

SNIPPETS JULY 2007

Remember when our challenges were about what club to pledge; where to sit at lunch; which skirt to wear. We worried about tank suits and swimming in the winter. We laughed about the boys swimming in the buff and many of us tried to sneak a peek. Could we possibly make it to 249 on time? Do I really have to dissect a frog? We succeeded with the help of our friends. This Snippets is dedicated to those friends. To those who still stand by our side. To those who remember our triumphs and our failures. To those who still smile when they hear our names. To those we see often and those who live in our hearts.....THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

Angel Sereka Whalen and Scott are living in Mesa, Arizona and recently celebrated their 35th anniversary. Their daughter Lori lives in Arizona with her 12 year old twin boys. Their son Chad still lives in Illinois with his wife and 3 year old son. Angel still keeps in touch with John Wotring, from Bateman and Lane Tech, Dennis Schnell and Bonnie O'Brien, Bateman and North Park. She is sorry she missed our last reunion but would really love to get together with old classmates and would love to hear from long ago friends.

It is always nice to hear from Dyane Glick. She is keeping busy with her four grandchildren, traveling, teaching as an adjunct professor at the New York College for Health Professionals and of course Ian and his catering business. If you were in New York during the Super Bowl you could hear Dyane and her whole family cheering for Da Bears! Dyane and Ian spent a few days in Aruba this spring. They are heading to the Greek Isles for a nice cruise in October. 2008 finds the whole family off on a cruise to Disney. Dyane makes time for friends from Chicago and truly enjoys her trips back to the Windy City. We all love to see you too Dyane!

Krista Olsen-Benisek says hi to everyone. Paul and Krista have been busy remodeling part of their house for two very special people. Happy belated birthday Krista! I always enjoy hearing from you.

Mary Armello Kellerman truly enjoyed watching Da Bears! She hasn't seen snow in a few years and loved seeing it, but does she miss shoveling and driving in it?

Eugene Mitofsky and Dennis Schnell were in Boy Scout together. They are glad to be reconnected and enjoy exchanging emails and stories. Gene and his wife enjoy spending New Year's Eve at the PFISTER Hotel in Milwaukee. It's the "old lady" hotel, with both beauty and style. Gene is looking forward to the next Hyatt gathering and hopes "the snow" won't keep the 65 grads away.

To Howie and Martha Singer: YOU ARE DEFINITELY NOT CHOPPED LIVER! Glad to have you back on the Snippets list. Send us your news! Fondly, "the old battle ax."

I had a nice email from Dr. Sherwin Basil, class of 1960. He enjoyed reading our news. Snippets is expanding and now includes news from other classes in the 60's. Welcome Sherwin, now you need to let us know what's been floating your boat these past few years.

Marcia Fradkin Fritz, class of 67, and her husband have been married for 32 years and have a beautiful 31 year old daughter. I know Marcia is looking forward to her class reunion this October.

Speaking of reunions, The January and June 1967 classes are combining their efforts on October 13, 2007 for a huge reunion. The reunion will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn, Chicago O'Hare Airport. 2930 S. River Road, Des Plaines. There are still many people on the lost list. If you know anyone who graduated in 1967 please pass this information along to them. The committee consists of Howard Bengelsdorf, Donald Clemen, Gail Laffey Swanson, Alan Raffel, Yousek "Joe" Rubin, Carl Tominberg, Dawn Michael White and Sentimental Journey Ltd. This promises to be a lot of fun. Please contact GLSwanson@aol.com or Sentimental Journey at (847) 657-3639 or (847) 329-0111 or email at FunReunion@aol.com.

Once a month Roosevelt and Von graduates gather at Hamburger Hamlet in Sherman Oak, California. Thanks to the efforts of Merle Meyerson Tokarsky, RHS 6/59, the dinners are always packed and lots of fun. I was able to join them one evening before my relocation. Although most of the people graduated in the 50's I felt welcome and very much at home. We shared stories of the same halls, lockers and teachers. Everyone is welcome. Contact Merle at Merle_T@msn.com. They are looking for: Jerry Manos 6/59; Edith Comis, Sandy Lustig Flinchmum 1/61, Stuart Cooper 6/59

The class of June 1958 is planning a reunion in Sept, 2008. Please contact ChubbyJan1@yahoo.com (630)289-9599 for more information.

For information about the January 1957 class reunion contact Marily Schector Phillips at MePhlips@aol.com or (847) 679-3828

The class reunion for June 1957 is fast approaching. It will be held this July, but there is still time to get information. Contact Jerry Handel at Jerry_Handel@yahoo.com or (847)217-0365

It seems a combined reunion for the classes of 64, 65 and 66 has passed the preliminary discussion phase and could actually happen. A contact person has yet to be named and details are too sketchy and actually unavailable. If you have an interest in this blessed event you can contact The Party Bulletin at JackyGWolf@aol.com. This is also the site to contact if you would like to receive The Party Bulletin.

Hi from Susie Goldberg Rohr and Al. Susie is having fun with Snippets and says hi to everyone.

Also hi from Mary Bock Breshahan, now residing in Oregon. What are you up to these days? Mary's brother, class of 61, also lives in Oregon.

In case you were wondering what Mike Wolstein has been up to, I have the scoop. He does a lot of traveling, attends most of Maury's team softball games and probably is responsible for most of the names added to the "Party Bulletin". Thanks Mike for all your help in reconnecting old friends. He really misses

the good old days of Albany Park and Lawrence Avenue. Coming to Roosevelt events helps him re-live old times. Mike enjoys meeting up with the mid-60's clan and says hi to everyone.

Weekly we are treated to "Maury's and Other Stuff" by Lou White. Lou gives us an update of the latest Maury's softball game and the team news. It's great to read and share the "other stuff". Did you know catcher Wayne lives in Berwyn. Phil Immergluck, the pitcher, has been playing softball for 45 years! He plays in two to three leagues a week and never wore a glove until this summer. He is the owner of PSI Marketing and enjoys representing radio stations and selling their ad time. Sid Tepps has the dream job. He was hired by the Chicago White Sox as an assistant Video Coach for the summer. Sid is director for Little League baseball in Wilmette and owns Machintech Support. They help companies, individuals, and school districts with their Mac Computer systems. Lou has some news also. He recently closed Castle Home Remodeling and is now the general manager for Cabinet Pro in Northbrook. They made the right choice! If you don't get Maury's news you can contact Lou at blarinc@comcast.net and he will be glad to add you to his mailing list. You can go one better and enjoy the games first hand on Wednesday nights. Here is the schedule for the rest of the summer. The games are played at Community Park West, 1001 Zenith Drive, Glenview. You'll see some familiar faces and enjoy great stories;

July 11, 8:15

July 18, 7:00

July 25, 7:00

Aug 1, 7:00

Aug 8, 8:15

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Aug 22, 8:15

Aug 29, 6:30

Fred Abrams has been busy keeping the Party Bulletin recipients up to date on all events and important information. He went to school with my brother Gary Schwartz and actually remembers him. Fred and his wife Jessica has been married for 21 years and have a daughter who attends the University of Illinois at Champagne. He is a past principal of a large Chicago based architecture firm and is now semi-retired and working at home with the same firm. He teaches part time for Illinois Shotoken Clubs and has trained in karate for 22 years. Fred plays the guitar and is looking for others with NO EGOS to play and sing together. Here is the entertainment for our next event.

The Social Event of the season is fast approaching. The Society columns all over the Continental United States are a buzz with the dignitaries planning to attend this event. Tickets are going fast. The Civil Engineers of Chicago have been contacted in case more room is needed at Eugene Field. The Big Weekend activities begin Friday, July 13 (Bastille night) with a gathering at the Deerfield Hyatt, 7:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Saturday, July 14 (Morning after Bastille Night) find dignitaries gathering at Max and Benny's for breakfast at 8am. Break out sessions in the afternoon will be organized. Sunday, July 15 (Bastille Picnic) Join everyone at Eugene Field at 11:30am. You can bring your own food or for \$10 you can enjoy goodies from Bobby Nears eatery and get a souvenir tee-shirt. Thanks Bobby, what a deal! Contact Art Lurie artlurie@aol.com for more information and to sign up. Besides good food, you will enjoy 16" softball, and various tosses, including water balloon, fresbie and egg. Don't forget the joy of seeing old friends who still look sooooo good.

Hi to Beverly Lewis. While reading my yearbook I was reminded of the fun we had at the AZA/BBG convention in Wisconsin. If you are out there Beverly, Tuffy and I say HI!

Linda Black, who recently returned from a fabulous and much needed vacation, wants to hear from her former locker partners Ruth Larkin and Phyllis Gerber. Does one of them have your gym suit?

I enjoyed hearing from Elsie Valastro Craven who graduated in June 1963. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband. They have three children and six grandchildren. Elsie graduated from the University of Texas as a history major but returned to get her law degree. She is in private practice in Austin and occasionally gets back to Aurora to visit her brother. She would really enjoy hearing from other 63 grads.

Tobi Starr Abrams, June 1963 says hi to everyone and is looking forward to the next RHS all year reunion.

Ask and you shall receive. We wondered what Joel Weber had been up to and here we go. Joel and his wife Julie Lemoine Weber have been married since 1970 and make their home in the San Francisco area. Their son Jonah 26, is an electronics engineer at Lawrence Berkeley Lab. Last summer they celebrated Jonah's marriage to Hoa Lu. Their daughter Naika graduated from UCLA in World Arts and Cultures Dance. She is dancing in a Salsa Troupe and teaching dance and PE in Huntington Park, LA. Joel is teaching and co-directing at a small alternative high school in Orinda, Ca. He still plays the accordion, a skill he began at age 13, and his old Gibson guitar. For fun he is active in the National Coalition of Alternative Schools. Thanks for sharing your news and catching us up. Joel sends his love to everyone.

Corlette Laino is enjoying Snippets and has wonderful memories of Carol Fano. They are both of Italian descent and had great times together. Corky's "baby" has moved to Berkeley, Ca and she misses him terribly. She loves California and will really enjoy visiting him. She says hi to everyone.

Seymour Schwartz was only at RHS for three years with the class of 1964. He graduated from Niles East High School but has fond memories of Roosevelt. He still lives in the Chicago area and is a retired college professor of Political Science and Behavioral Science. He still writes, publishes and lectures occasionally. He has been married for 35 years and has two grown children and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys traveling and grand-fathering. He remembers Rebecca Shapiro, the history teacher and the day someone slipped a slide of a naked lady in her slide carousel. Those were the days! Seymour would like to hear some news about Jules (Kenny) Fox.

Several years ago I talked with author Clay Eals of Seattle. Clay was writing a book about troubadour Steve Goodman. Steve grew up in Albany Park and called many of the Class of 65 "friend". Clay spent over 8 years researching Steve's life and interviewing friends. He has collected over 400 photos. In May, EWC Press released Steve Goodman, Facing the Music. "Steve Goodman was diagnosed with leukemia at age 20. Yet he thrived for 15 years, wrote an anthem for a generation and became perhaps the most galvanizing entertainer of his time." Through this book I am getting to know a gifted and special man. The book includes an 18 track CD with songs by other artists in tribute to Steve Goodman. This book will make a wonderful addition to your library.

Marc and Anne Weisman Klowden have been married for 37 years and have made their home in Moscow, Idaho since 1981. They love living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, but do miss family and friends in

Chicago. In a year or so Marc is looking at retirement from his Professorship of Entomology at the University of Idaho. Anne is looking at retirement from the school district where she is a Gifted and Talented teacher. Their son Dan and his wife Sumi live in Denver. Dan is a computer engineer for Intel and Sumi is finishing her residency in Internal Medicine. Their daughter Amanda and husband Tristan live in Bothell, Washington. Amanda graduated from the University of Washington last summer and Tristan is a computer engineer for Microsoft. Anne and Marc are spending this summer traveling to Wales, England and Bruges, Belgium. Sounds like a great trip.

Mark your calendars for October 26, 2007. You won't want to miss the Master storyteller Syd Lieberman. Syd will perform his show "Eavesdropping on Life" at Roosevelt's Alumni Hall. You may remember him as an amazing quarterback. The rest of the world knows him as an acclaimed storyteller, award winning teacher and author. Contact Arnie Kamen at RHS Athletic Fund, P.O. Box 1414, Highland Park, Ill for reservations and more information.

It was exciting to hear from Suzanne Cahill. She loved the past issues of Snippets and still thinks of us all as teenagers. Suzanne has four wonderful grown children and six grandchildren. She lives in Wheeling and runs the accounting department at a sales promotion agency in the loop. She loves to travel, enjoys her family and friends and in her spare time volunteers at a homeless shelter, The Chicago Children's Museum, and the Department of Cultural Affairs. She is excited to enter the next stage of her life and says 60 is a great age. Great girl! Great attitude! Suzanne remained close with Helen Baudelot who attended her youngest son's wedding in 1994. She has wonderful memories of Helen who passed away shortly after the wedding. Helen will remain in our hearts.

We are saddened by the recent passing of Mike "Bosco" Herman, class of June 1963. Our condolences to his wife Mindy and their family. Mike was the co-founder of The Laura Ray Southern Arizona Head and Neck Cancer Foundation. If you visit Tucson, Arizona be sure to stop at The Ventana Canyon Resort where Mike worked. You are invited to visit the butterfly garden established in Mike's memory.

Tom Triphahn made a wonderful life with his wife Barb Risley, RHS June 1967. This past February Tom lost his battle with melanoma. Keep Barb and their family in your prayers.

I hope you enjoyed reconnecting through Snippets. Be sure to share this issue with friends. I am looking forward to hearing your news. Please email me at Flora47@aol.com. If you are missing any issues I will be glad to send them your way. Have a wonderful summer.....take care and keep smiling. Flora Schwartz Chamberlain RHS June 1965