Wortman (Roosevelt faculty) is thankful to be a part of the Snippets mailings. He remembers many RHS students and would love to hear from anyone who is interested in reconnecting. He can be reached at r.wortman@cox.net. He would especially love to hear from **Sam Fifer** and **Michael Pickard** whose final Physics project he still uses today when training teachers; **Sandra Ourach (June 65)** who “caught” him referring to the teacher’s manual; **Barbara Brown, Harry Ohlig, Jim Scotallerro, Linda Peterson (June 65), Linda Peters** and **Dave Erickson**, from the stage crew; **Milan Mitrovic (68), Bill Davis, Jim Boyd** and **Ray Christi** from the swim team. If you are in touch with any of these people please give them Randy’s email address. Randy, let us know what happens with your reconnecting and thanks for being a part of Snippets.

Michael Pope (June 67) recently reconnected with **Joanne Bauer Edwards** (June 67) who he had not seen in 45 years. They met up at the Bateman reunion this past October. Michael hopes to reconnect with **Barry Bishop** (Jan 61) and **Michelle Villano Hernandez (Jan 66)**. Welcome to Snippets. Have fun finding old friends.

Milan Mitrovic (68) was also saddened to hear about the recent passing of **Mr. Spies**. He was his music teacher freshman year. One of Milan’s fondest memories from high school was from Mr. Spies’ music class. Mr. Spies had everyone compose a piece of music which he then played on the piano. His class invited Mr. Spies to their 40th reunion, but he was unable to attend. Milan tells us that **Mr. James McKee** is still teaching at Roosevelt after 43 years. Here is another Rough Rider WOW moment.

Branka Todorovic Matevich (June 67) has enjoyed the updates in Snippets. Her daughter, a CPS teacher, was married on 10/10/10. The wedding was a wonderful mixture of Serbian and Ugandan. Branka’s husband Peter was a strong presence at the wedding but sadly passed away November 17th. We send our condolences to Branka and her family. Her son moved back home 2 years ago and has been a great strength to her. Her daughter and son-in-law were in San Francisco in February and had a great time catching up with **Jeane Dooha** (67). Branka hopes to reconnect with **Judy Fuchs (67)**. Thanks for keeping us in the loop.

Fred Abrams (67) is keeping busy volunteering at a couple of nursing homes in the Chicago suburbs. He is continually amazed to find many Rough Riders living in one of the centers. He does some music “thingies” and recently met another Rough Rider. **Mike Bass (66)** does a music program in Yiddish, which the residents just love, at the center Fred volunteers at most frequently. Their programs almost always occur at the same time so they haven’t been able to meet up yet. Perseverance Fred.....it will happen.

Recently a set of “antique photos” was sent out. These were in fact pictures from the June 1965 25th year reunion. **Ferne Weinstein Krause (66)** recognized **Leona Geiser** (June 65) and hoped to contact her. They were good friends when Ferne moved from Hyde Park to Albany Park. Ask and you shall receive. Leona has been found and is excited about reconnecting with Ferne.

Leona Geiser Wolfson (June 65) and her husband Stewart have been living in LaJolla, California for about 4 years. They spent most of their 43 married years living in Louisville, Kentucky where Stewart practiced medicine. They have a son Sean who lives in Los Angeles with his girlfriend, and a daughter Monica who lives in New Hampshire with her fiancé. They are looking forward to Monica’s September 2012 wedding . We all wish the happy couple the best of luck. Leona has kept herself busy parenting, painting and volunteering. They travel when they can and mostly just enjoy living in California. Their most recent challenge is training their 7 month old Standard Poodle, Bogart. Good luck with that! Leona would love to reconnect with **Harriet Wolf (June 65)**, **Benita Burkin (June 65)**, **Linda Landsman (June 65)**, **Irwin Holcomb (June 65)** and **Steve Tadelman (June 65)**. Welcome to Snippets, I hope you enjoy your walk down memory lane.

Hi from **Barry Glaser** (69). He and **Artie Feldman** are great friends. Barry was in the service with **Mike Halla** (June 65) and hasn’t seen him since they both ended up in South East Asia. Barry hopes Mike will contact him so they can catch up on each other’s news.

Christina Farone Rainford (June 65) enjoys Snippets, but hasn’t kept in touch with anyone. She would love to establish some email buddies. She is retired, but has kept a full time schedule taking care of her grand daughters, her 92 year old father and maintaining her home. You are a busy lady. I’m glad you found time for Snippets. Let me know if you would like to contact Christina.

Linda Kaplan Lieber (June 64) has now been added to our mailing list. She is married to Norm Lieber from South Shore High School. They have 2 sons, one in Florida and one in Boston. She is glad to be kept informed and hopes to hear from old friends. Welcome Linda!

Michael Shapiro (June 62) is a retired psychiatrist and now has time to participate in planning a reunion. So if there is anyone organizing a reunion for the class of June 1962 please let us know. Michael would really love to reconnect with old friends. Glad to have you on board Michael.

Hi to all from **Beverly Bernstein Goldsmith** (June 65) who recently moved to New York City. They are just getting settled in the Big Apple and loving it. We are all anxious for an update of your life so keep us on the back burner. Enjoy New York!

Welcome to **Adrienne Ryback Schwartz (64)**. We hope you enjoy reading about old friends. Catch us up on your life, we'd love to hear from you.

Robert "Ziggy" Siegel (Jan 61) would love to reconnect with Janice Pollen, can anyone help find her?

We haven't heard from **Dyane Glick** (66) in awhile. That's because she has been very busy. Her husband Ian retired from the Board of Education in New York City and is enjoying his second career in catering. Dyane went back to school and got her degree in Medical Massage Therapy. She is currently teaching health and nutrition courses at the college she trained at. She loves her students and says teaching is a pleasure. They thoroughly enjoy their five grandchildren and also love to travel. Many of their trips include visits with long time Roosevelt High School friends. They finally got to take an amazing trip to Israel. Their most recent trip saw them in Russia, Estonia, Denmark, London and Sweden. Spring of 2012 will find them in Paris and taking a riverboat down the Danube to Prague and hopefully Austria. Dyane loves going to reunions and hopes to be able to catch up with friends in Vegas or Chicago. We would all love to catch up with you also. Thanks for filling us in on all your adventures. Hope to see you soon.

Barry Bishop (61) sends his regards and hopes to attend one of the 50 year reunions planned this summer. Barry lives in Arizona and hopefully he is far away from the current fires.

Ken Green (Jan 56) has lead an interesting life, especially his early years. He has the distinction of going back to Roosevelt 3 times; two times as a student and the 3rd time as a speaker. His book, I'm From Division Street shows us how an underachiever turned his life around. Ken went from being ranked #187 out of 188 students at Roosevelt to Chief in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, where he supervised 400 lawyers. He is married to Maureen, a District Attorney and they make their home in the Los Angeles area. You will get another chance to see Ken in July:

He will be on an NBC (WMAQ-TV) program called **The Talk** on July 5. The show airs at 7 and 10:30 pm on NBC 5.2, Comcast 341, RCN 50 and WOW 130. (These are all digital stations.)

He will also be speaking at:

Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Deerfield on October 23 at 7pm

Lincolnwood Public Library October 26 at 10am.

Robert "Ziggy" Siegel (61) bought a copy of the book. He was from Logan Square and found he knew a lot of people and places. **Lee Mishkin** (67) was also from Division Street. He lived in Humbolt Park until 8th grade. Hopefully he was able to see Ken at one of his venues.

Thank you to everyone for your emails and calls regarding the recent tornado destruction in Alabama. We were fortunate to be south of the storms and everything here is good.

Thanks again to **Art Hoffman** (64) for his recent Hall of Fame video and interview with **Jeanne Goodman**. **Lee Mishkin** writes "It was really wonderful to watch this and see the stars from Roosevelt." It appears that many of our parents attended Tuley High School, and the video stirred many memories. My mom went to Manley and graduated in 1940. I have her class graduation photo. If anyone has relatives who may be in the photo let me know and I will be glad to share it with you. **June Spira Weltman's (June 63)** father Sam (Sanford) Spira also attended Tuley. **Helen Dixon**, who was a biology teacher at Tuley, was a close friend of her family. Her father's five brothers and sisters also attended Tuley. Just before the video was sent June had packed away the 1930 Tuley Yearbook. The reconnections never stop.

We extend our sympathies to our classmates who recently lost parents. We are saddened to hear of the recent passing of **Mindy Barnes Herman**, wife of **Mike “Bosco” Herman**. Mindy continued to work with the Cancer Neck and Throat Foundation that Mike started. Mindy was a very giving lady who will be missed. We send our sympathies to **Leba Glicksman Schwartz** (June 65). Her husband Joe passed away this past December. She is thankful for the 45 years she had with him. She has a wonderful family who is helping her stay strong. **Bonnie Schauer Keen** let us know that her brother **Kenneth Schauer** (1961) passed away in November of 1995. She knows he would have enjoyed the reunion and seeing old friends.

“They are not gone who live in the hearts they leave behind.”

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer. Please be sure to share Snippets and my email address with anyone from Roosevelt who wants to share information and reconnect with old friends. Continue to send me your news; inquiring minds want to know. While Snippets is NOT a replacement for Coach Klein’s Alumni News, it does include information from all Roosevelt Alumni. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Flora Schwartz Chamberlain, RHS June 65 flora47@aol.com

“There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”