

"Once teammates, always teammates" by Charlie Christian.

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ANNIVERSARIES

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| 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 | Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano | 44 years, 44 in Oct. 08 |
| Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 54 years, 55 in May, 08 | Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher | 43 years, 44 in Dec. 08 |
| 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 |
| Don & Patsy Rapp | 51 years, 52 in November 07 | 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 08 |
| Roger & Tamara Webb | 50 years, 51 in November 08 | Harmer & Magdalena Weichel | 34 years |
| Jack & Almira Sharp | 47 years of marriage, October | Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long | 32 years |
| Lennart & Karsthin Malmlin | 47 years of marriage | Jimmy & Janie Hanks | 29 years, 30 in November 08 |
| Beverley & Bill Beaton | 47 years, 48 in Sept. 08 | | |

Roger & Tamara Webb | 55-59 | Lost and Now found a Christmas gift to all Ho! Ho! Ho! "Jack, On impulse, I "Googled" Gymkana yesterday, discovered www.fsugymnastics.org, and was excited to find your newsletter. Thank you for an inspired effort and product! We are enjoying sampling your newsletters, and catching up with information about long lost friends. Keep us in mind for a future reunion. We are forwarding the announcement of our recent 50th Wedding Anniversary We'll plan to stay in touch. Roger and Tamara Webb, 1955-59" {I will forward Roger and Tamara's Wedding Anniversary announcement and pictures in a following email....jmm} {Thank you Mike Mann for creating the Website....jmm}

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Re: Finding Roger and Tamara Webb "Jack, Great news about how Roger & Tamara were "found". I've often wondered about them. In fact, that happens every time I see the Gymkana program that contains a picture of Tamara with me on the balance beam. Bev"

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Re: Finding Roger and Tamara Webb "Jack, This is great news! I will wait until this evening before e-mailing them to give you time to respond. Roger and Tamara were so good to me my freshman year at FSU including me in meals & outings & etc. I will always be grateful for their hospitality. bill ps, will be in Ocala this weekend to do a 10mile Kayak race on the Silver River. Should be a beautiful ride. The scenery sometimes helps ease the pain!" {Kayaking races that is....jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Copy of Bill's email to Roger and Tamara Webb "Roger & Tamara, Jack informed me you have succeeded in 'Googled' back to the past. We are glad you did! I will always remember the kindness and inclusion you both afforded me during my initiation to the sometimes 'whacky' world of FSU in the late 50's. I have a photo of you driving your cool convertible in the Homecoming parade with Jack and Fernando riding on the back deck representing Gymkana. I will try to scan the 35mm slide and send it to you if you are interested. I have taken up kayak racing for fitness and fame in my years of retirement and did a race down the Blackwater River in Orangeburg, SC in 2004 and later found out you had perhaps once lived there. I did a search after that, but could not find a current address, so I guess you had long since moved. Hope to see you at a future reunion, or in DC. I plan to attend a race sponsored by the Washington Canoe Club (at the Roswell bridge) some Fall. Bill Beavers.....ps, Happy Anniversary!

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Screensaver "Me again, Jack....I was tinkering with my computer this evening, and stumbled across a screensaver which I found both beautiful and soothing at one and the same time. It occurred to me that Mac users might enjoy it, if they haven't already found it themselves. I thought maybe you'd like to include the info in a newsletter. For those who are interested, look under the "Apple" on the Main Menu.Choose "System Preferences" and scroll down to "Desktop and Screensaver. "The selection I refer to is "Cosmos".....the others are also eye catching. Of course I don't know if all Macs have the same options. Newer models likely offer even more stunning samples!"

Leigh Heisinger | 57-61 | **Notice concerning Mr. Englert**

“Jack: I don’t know if anyone has let you know yet that Carrie Englert Zimmerman's father just died. It was in the paper today, and thought

that you WOULD be interested. Leigh” [This was indeed very sad news, although not unexpected, Alice, his wife had visited him daily for about a year in his assisted living facility. Alice and Carrie we send our heartfelt love, wishes, and prayers to you and your family with knowledge that the beauty of his life has find a home in your hearts forever. He is always right there being loved and watching over you..jmm}

Carmine & Daneen Regna | 50-55 | **Response to my having Joe Regna’s wrong email address**

“Well Jack, **HELLO**, you asked this same question a

month or so ago and I sent you Joe’s new address then. Are you getting old or something? jcregna@embarqmail.com Happy Holidays, Daneen” {I have been typing a “g” instead of a “q”...in “embarqmail. Check your mailing list.....jmm}

Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | **Fwd: International GYMNAST Digital Format**

“International Gymnast moves from 2 to 3 dimensional! It is with great pleasure that I

announce that International Gymnast magazine will be the first to distribute a digital version of its magazine. Yes, for the next several months, at no charge, you can read the latest complete issue of IG magazine online! Our December issue is available right now. The October issue, which was our acclaimed coverage of the Stuttgart World Championships, also can be viewed as an archived issue. We will offer the January/February (one of our two annual double month issues) online at no charge too.

Please take this opportunity to sample the quality of the magazine that has brought the entire gymnastics community the best and most accurate coverage of the beautiful sport of gymnastics for the past 51 years. No gymnastics entity has a richer history, or more complete library, covering gymnastics, as does IG! We have been the leader in our industry, and we plan to remain the leader.

As you can see, International Gymnast will now be available in 3 ways-our printed magazine, our digital magazine and our IG Online. Three ways to keep you better informed about gymnastics globally.

Enjoy IG in its new digital format! Our digital magazine is available at: <http://www.internationalgymnast-digital.com/> Happy Holidays from our entire IG family! Paul Ziert Publisher”

Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | **Covering Everything**

Due to my increasing age, and decreasing ability to send cards on time, □
here is my card to cover every Holiday.

Happy Everything!

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Re. Alma Claire's son's 2007 Reunion collage is available on the web site**

(<http://fsugymnastics.org/Photos/Reunion%202007/Claire%20Essig%20Traynor/Video/Reunion%202007.htm>)

Joe Greene | 59-61 | **Christmas Wish**

“2007, a year of ups and downs, but I would like to extend best wishes and blessings for Christmas, and a Happy New Year to come in 2008. Joe Greene”

Merik & Anna Ceska | 55-60 | **" veselé Vánoce a vše to nejlepší v Novém**

***"In Czech language : " veselé Vánoce a vše to nejlepší v Novém
Roce každému z FSU gymnastů přeje Mirek***

just in the case somebody did not understand :

***In English language : " Merry Christmas and all the best in New Year
to every FSU Gymnasts wishes
Mirek”***

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | **Christmas Greetings**

***“HARD TO BELIEVE THAT 52 YEARS AGO
AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT***

***ATTENDING THE NATIONAL GYMNASTICS CLINIC IN SARASOTA I FIRST MET AND
SAW MANY OF YOU WHO WOULD BECOME GREAT FRIENDS. CHEERS TO SUCH
GREAT PEOPLE AND THE ABILITY TO REMEMBER THEM!!! BILL BEAVERS”***

Carmine & Daneen Regna | 50-55 | **Christmas and Holidays Greetings** | *"I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and hope to see each and every one of you again next year! Carmine"*

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | **Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas** | *"Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas to all from your REUNION HEADQUARTERS at Alligator Point! I'll be spending Christmas at the beach and thinking of all the fun times we have had at our annual reunion. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at the 2008 reunion which this year will be Friday May 23 through Monday May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend)...Oh Come All Yee Faithful, and also, All Yee who have not yet attended, please come this year, we are not getting any younger (although some of us are getting cuter - come see!) Love to all, Barbara Withers"*

Charlie Christian | 55-57 | **Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings**
*If we could only perform just a few of the feats we used to do so easily back when!! My best always,
Charlie Christian*

Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | 51-53/60-62 | **Christmas and Holidays Greetings**
*MY WISH FOR EVERYONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND 2008.
MAKE TIME FOR THE QUIET MOMENTS AS GOD WHISPERS AND THE
WORLD IS LOUD.
LOVE, PEACE AND JOY, ALMIRA*

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

Fran and I wish to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Mike Mann

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | **Dr. Grace Fox** | {I emailed the news about the passing of a great lady, Dr. Grace Fox, Women's Physical Education & Recreation Dept. FSU. For those of you who don't use email. Please contact me if you need more information.....jmm}

Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | **The Christmas Caroler** | "Been pretty busy with my music and now that the Christmas holiday is here we sing everywhere. Fun though: however, time consuming. Take care and hi to your family. We are on our way to Georgia then Tennessee to see the "Kid's"? Guess they will always will be. Ciao.....Chick

Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | **The Grinch**

**BAH, Humbug!!
Larry Bestmann**

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | **2007 Greeting** | *From north of the border to each of you; a colorful box wrapped in hugs.....full of health, love and happiness. Enjoy your holidays, wherever they may be, Merry Christmas, Bev*

Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | **Annual Letter... Merry Christmas, etc.** | "Jack: This is probably too long for the Newsletter but concerns your area so here it is .Harmer and Osceola: You know where the "Delete" key is if you get bored. BCW" {I am forwarding aa an attachment on a separate email of Benny & Carolyn's letter for all that enjoy these annual letters.....like myself.....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Email to Bill re: his entry in 10 Miles kayak Race on Silver River in Ocala**

“Bill, Chad is in Tennis

Tournament in Ft. Pierce this week-end.....checked mileage..... 200 miles to your race site from there..... So Chad (Now 5'10") and I won't be surprising you..... Maybe you can enter the "Seminole Anaconda Squeeze Race" held in the everglades. It has Alligator "Speed Bumps" on the race course to make it more like a slack wire balancing act in a Kayak. Shucks. I will keep my eyes open for an event you are in which might be near a tournament site. I would love to walk up and hand you the "How's your ole Wazoo" note again. Jack”

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Bill's response to above**

“Jack, I reminded Carol of the "How's your ole wazoo" incident over some wine this evening. We both laughed our ass off on the cleverness of that episode of my life. I hope that is one of the things I remember as I deteriorate mentally in my "Golden" years.

Thanks for the memories! Bill”

{ Repeat of The “Wazoo” story ...I was traveling the country advertising Florida Tourist attractions at Major trade & travel shows and sporting events in a oversized mobile home which was decorated as the Florida Sun Coach while Bill was still a student at FSU. I hadn't been back to Tallahassee for over a year and he and I had not communicated for a long time. But then I had an opportunity to return. So as far as Bill knew I was still traveling around the country.

After arriving back in Tally I devised a plan to freak Bill out. I called the University Registrar and was able to determine what class Bill was attending at that hour and in which building the class was being held.....so....I trotted over to his classroom. I peaked in the slightly ajar door and saw him sitting about mid-way back in the class room listening attentively to the Instructor. I scratched out a note on a piece of paper that I had carried with me....put on my best dead faced authoritative look.... opened the door.... marched into the room straight up to the instructor. I introduced myself by holding up the folded note and saying, “I have an important message for a Mr. Bill Beavers. I was told he might be in this class.”

The instructor called out, “Bill?” I turned to face the class and pretending to not know which student was Bill and at this time saw that Bill had slunk or slid down so far sown in his seat that he had to sit up a bit for anyone to see him raise his hand..

I walked properly over to Bill and handed him the note I had just written. Then I marched out thanking the instructor on my way out for his assistance and left the classroom.

Bill unfolded the “important message” which read, “How's your ole Wazoo?” From what he told me several students were very curious as to what the note said and the instructor had asked Bill,. “Is everything OK Bill?” Bill assured him things were OK.

After class I was waiting outside the building and Bill said, “You ass!” and I laughed out loud as Bill gave me his oh so reserved chuckle and then we gave each other a “Manly: hug” with the “Code of Ethics” proper back patting. I had done myself proud.....jmm }

Chick & Jennie Cicio | **54-59** | **Christmas Greetings**

“Hi Jack....This year my "CHRISTMAS" wish will always be as it was in the beginning of my life. Praise the Holy Trinity, love the Commandments, enjoy this time of the year with music, family and friends and a Partridge in a Pear Tree. Have a safe and happy December. May the New Year be one of peace & Love...Ciao.....Chick & Jennie”

Don & Connie Holder | **51-57** | **Pat Signorelli's 80th Birthday**

“Pat Signorelli's 80th Birthday, Oct 16, Connie and I arrived at Colorado Springs late in the evening along with Janis & Elaine

(Pat's daughters) and Terry our son. We entered the Signorelli home unbeknownst to Pat who at the time was shaving. A few moments later it was the ultimate surprise to say the least.

For the next three days surprises were occurring. Grandchildren, brothers, teammates,relatives and many friends (around 60) arrived without any knowledge from Pat.

The day of Pat's birthday was delightful weather-wise. However, the following day we were inundated with several inches of snow. We have not been in snow for over fifty years. Many snowballs were thrown.

Pat transported us to the Olympic Training Center. What an outstanding facility. Only wish FSU had something similar way back. I'm sure we could have won more championships. Delayed TV monitors so the Gymnasts could view their performances during practices, all kinds of protective pads etc.

As most of you might know, Pat has been my mentor and best friend since High School (1944). If I have achieved any kind of success, it is due to Pat's guidance and help throughout the many years we have been together.

If I am correct, many of us will be reaching the eighty mark next year. Our hope is that we all can achieve the same kind of success that Pat has enjoyed. Connie & Don”

{ A special wish to Connie for a speedy recovery from her hip surgery operation....We love you, Connie.....you are the best.....jmm }

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Re: Phone call from Dick Gutting**

{Imagine, in large print, the numbers 08. Then imagine placing the numbers 80 within the circles that the 08 makes. Can you imagine where I am going with this? It is a Logo for a momentous event. . Because after Don Holder told Dick of his traveling to Pat Signorelli's Birthday. Dick and Don {Sounds like a Dance Team...Dick & Don...Don and Dick... Anyway.... They came up with the idea of a late spring, early summer get together for all of us who turn 80 in 08.

I just make the cut by seven days. What about you? Those of you who have some parts you think are younger than others? Do you turn 80 next year? If so..... let us know and we can all get together and talk about “all the girls we’ve have loved before” or other imaginary achievements. We’re making a list and checking it twice...email...call....or write...It’ll be fun...jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Grandchildren Vs.....** {In a phone conversation with Bill and discussing the trials and tribulations associated with raising children and knowing that Benny and Carolyn just had their first Great Grandchild. We bemused the challenges of raising children - and them raising us - when Bill spoke, after a pregnant pause, “I think instead of Grandchildren..... I would preferGranddogs.”.....jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **REMINDER: Gymnastics Statue on Legacy Walk** | “THERE IS STILL TIME!

For those of you needing a tax deduction for 2007, you still have until December 31st to contribute to the FSU GYMNASTICS-LEGACY WALK COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Make your checks payable to: FSU FOUNDATION, LEGACY WALK, GYMNASTICS STATUE FUND

Also, put “Fund#7110, and Code # 08HWDMP on the “For” line of the check
(this will help assure that it reaches the proper account)

Mail your check to either address below:

Legacy Walk Gymnastics Statue
c/o Donna McHugh
216 Westcott
Tallahassee, FL 32306-1350

Legacy Walk Gymnastics Statue
FSU Foundation
Attention Melissa Hanna
2010 Levy Ave., B300
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2739

Even if you cannot contribute the full amount you may have pledged at the 2007 reunion, or if you plan to give more at a future date, you can spread the total amount over time by beginning this year. We now have over \$7,000 in the fund. More will help get us closer to a start on the design process, and will help convince corporate donors we are serious about this project.
Bill

Would you believe the, “FSU Gymnasts, Gymkana, Tallahassee Tumbling Tots, and Friends Newsletter” started in September of 2005 – over two years ago.

It reminds me of “The Monthly Florida Gymnastics Newsletter” which I mailed out for over nine years throughout the 70’s for the State Gymnastics coaches.

This is our third Christmas Holidays Newsletter together and with the computer generation it has been much easier than licking all those stamps and sealing all those envelopes.

Much has changed in your and my world. Many of us are having tough family or economic times or have lost someone most dear to all of us while several have met new heights of glory and in business

And, yes, our kids are growing older while we are not.

I’d like to take this opportunity to offer up from the bottom of my heart,

Thanks for being my friend.

Have a great Christmas Holiday and New Years Celebration

With Love from me and my family

Jack