

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

2007 REUNION - May 25-26-27-28, 2007.

Reunion Countdown = Eleven (10) weeks

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FSU Gymnastics Reunion
May 25th – 28th, 2007

It is about 90 days until our next reunion. So block out the above dates on your calendar and start preparing. The reunion keeps getting bigger and better each year & we anticipate that this year's will be the best yet. Lot's of interest, enthusiasm and organization.

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Where: Barbara Withers Beach House
1533 Alligator Drive
Alligator Point, FL 32346
Phone: 850-349-2476

When: Memorial Day Weekend
May 25 – 28, 2007

Who: Florida State Gymnasts
Florida State Gymkana Members
Tallahassee Tumbling Tots
Invited guests of the above Members

Within 10 days, the advance team (see below) will be sending out notices, registration forms, information about the happening and the events right up until the event.

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Next Steps:

- a. **Invitations and registration forms:** Will arrive shortly via Email, snail mail, phone and/or Newsletter.
- b. **Accommodations are available:**
 - i. At the beach (Barbara's houses and others she can find)
 - ii. Other locations if needed (Rented homes and motels if needed)
 - iii. House and room assignments – Barbara will have the final word on all room assignments but she will need help in getting the list of those needing rooms.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Reunion Information and registration form is on the web site
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“Jack –The following is for the next newsletter. I have added a link to the first page of both fsugymnastics.org and the tallahasseeumblingtots.org web sites. These links are in the "2007 Reunion" box with Barbara's "GREETINGS FROM ALLIGATOR POINT" message. Click the "Additional Information & Registration" link and that will take you to a page with a map showing various possible accommodations and the distance from Barbara's place. There are also links to additional information on each location if you would like that. Near the bottom of the page is a link that will download the Registration form which is Microsoft Word document. I would recommend first saving this form to your computer from Word. You can later read it in again, and fill in the requested information. You can then print the completed form, add your check and mail it to Barbara at the address given on the page and on the registration form. If you will be sending the check at a later time then attach the completed form to an e-mail and send it to Don & Connie Holder (ducky52@bellsouth.net). Whichever method you choose do it ASAP so that we can have an accurate count of the expected attendees. Mike”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Response to query on using Cc, Ccc on emails
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“The profile from the “Efforts” list comes up, including my name, and pertinent data. It was never my intention to have that info available to any and all on the internet. Can I change that? Sandy “

{Response by Mike Mann, computer programmer for over 40 years...jmm} “Let me add that I am a (Internet wise) very open person and am somewhat discouraged by the Internet paranoia I see in so many people. A very old friend, former room mate, and team mate, who sends out a twice monthly Newsletter to keep our former team mates in touch, he ignores my protest and continues to send them out "blind copy" for fear someone is going to steal our mailing list of about 75 people. Anyone wanting a mailing list has a thousand different and better ways than searching through random e-mails for a list. They could also get them off the "blind copy" list too being that technically sophisticated. If this list did not discourage it so, I have been chastised a few times when forgot to delete it, my "signature" would include my home address, phone numbers, our other web sites and a photo gallery. Mike,Big bend coast of Florida”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Angelo's Restaurant
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“Jack -Don't know if you would like to add this to the newsletter, it could easily wait for a later one. We drove past Angelo's this weekend on our way to an outing and diner with friends on Bald Point. The walls are mostly up and it looks like the outer ones are all concrete, it also looks like the exact same floor plan from what I could see. It is much higher, in the old days having a drink on the deck and trying to watch the sunset the bridge would interfere. That will happen no more, the deck is at least level with the bridge if not higher. There may be problems with lights from the bridge traffic though. I don't think they will be open in time for the reunion however. Mike”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Joe Taylor's history material
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“Jack -I am not sure how you can work this into the next newsletter to show the folks what I'll do for them if they will just pack that stuff up and lend it to me for a little while. I picked up stuff from Joe Taylor about two weeks ago, only got a few things to use on the web site on Joe's (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Personal-Pages/Taylor,-Joe.htm>) and Yoshi's (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Personal-Pages/Hatano,-Yosirol.htm>) personal pages. Also, check the Carrie Englert (<http://tallahasseeumblingtots.org/TTT-7.htm>) pages on the TTT site from thing she lent me recently too.

I have burned Joe's material onto a CD and made him six copies; 1 to go into the briefcase with the originals, 1 for him, and 4 to pass on to his kids and grand kids and made a nice label for it. There are 18 photos and 96 independent articles and clippings, actually there are more because a few of those "independent" titles actually contain two clippings. See attached for the CD label and list of articles and clippings. All of this material will also be included in the web site backups that I will be sending out to you, Bill, and Jim on Monday. Mike “

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Mike's health report**

"I have just returned from a Poke, Peek and NO Snip again. Well, I did take a bit to eat something since I had not had any food since

around 5:30 this morning. He said it looked so good in there that there was no reason to take samples to biopsy. He did not take any samples last September either. He also said that he would review my records and consider going to yearly instead of six month check ups. I can assure you that my urethra and I would cheer such a decision. OBTW, this a little over two weeks shy of the eight year anniversary of my April 3, 1999 diagnosis of Bladder cancer. Also, due to some medication changes for my COPD, my breathing situation is greatly improve. I have not had to use a supplemental Oxygen bottle in three weeks nor have I had to resort to a nebulizer for help/relief. I am trying to fire my Pulmonologist. Mike {Mike deserves all our love and prayers...This is good news.....jmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Joe Taylor's 1952 Olympic Souvenir**

" Bill & Don - I had picked up a briefcase of articles, clippings and photos from Joe Taylor a couple of weeks ago for possible use on the web site. I had finished with them so on our return from visiting Fran's aunt in a nursing home in Thomasville we dropped Joe's stuff back to him. In the interem, he had run across the attached 1952 Olympic Gymnastics Souvenir folder. On the second page there is a photo of the USA team with Bill Roetzheim, third from left, and Don Holder, sixth from the left. They probably don't even have this one but they do now. Mike"

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | **1952 Olympic Gymnastics Souvenir**

"Wow! I remember that photo from (probably) a AAU Yearbook. When I started gymnastics in HS in 1953, I used to go to the library to find anything I could about gymnastics & that photo was there. I never dreamed I would associate with so many of the great gymnasts I admired in my youth. Bill"

Merik & Anna Ceska | 55-60 | **Ronn Amster clarification**

"Hallo Jack. Soon we will meet again-after 51 years ! How wonderful that a friendship from younger years can last for so long time ! You put a question mark (in your recent "Updated Newsletter mailing List of March 15) concerning "In Memory of Ronnie Amster (1960?). I am almost certain that Ronnie died in 1965. Bob Murray called me sometimes in 1965 telling me that Ronnie is dying (cancer) and ask me if I could help. I did not forget my promise to you to give you some information concerning my life experience so far. I am sorry that due to the re-construction of my father's house I as yet did not find the time to do it. Kind regards Mirek"

Toshiro & Haruyo Hatano | 60-61 | **Lost but found and happy about it**

"Dear Jack: I thank you very much for your kind introduction of my response letter to Mike Mann into the most recent FSU Gymnastics Newsletter. Above all your endeavor in keeping track of all the FSU gymnasts in the past years should be highly commended. Mike Mann's great intention to find me from scratch should also be appreciated. I have no idea how he found my e-mail address, while I have nobody of FSU people on my e-mail list, because it has been 46 years since I left Tallahassee and I got lost of all the correspondences of FSU people, though it does not mean at all I kept myself hiding from you people.

Now thinking of the reunion this May, it attracts me a lot, but I am afraid that I am still engaged with the current teaching job at Kyushu University of Health and Welfare, Japan until March 2008. So at this moment all I can say is that let me persue a big trip in the year 2008 or 2009 if I am still fine then when I will become 73 or 74 years of age. Yoshiro Hatano, Professor, Kyushu University of Health and Welfare Yoshino-cho, Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Prefecture, JAPAN"

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | **A Siamese Wow-WowTwin**

"Dear Jack, enjoyed the newsletter and particularly the legend of Dr. Cardigan & the Twins...you are amazing and so clever! I'm looking forward to the reunion - and seeing everyone again. Love, Barbara"

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | **The other Wow-WowTwin**

" Dear Jack, "Undercover reporters should get ALL the facts. Mr. Miles apparently is unaware that B & B remain invisibly joined at the hip thanks to a long Velcro strip cleverly inserted by doctors during the original delicate surgery. Trouble is, while being unfastened, it makes a horrendous noise and is terribly painful for the twins when the time comes to go their separate ways. Luv, the WOW-WOWs"

[I always admired Beverley's Wow-Wow's.....jmm}

Raphael & Diana Lecuona | 52-56/65-68 | **The "Cha-Cha" boys**

" Hi Jack...the very funny joke gave me the opportunity to say Hi, congratulate you, and thank you for the wonderful job you continue doing for all of us...your reference to me somehow being linked to Fadigan made me nervous...his "cha-cha" had never anything to do with dancing, bur rather with "mu-cha-cha-s" for he was really the loving butterfly, which visited all the prettiest flowers of Tally and the rest of Florida...as for dancing, yeah, Dr. Fadigan has always been the greatest "a la Fred Staire" bailarín...and will remain in our memories as the outstanding classical dancer that he still is...I will never forget the outstanding job he did in our Gymkana shows...and particularly when he "allowed" Doris Gregory and myself to form a trio and dance with him in the "Latino" Gymkana Show...oh well...thanks for the memories...hope to see you at Barbara's hide-away. abrazos, Rafles"

Jack Miles | 50-58 | **Email addresses list**

"A small trick: Whenever you type in a new person to your email list, place in the phone number spot a question mark (?) if you don't know the phone number. Then when you review your total address list to see if anyone's name has snuck/sneaked onto your private list there will be a blank spot

where the phone number goes next to the interloper's name and email address - because the "sneaker on" does not enter a phone number. So you can run down the list with you eye very quickly and spot the culprit".

Chick & Jennie Cicio | **54-59** | **The Thesbian** "Hi Jack, Still planning to attend the reunion. My play closes second week in May. Got to find someone to travel with and to find a place to stay. I'll call Barbara for help also Dick to see if he is going. I hate driving alone. Finally received your last news letter. You must stay on the computer all night to complete this project each time. ALSO....I had all the addresses, somehow, they are NOT in my computer anymore....if possible, send one more time? I had the addresses in my "Favorite" file: however, I can't retrieve them for some reason. Take care & ciao....Hi to Chad.....Chick {I sent him a new address list...jmm}

Derek & Nancy Lawler | **57-62** | **The Mexican's are coming, The Mexican's are coming,** { I sent out several pictures of California college students pulling down the American flag and putting the Mexican flag in it's place with the American Flag, upside down (showing it as a defeated country) below it on the pole...The following is Derik's response...jmm} MEXICO VS. USA, "Rest assured I will be passing forward that insult to America that the stupid Mexican students thought funny. I am never sure how my politics will sit with people so I have not sent much to those I am not sure of. Here is what I did yesterday:

I met with Dave, the VP of Floridians for Immigration Enforcement, as planned at the SW corner of the intersection of Atlantic and Powerline. He and Joyce and myself were the only ones to show up. He said he had hoped a dozen would show up. We started about ten am and finally quit about noon. A TV cameraman from a Hispanic station stood and filmed us as I cut up my credit card while Dave interviewed me. The cameraman didn't know enough English to ask any questions. El dice nada.

We made up placards protesting Bank of America's policy of giving illegals credit cards and stood out on the corner getting beeps in response to our sign that said "Honk if you don't want Bank of America giving credit cards to Illegal Aliens." He had brought a huge American flag that I had trouble holding off the ground---he said his smaller flags were locked up in his warehouse. Very tiring holding that flag up in one hand and a placard in the other---at least a breeze helped to hold it up. Believing that eventually one has to walk the walk as well as talk the talk, I had to go and do this. The guy with the camcorder went over to an obvious Hispanic standing in front of MacDonalds and interviewed him in Spanish---our opposition. I wonder how this will play on TV. Derek
I intend to get a lot more active in stopping illegal immigration. We need more people out on the streets.Regards, Derek"

Chick & Jennie Cicio | **54-59** | " Jack....Thanks again, I don't know how you have the time and patience doing all you do for us. As you see. I'm not much communicator; however, be sure that you are appreciated. Just reading the names brings back so many good memories. Currently i am cast as Sir Danvers Crew in the production of "Jekyll & Hyde" (Opens 4/13/07 & closes 5/6/07. This will be my last in Musical Theatre. I got myself in to much and it is getting to be "WORK and not FUN" anymore. I'm still involved with "Barbershop" music and the church choir. Time to slow down... Planning on the current reunion. Got to call Barbara as I understand she has rooms to rent. Are you going? I'll drive, also will see what Dick is going alone. Again, thanks for all you do. Ciao & God Bless.....Chick" {SNORING}

Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | **51-53/60-62** | **"The Cold Fronts" by Jack D. Sharp** **From: [Almira Sharp](#) Subject: Wonderful Web Home for Dad's Book Cold Fronts**

"Jack, I thought you would enjoy seeing this. Love, peace and joy, Almira

From: [Doug Sharp](#) {Jack & Almira's son...jmm}

Subject: Wonderful Web Home for Dad's Book Cold Fronts Friends and Family,

I got a call last week from Bernie Barris, who asked to host Dad's book on the Air Weather Reconnaissance Association website. He never met Dad but is a big fan of his book. He's done a great job creating an intro page and has the book up right now:

<http://www.awra.us/coldfronts/ColdFronts.html>.

Dad would be tickled and proud to have his labor of love featured on this site. And I can't think of a better website to host it. These are the people he really wanted to read his book. I plan to reread his book this week. Love, Doug

From: [Almira Sharp](mailto:ajsharp@starlinx.com) [mailto:ajsharp@starlinx.com] {Response to Doug...jmm}

Subject: Re: Wonderful Web Home for Dad's Book Cold Fronts

WOW! How wonderful! I'm thrilled. Seeing his picture hits close. I miss him so much.

Love, peace and joy, Mom

From: [Doug Sharp](#)

Subject: RE: Wonderful Web Home for Dad's Book Cold Fronts

Mom, Isn't this absolutely perfect? I am rereading it and re-appreciating what a fine writer he is. His voice comes through loud and clear to the point that it is hard to read sometimes. I miss him immensely and think of him a lot. Love, Your Doug

{Because Doug offered this to "friends" I felt I had the license to share this with you all. I love testimonies where the children honor their parents. This brought tears to my eyes. Jack, a brilliant Meteorologist, was also a superb father, husband, and friend.....jmm}

"Sportsmanship" Award. This program, which has been established in cooperation between the Boosters and the National Recognition and Awards Association, is finally beginning to gain support. It's a great cause and gives a "pat-on-the-back" to those who play with "class."info@edwardjonas.com. {This is a superb honor for Ed. I am forwarding his email to you all to enjoy...jmm

"A few years back, Connie and I along with Rafael and Dick Gutting ventured to Las Vegas for Jamile's retirement. It was a momentous occasion with many dignitaries. We had the opportunity to speak with many celebrities in the Gymnastic world such as Abie Grossfeld, Bart Connor to name a few. I had asked many about whether they had any type of reunion with their former teammates. All of the actions were similar, a confused look and with the answer nooooo. Then the question was posed to me, "why do you". I then related a long story about our FSU Reunions and how many returned and where they were from. The look was disbelief. At that moment I solidified my feelings in that we all had something special going at FSU. We are unique.

Then while reading one of my latest books "How to Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of your life", by Art Linkletter and Mark Victor Hansen, I came across two paragraphs that psychologically explain our great group. Dr. Jim can probably explain this much better than I. Any way, here is the passage and I hope you see the value of our reunions as I do.

I would encourage all to read the book. Don Holder

P.S. I did have the privilege of meeting and talking to Art Linkletter many years ago.

"Social Networks are Good for You. The facts are in; having a close circle of friends helps you live longer. The Australian Study of Aging, which in 1992 began studying nearly 1,500 people to determine the impact of social, economic, behavioral, and environmental factors on health, has revealed that over ten years, having a strong network of friends increased longevity, even more than having a close family. The researchers who conducted the study theorize that a tight circle of friends and confidants influences peoples' habits more, boosts mood, and helps members of the group to cope with life's difficulties.

Combine this with the common practice in Okinawan society of the Moai, a mutually supportive of long-term (often Lifelong) friends, and the pattern becomes clear; having a network of friends is good for your health. Being with other human beings lifts us out of depressing reveries and dwelling on the past, improves mood, motivates change, triggers the sense of humor, offer a path to new challenges, and reminds us that for all its vulgarities, life is good.

It is better for the social butterflies, according to a report published by Dr. Robert H. Coombs, professor of Behavioral Sciences at U.C.L.A. married couple enjoy greater longevity than the unmarried, need healthcare services, less often, have a 8 to 17 percent higher rate of cancer cure than single people, and suffer from Schizophrenia less frequently. That's for better, not worse."

{I loved this article and I am very pleased to see my Schizophrenia will be lessened because of all of you readers.....jmm}

"Please fill out and "reply" (or by letter) the Reunion Form as soon as possible and email it back to <Ducky52@bellsouth.net>. Also, this form can be found on the <fsugymnastics.org> web site.

Connie and I are looking forward to seeing you there. Don"

Wedding Anniversaries

Chick & Jennie Cicio	56 years, 57 in April, 07
Don & Connie Holder	56 years, 57 in August, 07
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	53 years, 54 in May, 07
Carmine & Daneen Regna	51 years,
Jim & Marlene Jackson	51 years, 52 in July, 07
Don & Patsy Rapp	51 years, 52 in November 07
Sam & Tpsi Bailie	50 years, 51 in June 07
Jon & Boots Culbertson	49 years, 50 in June 07
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	49 years, 50 in September 07
Jack & Almira Sharp	47 years of marriage
Lennart & Karsthin Malmlin	47 years of marriage
Beverley & Bill Beaton	45 years
Claire Essig & Dick Traynor	43 years of marriage
Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	43 years, 44 in Oct. 07
Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher	42 years, 43 in Dec. 07
Bill & Carol Beavers	39 years, 40 in July, 07
Dick & Susie Gutting	38 years, 39 in June, 07
Wayne & Heather Thompson	37 years, 38 in January 08
Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Jimmy & Janie Hanks	28 years, 29 in November 07