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**ANNIVERSARIES**

Chick & Jennie Cicio	57 years, 58 in April, 08	Claire Essig & Dick Traynor	43 years of marriage
Don & Connie Holder	57 years, 58 in August, 08	<b>Yoshi &amp; Haruyo Hatano</b>	<b>44 years, 44 in Oct. 08</b>
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	54 years, 55 in May, 08	Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher	42 years, 43 in Dec. 07
Carmine & Daneen Regna	53 years, 54 in August 08	Dick & Susie Gutting	39 years, 40 in June, 08
Jim & Marlene Jackson	52 years, 53 in July, 08	Bill & Carol Beavers	40 years, 41 in July, 08
<b>Don &amp; Patsy Rapp</b>	<b>51 years, 52 in November 07</b>	Terri & Cheri Morris	38 years, 39 in 08
Sam & Topsy Bailie	51 years, 52 in June 08	Wayne & Heather Thompson	37 years, 38 in January 08
Jon & Boots Culbertson	50 years, 51 in June 08	Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	50 years, 51 in September 08	Gail & Bill Whitney	36 years, 37 in August 09
<b>Jack &amp; Almira Sharp</b>	<b>47 years of marriage, October</b>	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Lennart & Karsthin Malmlin	47 years of marriage	Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long	32 years
Beverley & Bill Beaton	47 years, 48 in Sept. 08	<b>Jimmy &amp; Janie Hanks</b>	<b>28 years, 29 in November 07</b>

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**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Moving In**

**GADS!**

After three years in her own business office Condo, Nancy, my wife has moved back into the household with Chad and me. She is in Real Estate and this arrangement is more economical also she wanted to be a more active part of Chad's life on his trip through his teen age years. Moving two residences into one 2/1 retirement home made in the 50's was/has been a challenge. Pragmatic Chad likes the arrangement so he can be with his mother everyday throughout the week which leaves the week-ends open do he can go to the beach, tennis, etc. with his buddies on the week-ends. The sleeping arrangements have been worked out. The only time I complain is when someone leaves the shower dripping and the water gets all over my pillow. Packing, moving, and condensing might explain why you haven't heard from me for the past two+ months. ...P.S. Chad's school grades have definitely gone up with his Mom's help.

**Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | Bob Bollinger's Obituary** "Jack, please click on this:\*There is one mistake. There is/was no daughter named Vici."

[http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2496&id\\_key=0](http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2496&id_key=0)

**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Re: Reunions & Dreams**

The "Reunions" could be better described as "The Annual Picnics"...plenty of great food, cooling drinks and loving friends while enjoying stories and laughter with the relaxing sight and sound of the gulf waters. ....truly that to me describes a.... "Picnic"

{Some of you might recall where I had related, in a former Newsletter, of a terrifying nightmare in which I dreamt that I was again the groom in a wedding ceremony and it frightened me awake. Well, it happened again. This time I was at the alter facing the congregation with the Minister to my right. The Minister asked," Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband and I heard this high pitched voice that sounded a lot like someone I knew from the past say, "Hell Yah, I do". I turned and looked at my bride and there was Jamile Ashmore smiling and peering out from under a Mexican made white lace shawl draped over his head. Before the Minister could finish, "I now pronounce you husband and.....

"I jumped up bolted into the shower, twisted on the cold water faucet and stood shaking with my heart pounding in my chest while I mumbled, "Wake up, Wake up, for God's sake Wake up ".....Earlier, I had been watching the Presidential debates on TV and the "same sex" issue came up again. So now I am, for sure, checking the State laws to make sure this terrifying ordeal could never happen to me in Florida no matter how many times Jay begs.....jmm }

**Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | BMW Bikes** "I know I told you this before, but just in case; Moving to Atlanta in the Spring of 1970, I rode my BMW from Tally to Atlanta with Carol following in my Porsche, with a Canoe on top and our firstborn and a dog inside. As we entered Atlanta on the expressway, a sudden thunder storm and suddenly slick roads caused a spinout of a car in front of me. It ended up facing me in my lane next to the median. No time to check to change lanes, so I braked and downshifted carefully, but realized I would hit the car. In a flash I knew I didn't want to fly through the windshield of the stopped car, nor drop the bike and slide under it, so I did what any gymnast would do; abandon the bike with a front sommie off the handlebars and foot pegs with a slight push to the side. I landed on my feet, legs together, arms overhead as the bike hit the car. Carol is my witness, dog is my copilot (I have been dyslexic since that incident....bill )"

**Benny & Carolyn Wallace** | 51-55 | '53 National Results requested by me

“Jack. I competed in Rope Climb in Syracuse and placed somewhere in the top ten, I think. All I remember is that I was up next after Perry broke his record and climbed the twenty feet in 2.9 seconds. Everybody left for refreshments after the photographs and I was the loneliest rope climber in the world! BCW”

**Bill & Carol Beavers** | 57-61/69-70 | **Gymnasts Attack the Alamo**

“Jack, recently received a letter from Rick Miller which indicated he collects Spanish Toledo knives, pre -1900. He said he was inspired by my knife collection in the '60's along with my Randall knife catalogue, and my Bowie knife replica mounted on a plaque. I told him that my most treasured knife was a Randall hand crafted -knife you had made for me. I also told him the following story involving the Bowie replica.

"The Attack of the Gymnasts"

One quiet spring night around 2:AM we were sound asleep with the windows open, when I suddenly awakened to the sound of car doors closing and several male voices. Without turning on any lights, I crept from the bedroom to the kitchen in my briefs. Peering out the window I could see two cars in our driveway and about 10-12 men milling about and talking in rather loud voices, but I could not identify what they were saying, nor did I recognize the cars or the outline of the men in the subdued light. This was in the '70's and Atlanta had many break-ins and rather violent crimes. I returned to the bedroom and told Carol to call the cops, we were under attack. I thought about the old .410 single shot shotgun in the attic, but it was too complicated and time consuming to find that in time to defend my home and family. Then I looked up above the back door...there was the Bowie replica. I unsnapped it from its wall plaque, and was ready to open the door and at least do some damage to these crazed madmen poised to pillage, burn and torture my family. They were approaching the back door & then I recognized the voices and the shapes. It was my Ga. Tech gymnastics team out on a night of drinking and partying. In their impaired state, they thought it would be fun to get "Coach" & see if I wanted to join them in celebrating the end of the season. Carol still thinks I made a striking if not humorous figure in my Jockey shorts and fake Bowie knife defending the home front.

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians** | 57-67

“Jack -The latest newsletter is posted to the web site and available. Bill sent that comment on Reves and the Grand Canyon when I was on the road and having trouble with motel networks getting. As I recall the story Reves wanted to load the bomb bay of a B-17, it flies lower and slower, with Kudzu cuttings. Then fly back a year later and see if he could find it. Mike” {Kudzu is that vine that threatens to overgrow Tally...jmm}

**Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp** | 51-53/60-62 | **Response of “Comments made in the year 1955 & the 36<sup>th</sup> Newsletter**

{Reminder, I wrote of Jack's Book in the last Newsletter.....jmm}

Jack, “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What a way to start my week. Although I am rather a puddle now. What great memories! An amazing connection has been made because of Jack's book. In it he recalls accompanying from Tacoma to Arlington Cemetery the body of a fellow officer who had committed suicide. I just recently heard from the daughter of that man. She had been 9 months old at the time, but her mother would never ever speak of the father, and she desperately wanted to know about him and through the Air Force had connected with the book, and we have been emailing. Interconnections! Love, peace and joy, Almira” Almira, {Oh yes, I remember the 50's well...jmm}

Comments made in the year 1955:

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president." I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women have to work to make ends meet."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."  
 "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat." "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."  
 "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."  
 "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on." "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."  
 "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."  
 "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

{Almira continues....jmm} "That was great. I certainly remember those phrases. The other one I remember was that every "nice" girl was home by 10 pm.  
 Just returned from a trip to Little Rock where I visited grandson Stuart (soon to be Major Stuart), Megan and great grandsons, Ethan and Ashton. I had a ball, but it is always a crash to come home to the emptiness. I still miss being number one to someone. Love, peace and joy, Almira" {"Being someone's number one" is a phrase I will always remember...it says it all. Thanks, Almira....jmm}

**Don & Patsy Rapp | 53-55/58-60 | Via, Patsy...Video of Don with skit he performed at the last reunion**

"Robert, a friend, did this video of Don. Thought you might enjoy seeing it. What fun.<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoxdtVVnzxE>

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

"Keep in mind that since I had to give up paddling a couple of years ago I haven't done much of anything as far as exercise is concerned. I have not even been able to walk much because the heat has such a detrimental effect on my ability to breath, and the unsteadiness from the peripheral neuropathy in my feet had me concerned about twisted or sprained ankles. I had managed to borrow from our next door neighbor a treadmill that was delivered around noon the Saturday of the nose bleed weekend. It had to be retrieved/delivered from her sister's garage where it was collecting dust. Since I went into my nose bleed scenario I was not able to do much with it. I was finally able to start last Wednesday and was only able to do five very slow minutes before my legs just gave out. I managed to do ten minutes on Thursday and two separate fifteen minutes sessions on Friday. I managed twenty minutes on Saturday, and two separate twenty minute sessions on Sunday. Yesterday I was able to do thirty minutes before having to give it up again.

I know that doesn't sound like much to you guys who were always in much better shape than I but I can not believe the difference that little bit of effort has made. Yesterday I had an appointment with my urologist and also picked up office supplies for Fran and exchanged three oxygen bottles at my supplier all in Tallahassee. I was able to do all of that without sucking on an oxygen bottle and was not short of breath once.

I am looking forward to first building up my endurance and then my speed since all of this so far has been at a very slow pace. Mike"

**Charlie Christian | 55-57 | More great News**

"Hello best friends. I'm so excited!!!! Yesterday I had the first of two lens implants for cataracts. I drove home with no problem but I was rather

uncomfortable during the afternoon so I kept up with the Rx drops and this morning the discomfort is 95% gone and I slept well without the Rx sleeping pill.

My vision in my right eye is surprisingly good although still a bit blurred which I understand will subside in a few days. I can actually read what I'm typing without glasses and it's weird with one good eye and one that still needs an implant. THE GLASSES HAVE BEEN FILED AWAY!!!

I'd love to see a DVD close up of the procedure. They offered to let me watch someone else on a screen yesterday but I said, "Let's wait until later" but I doubt it would be as close as I'll like to see unless I was watching through the scope.

Today I had my follow up and everything is healing fine! I discussed the possibility of a DVD with Dr. Woodhams and he said they will make a digital copy when they do the next eye, probably the second week of October.

What a new world of vision!!!!!! My best, Charlie" {He could have said, "I'll see you later".....jmm}

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | The Montgomery Gym flooring**

"See article at (<http://www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070908/NEWS01/709080333/1010> ).

F. Y. I. - To the older guys - Fran told me this morning that while she was driving to Atlanta last week that she was listening to WFSU-FM and an interview with Ginger Wetherell about the new house. In the course of the interview she mentioned that there was a large meeting/party room "downstairs," not sure if that is the ground floor or basement, and that the wood floor is from the Old Montgomery Gym. So your tumbling or vaulting footsteps will be echoing on for many, many, more years. Mike

**Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | Coach of our Benny Wallace, Charlie Christian, and Sam Bailie**

"The great man has left us. Bill died about three

hours ago. I'll never forget him. He changed my life forever. Benny" Bill: I sent these remarks and young Bill Curry read them at the memorial for his father on 19 October. He died as we were leaving for Lancaster or I would surely have been there. Even so, I spoke with him on the day before we left. We both knew it was goodbye. My remarks say it all. Benny

If there is time and you feel it appropriate, I send these remarks to be read or posted at the services:

My name is Benny Wallace. I am a retired Air Force officer and fighter pilot. I served 25 years in the military, flew 102 combat missions over North Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in April of 1966. My wife and I have been married for 54 years. Without the guidance and inspiration of Bill Curry I doubt that any of that would have ever happened.

More than half a century ago I was a kid working in a factory and going nowhere when Bill came to Savannah and talked to my folks about GMA. That day changed my life forever. He taught me the focus and self discipline that led me into a life of service to my country, adventure and travel that I never dreamed of and I am forever grateful. Quite simply, he saved my life. He was a giant of a man in every sense of the word and the finest man that I've ever known. I truly believe that, when God came down to visit, He always stayed with Bill and Eleanor! Best wishes to you all and a fond farewell to my coach, mentor and friend, Bill Curry. Just one of his many boys, Benny”

**Charlie Christian | 55-57 | Major Bill Curry...Re: Announcement from Benny to Charlie**

“I owe everything to him. I think we all do! I am so sorry to hear the

sad news. "Major Bill Curry" was an icon and an inspiration to 1000's of his boys. There will be no other like him. Benny, thanks for the message, although an unhappy one. Bill was a 'giant' of a man and such a lasting influence on his 'boys'. I have been eternally grateful I was one of them as I'm sure all who knew him feel the same. Fortunately we were able to recognize him as he so richly deserved in 2004.. Charlie”

**Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | Sending this on Chick & Jennie's behalf**

ITALIAN PASTA DIET -- IT REALLY WORKS !!

- 1.. You walka pasta DA bakery.
- 2.. You walka pasta DA candy store.
- 3.. You walka pasta DA Ice Cream shop.
- 4... You walka pasta DA table and fridge.

You will lose weight!

**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Day dreaming**

I was daydreaming and began to ponder whether back in the days of Toulouse Lautrec, Moulin Rouge and the scandalous can-can dance.....did the women shave their legs?..... Maybe not..... That could explain why the dancers wore leg length black hose. This bit is just to let you know that in my spare time I still do delve into some very valuable historical research.

**Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Kayak racing way down upon the Suwannee River**

“Had a good experience on my 26 (turned out to be 27.) Mile race down the Suwannee last Sat. I finished in 4 hrs 13 minutes including a 6 minute portage around a class 3 rapids area (about 150 yds). I was f.....n exhausted!

I finished third overall out of about 20 and first in touring kayak division (kayaks <20') There were no age groups.”

{He started his email “ Athiests back-up” {He such a lousy atheist he doesn't even know how to spell the word.

He sneezed one day and I didn't know what to say to him....jmm} {I always dreamed of boating on that river....jmm}

**Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | Old “Gymnast” magazines**

“For the newsletter from Larry: Glenn Sundby is moving to Hawaii and has boxes of old International Gymnast magazines. He is selling them

very reasonably. Old gymnasts may like to have some old IG mags. Glenn has a nice collection of many years. Glenn can be reached at this email: Glenn M. Sundby” <gmsgym@aol.com>

**Frances A. Conaway | Present | Director, Special Projects, University Communications, FSU**

“Thanks, Jack--I just received my t-shirt. Great design...

How thoughtful of you to send it! It will be the perfect attire for my workouts. We are anticipating that the Florida State Alumni Magazine will be mailed in early October. We want to include a little more author information about you. What did you earn your FSU degree in? What career path did you follow? What's keeping you busy now, in addition to all the gymnastics-related work?

Thanks.—Fran”

**Frances A. Conaway | 55-58 | Follow up to the above**

“Jack--A decision has come down from the top: Given FSU's budget situation, it has been decided to postpone publishing the new alumni

magazine. Unfortunately, that affects your “Reunion” article, which all the reviewers have enjoyed. I'm sorry that we won't be able to publish

as planned. Also, I have your book, "The Spirit of Gymnastics." How would you like for me to return it to you?

Thanks for everything.—Fran” {This was sad news, but Fran and others have been wonderful trying to further our cause....jmm}

**Judge Jim Joanas | Student in the early 50's | His article on Gymnastics in the 50's**

“Jack: Do not know when they will post the gymnastics article. In the meantime,

I attach a copy of the article as I sent it in for you. Enjoyed writing it. Hope you will enjoy reading it. Thanks. Jim Joanos

{Judge Jonas did a great job and a lot of work, on this article especially the parts on Doc & Billie's history...Congrats.....jmm}

{The following from Bob Perrone, FSU Sports Historian,.....jmm...} Were you able to get a copy of the August Report to Boosters Newspaper? If you didn't get a copy the Judge lets me post his articles to my web site. His gymnastics article is the last one under Garnet and Old. [http://www.geocities.com/nolefan\\_fsu/garnet/](http://www.geocities.com/nolefan_fsu/garnet/)

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Web-Site delinquents & No Web site backups this month!**

“Jack, Bill & Jim,  
There will not be any

backups of the web site this month because there is no reason to. The last update to the site was August 18, 2007 and most likely that was just adding Jack's latest edition of the Newsletter or removing names and addresses due to confusion over where to make contributions to the memorial project. No new materials have been received and as a result no changes have been made to the site.

We have made many request via the newsletter and I have made additional request via personal e-mails (most of which weren't even acknowledged) and I also made my own personal pleas to many at the reunion who we do not have any material from. Many "Personal Pages" remain blank because there is not even a single photo to place on them.

This is unfortunate because everyone that has sent me material, such as "Bob" Brock, Betty Wheeler Ramsey, Jan Eberly Anastasato, and Joe Taylor has always included new materials of items that I did not have copies of. I am convinced that there is as much new and unique; material out there as what we already have and believe that the web site could easily be doubled. However, if most of the folks will not participate and help us out then there is not much more that I can do on my own. I have even offered to make and return each person a "Personal CD's or DVD's" of their memorabilia but that hasn't gotten a response either. .Mike

**Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Greeting's from Canada**

“.....on an unbelievably warm (pushing 70s) sunny late

October day, Greetings, multi-talented friend: I had meant to respond to your letter of mid-September outlining your own life career. Fascinating! I really enjoyed reading it. That you were a stand-in for Sinatra doesn't surprise me. How did he find out about you and what sort of stunts did you perform for him? I had often, around home, when sharing photos had commented that I had always seen an eerie resemblance of you to aforementioned singer. And were you aware that Shatner is Canadian, can be very funny? Indeed, this summer he performed at Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival.

How's son Chad doing with his tennis these days? Wish I was still playing.....haven't for over 10 years, and had been a fanatic before I wrecked my shoulder on the best forehand I had ever hit. That put me out for a while, got "out of my loop" of playing buddies, plus realized that I really had put my family on the back burner to a disgraceful degree! Following grandchildren on weekends became more important. Now, if I tried, I'd have to take lessons from the very beginning!

Anyway, I'm sorry not to have acknowledged your impressive list of accomplishments earlier as I had intended. Hope this finds you well, and busy, from a Canadian, whose "Loony" \$, did you notice climbed slightly higher than yours? Glory be....after who knows how many years and years and years??? Bev”

{I did car chases, some underwater scenes, and as a cop fought with Dan Blocker (“Hoss) in a Sinatra flick....he threw me through a cop car window - made of rock candy. Bill Shatner was always a funster. making us laugh all the time. I even was in a series called “The Defenders “which was filmed in NYC, and worked on the “Flipper “and “Gentle Ben” Series in Miami..jmm).

**Claire Essig (Mrs. Dick) Traynor | 59-62 | FSU 2007 Reunion Video**

{Randy Claire's son produced a great video of the past “FSU Reunion” Contact Claire to get the video emailed to you at. [clairefsu@earthlink.net](mailto:clairefsu@earthlink.net)...{I watched it then lost Randy's address....but Claire can get it to you. ...jmm}

**Robert Perrone | FSU Sports Hall; of Fame Historian | Retracing "Our" steps**

{Bob has been conducting the monumental challenge of collecting all our Gymnastics

records and results ...i.e. his letter to multi-sources, archives, publications, etc. ..jmm}

‘Dear Sirs: I'm the historian for the Florida State University Hall of Fame Committee. I'm trying to determine the athletes from our school who scored points at the various NCAA National Championships.

On March 21 and 22, 1952, the Men's NCAA Gymnastics Championship was held at the University of Colorado. I was wondering if there was anyone who would look in the sports section of your local paper on March 22 and 23, 1952 and make copies of the gymnastics results? I will pay the necessary research and copy expenses. Thank you, Bob Perrone

**Robert Perrone | FSU Sports Hall; of Fame Historian | More on the above**

“Jack, besides the three requests I copied you on I also sent requests to Berkeley and Pittsburgh. If

the local newspapers don't have the results, the next set of folks I'll ask are the Sports Information staff from the appropriate schools.

Were you able to get a copy of the August Report to Boosters Newspaper? If you didn't get a copy the Judge lets me post his articles to my web site. His gymnastics article is the last one under Garnet and Old. [http://www.geocities.com/nolefan\\_fsu/garnet/](http://www.geocities.com/nolefan_fsu/garnet/)...

I received 3 newspaper articles today and I was able to update the 1952, 1953 and 1959 NCAA results plus the All-American Index. The links are all on this page. [http://www.geocities.com/nolefan\\_fsu/summary/](http://www.geocities.com/nolefan_fsu/summary/)

I'm now missing the gymnastics NCAA results for 2 years, 1956 and 1963. I've heard from the Pittsburgh library (1963) so hopefully I have the information for that year soon. I may need to ask again for Chapel Hill (1956).

Note: Rick Miller came in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the floor exercise in the 1963 NCAA championship.

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | "Bling on the Gloupper Pleeze"**

"Fran, neighbor Terri and I went to the Riverside Cafe in St. Marks Saturday for some Stone Crab claws. As

we were going in we spied a cardboard box on top of a cooler outside labeled "Group Fillets" it also had another item on the label "Product of China." It is truly a sad state of affairs when Florida waterfront restaurants are serving frozen fish fillets imported from China.

**Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | Touring Pennsylvania Dutch, Quaker and Amish country**

"All: My computer went out while we were gone so I bought a new one but am still going through the process of getting everything back in order, including the software for digital pictures so they will have to wait."...."We had a wonderful trip. We got a rental car at PHL and drove to Lancaster and headquartered at Hampton Inn for three days of touring on our own. The weather was just right for the full nine days of our stay and we ate like pigs! The food from those wonderful farms is to die for; all good American beef and pork with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables -- and pies and cakes! Those people know how to eat. One of our visits was to a dairy farm that made the best ice cream that I've tasted since Jr. High School; No skimping on butterfat around there. The area is one of very large well kept farms with huge silos and farmhouses, truly God's country. And surely it's the Pumpkin capital of the world. What a Halloween show they'll have!

On the last three days we were joined by a pilot buddy of mine and his wife who both grew up there; not Amish but have Amish and Mennonite friends so we were invited into one of their homes, a wonderful and informative experience, as you might imagine. I parked the rental and they drove us around for the final three days. One wife is a tour guide so five of us we piled into their van for a great private tour. Another couple --Mennonites -- runs a B&B so the four of us stayed in their lovely home. In all, we were four couples and we hit several of their favorite restaurants!

They also drove us to nearby Hershey for a tour of the plant and lovely homes and gardens on the grounds; very impressive and informative. On the morning of the last day we surprised Carolyn with an aerial tour of the area. Yet another boyhood friend of our friend Dave Eby lent us a Cessna 172 four seater and we had a good look for half an hour before we drove back to PHL for the night and departure the next day. We didn't tell Carolyn about the plane ride until we were sure of the weather but it turned out good so off we went and I gave up the copilot seat so she could have a better view up front. One of our best trips ever. Cheers, BCW+1

{The Wallace's visited the stomping grounds of my youth. Jack & Almira and I all lived at the edge of Philly bordering this beautiful country-side. It was tradition to jump in the family car and travel all over that area every Sunday. As Benny alluded to: Wonderful traditions and culture, terrific food, and storybook like scenery of farms and countryside. Pennsylvania is also the Ice-cream capital of USA. You can even get your bachelors degree in Ice cream Making and production from Penn State University.....I loved the area with memories to cherish forever.....jmm} {My first wife at FSU, Gloria, had a brother who was raised in The Hershey School for Boys. Hershey bought all the surrounding homes and keeping the original owners turned the farm into boys homes. The Boys worked on the farms, studied in the schools and had the best of world's you could imagine....jmm}

**Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | The Italian Tenor**

"Hi Jack, As you can see I'm back on line (Don't know if that is bad or good). The computer expert (From India) fixed my computer; it now has

nothing on it like right out of the box. Problem... I have to replace all my "stuff". Can you, if you can email me some how all your NEWSLETTERS. ALSO...Was in Jacksonville singing...Our Chorus...There were 15 ...too....4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 others. Our Barbershop Quartets also placed, I think, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great three days...we sang out hearts out everywhere we went. Take care and ciao...Chick" {I can send Newsletter copies, but fortunately they are all available on Mike's web site.....see below....jmm}

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Wakulla County Filming**

"There was a notice in the paper this morning about a number of road closings this weekend and next week for HBO Films that will be filming for "Recount."

I looked it up on IMDB and it will be on next years and has an excellent cast headed by Kevin Spacey

(<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1000771/>). The movie covers the time between the 2000 election and the Supreme Court decision upholding the Florida recount and giving the presidency to GWB.....Mike"

**Alice Englert | (Carrie's Mom) | Mexico drops out of 2008 Olympics**

"President Felipe Calderon of Mexico has announced that Mexico will not participate in the next Summer Olympics He said that, "Anyone who can run, jump, or swim has already left the country."

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**{P.S. No one acknowledged receiving the 36th Newsletter except Mike Mann and Almira Sharp. I hope you are getting them...jmm}**