

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

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**2009 REUNION MAY 28-30, Alligator Point**  
**(Thursday, Friday, & Saturday after Memorial Day)**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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| Chick & Jennie Cicio              | 60 years, 61 in April, 10     | Claire <i>Essig</i> (& Dick) Traynor | 43 years of marriage        |
| Don & Connie Holder               | 59 years, 60 in August, 09    | Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano                | 44 years, 45 in Oct. 09     |
| Benny & Carolyn Wallace           | 56 years, 57 in May, 10       | Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher     | 44 years, 45 in Dec. 09     |
| Carmine & Daneen Regna            | 54 years, 54 in August 09     | Dick & Susie Gutting                 | 41 years, 42 in June, 09    |
| Jim & Marlene Jackson             | 53 years, 54 in July, 09      | Bill & Carol Beavers                 | 41 years, 42 in July, 09    |
| Don & Patsy Rapp                  | 55 years, 56 in May 10        | Terri & Cheri Morris                 | 39 years, 40 in 09          |
| Sam & Topsy Bailie                | 52 years, 53 in June 09       | Wayne & Heather Thompson             | 39 years, 40 in January 10  |
| Jon & Boots Culbertson            | 51 years, 52 in June 09       | Derek & Nancy Lawler                 | 36 years                    |
| Jay (& Ellie) Schwarzman          | 50 years of marriage          | Gail & Bill Whitney                  | 37 years, 38 in August 09   |
| Roger & Tamara <i>Tucker</i> Webb | 51 years, 52 in November 09   | Harmer & Magdalena Weichel           | 37 years, 38 in December    |
| Almira (& Jack) Sharp             | 48 years of marriage, October | Andy <i>Anderson</i> & Curtiss Long  | 33 years in 09              |
| Karsthin (& Lennart) Malmlin      | 47 years of marriage          | Jimmy & Janie Hanks                  | 30 years, 31 in November 09 |
| Beverley & Bill Beaton            | 48 years, 49 in Sept. 09      | Thom & Linda O’Conner                | 30 Years, 31 in May 10      |

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**2009 Reunion - Response to 2008 Questionnaire (YES they will attend in 2009)**

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| <b>Barbara Withers</b>            | <b>Claire Traynor</b>           | <b>Jamile Ashmore</b>                | <b>Larry Bestmann</b>           |
| <b>Beverley Beaton</b>            | <b>Dave &amp; Judy Carmolli</b> | <b>Jay Swarzmman</b>                 | <b>Mike Mann</b>                |
| <b>Bill &amp; Carole Beavers</b>  | <b>Don &amp; Connie Holder</b>  | <b>Jim &amp; Arlene Fadigan</b>      | <b>Oscar Brock</b>              |
| <b>Bob Christians (Maybe)</b>     | <b>Ed &amp; Christine Jonas</b> | <b>Joe &amp; Carol Regna (Maybe)</b> | <b>Roger &amp; Tamara Webb</b>  |
| <b>Carmine &amp; Daneen Regna</b> | <b>Frank Dennard</b>            | <b>Joe &amp; Dottie Taylor</b>       | <b>Ron &amp; Loree Galimore</b> |
| <b>Chick Cicio</b>                | <b>Jack Miles</b>               | <b>Jon &amp; Boots Culbertson</b>    | <b>Terry &amp; Chin Morris</b>  |

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians 57-67 Possible Programs targeted for elimination by FSU 1010 budget cuts:**

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| Anthropology<br>Apparel Design<br>Geophysical Fluid Dynamics<br>Geological Sciences<br>Molecular Biophysics<br>Oceanography<br>Hospitality & Golf Management | Physical Education<br>Science Education (College of Education)<br>Geography<br>Behavioral Psychology<br>Software Engineering<br>Art Education<br>Ceramics | Sculpture<br>Studio Art<br>Recreational Management<br>German<br>Slavic Languages<br>Demography<br>Art Administration |
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**{Like you I have been included in many of your email “Forward” mailing lists. Some with as many as forty names.....others maybe four. If you ever wonder how many friends you have just add up the number of people who “Forward” to you. You are loved and not forgotten.....jmm}**

**Karl Bishop** | **FSU Gym Meet** “Greetings Fellow Seminoles – I have followed Jack’s newsletter quietly from the side all this time, but Mike “outed” me. After stumbling into Tully with no experience in the sport, I have spent about 40 years now coaching, judging and owning a gymnastics school that I sold last June. I now am partners in a mobile gymnastics business that stretches over a three county area and reaches about 40 – 45 preschools and recreational programs. I run competitions for folks that I like, and that is what brings me to Tallahassee each year for the Gym Force Classic. Just about three years ago, a former athlete’s father asked if I had ever considered using my engineering degree (actually, he asked if I had ever considered changing careers and for those of you who have ever owned a gymnastics school, you will realize just how funny that question was). For about two years I did double duty working at the office during the day and at the gym in the evenings. Last June I sold my gym to a former athlete and his fiancé. Along with all of that, I have worked in drug and alcohol addiction services (good training at FSU), played music, traveled on my motorcycle (a BMW, of course), almost killed myself on the BMW (landing on my feet on the other side of the car I hit) and created a few grey hairs along the way.

I tell people that gymnastics is one of the three best things to ever happen to me. One day I fill you in on the other two, but for now use your imagination.

I do plan on coming to the reunion this year, as I have each year. This year I think I'll make it.

Really, the purpose of the e-mail was just to send the meet results but seeing your names just got me going. If you have trouble opening the attachments, just let me know. I am going to post them on the internet also. Karl Bishop "{Karl should compare notes with Bill Beavers who also dropped his BMW motorcycle on the Autobahn while traveling over 100 MPH...I think most parts of him lived....except maybe a few brain cells.....jmm}"

**Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | Chick the Italian computer geek**

"Hi all my e-mailers....As you all know I have been off line due to computer virus and crash problems. Got some help

from at&t however, the problem isn't repaired yet....quite erratic as it works "TODAY but not TOMORROW". Finally, I played with some keys and a few menus and behold I got mail?????

I had 267 e-mails to read....Deleted all and now I'm starting from scratch. Friends say I have a Stone Age computer; it's only 5 or 6 years old?

March 1st....computer up and running. NOW, we'll see for how long. Ya'll take care & ciao. Chick & Jennie too.

{Honestly, I am very impressed by Chick and Don and how well they have joined the computer world. My older Brother, Bob, just started last week. He is afraid of a mouse.....**ALSO..... do you readers realize that Chick & Jennie and Don & Connie have been married 60 years in 2009.....Yikes!.....jmm}**

**{Benny Wallace once asked why I have been married so many times. I told him it was because I just couldn't get past life in the company of a menopausal female creature.....jmm}**

**Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | 51-53/60-62 | March winds**

"I am enjoying a full blown snow storm today. It's great since I don't have to go out in it. Love, peace and joy, Almira"

**Charlie Christian | 55-57 | March's Winter Wonderland**

"Ah, the wonders of nature! This was a day which will be remembered for years to come. The storm, consisting of heavy wet

snow flake clusters the size of quarters, began around noon and continued throughout the day. It was truly a winter wonderland.

As it became dark and the winds picked up I realized we were in for something we would regret. Pine trees and limbs began to break and the picnic table umbrella collapsed due to the high winds and the weight of the snow. First the lights flickered, and then the power went off. Next were the phones living in a beautiful rural area with a well powdered by an electric pump has its problems too. .

No TV, no radio, no computer, no heat, no water and no phone are a real bummer! The phones were restored in about 10 hours however; it wasn't until about 2:00 AM March 3 when the power was restored, just as the last embers of the firewood I had left died in the fireplace. It's amazing how we don't realize how privileged we are to enjoy electricity. Now we are predicted to enjoy shirt sleeve 72 degree weather by Friday. Oh well!.....Charlie"

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | March again....Come on summer time!!!**

"We went to Thomasville tonight for dinner at Mom & Dad's (same family as the Tallahassee one) and some storytelling at the Library. Fran had heard two of the three before and I had heard one of them. On the way back we hit a deer on SR 59 between Wacissa and US 98, about 3/4 of the way to US 98. I had spotted one on the left shoulder and called to Fran, she was breaking as a second one walked off the right shoulder into the path of the car. Bent the right front fender pretty badly and I had trouble opening the passenger door, only part the way. Mike

**Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | 2009 Reunion**

"Jack and all of our friends of yesteryear: Thanks for continuing to include us in the Newsletter. Sadly, most of the comments mean little to us

now because we are so far removed from Gymnastics and what has happened to all of you.. Even so, we enjoy hearing of a life that might have been. Carolyn and I have drifted comfortably into our "70's" and I am approaching 80. Life has been very good to us and we still travel but, according to plan, now only in the USA. As usual, we won't be at the reunion but we wish you well.

Best wishes always, Benny and Carolyn" {We will miss you both...especially Benny's portrayal of the famous comic book character "The Purple Flame".....you'd have to see it to believe it.....jmm}

**Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Re.. March 14th....Your "Closers", Newsletter #45**

"I have just made a large fruit salad which includes black grapes. Your prank of inserting a black olive into your bowl of grapes immediately came to mind. Should I tuck in a few????? Not a good idea, I decided. Wouldn't want the little kids to think of their grandmother as the 'Wicked Witch of the North'!!!!

Secondly, French Onion Soup is one of my favourites. I'd be delighted to receive Charlie Christian's recipe for Southern Onion Soup which, if I interpret correctly, he created. If you will please send it to me, I'll try it out right away. Lastly, you ask, "Newsletter bore you?"....never! It's greatly appreciated in this part of the world, as is the effort you put into it. Thank you. NUFF SED, too. Bev" {Beverley and Charlie are now pen pals hooray for the Newsletter.....jmm}

**{When I told my wife Nancy that I was having very severe stomach pains she with a look of concern responded, "Don't die before you clean up the carport like you said you would.....I took a full teaspoon of Pepto-Bismol I have to hold off dying until later .....jmm}**

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians** | 57-67 | **Re. Email to Bob Perrone**

“Bob - Not sure why I had not done it before but I have added a link to your site from the fsugymnastics.org links

page (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Links%20page.htm>). I also informed Jack that he has the URL information wrong in his newsletter heading. It gets corrected en route but that step should not be necessary.

Question, are you only doing the varsity sports are you also keeping up with the club teams?

If you are doing anything with the club teams you should check out the current FSU Women's gymnastic team since they are doing quite well. We are all very proud of them and have put up a page for them, see (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Current-Team/FSU%20Current%20Team.html>). Note that the 2008 and 2009 team records are included and my photos from the 2009 meet at FSU. You will also note that in addition to their formidable athletic abilities they are also all very attractive young ladies. Most amazing to me and others is their ability to "self motivate" without a formal team structure or coach.

If you would like additional information on the team you should contact the president, Jessika Widerman (fsugymnastics@gmail.com).Mike”

**Bob Perrone** | **FSU Historian** | **Response to above**

“Hi Mike and all, I have been following our women’s gymnastics team through your web site and I do agree they are doing well AND are very attractive young ladies. It would be nice if they became a varsity sport.

With that said, I don’t have the time to add club sports to my site. I don’t know if you’ve noticed but I’m in the process of creating game/match databases for all of our sports which will later simplify the recording of school records, top 10 lists, etc. My wife tells me I already put too much time into FSU athletics so I’m not ready to add a new section. I keep a list of things I’m working on and if it ever gets to a manageable level I’ll reconsider adding our club sports. Bob” {Bob and Mike are soooo on the ball. We all are grateful for their help and energy and all they have done for us.....jmm}

**Jim & Arlene Fadigan** | 52-56/58-62 | **Learn To Learn Center**

“Hi All: **Learn To Learn** has opened its first Learning Center in Orlando. Please join us at one of our seminars and especially

come to our Grand Opening on Wednesday March 18th. The attached invitation is designed so you can forward to friends and family who may have an interest in the Learn To Learn Program. We promise a very interesting evening and plenty of food, beverage and interesting people. Thanks and hope you can join us. Jim Fadigan

{this news is late for some, but we are proud of Jim for his enterprising skills.....he is like a hyper Energizer Bunny.....jmm}

{This was written by a friend of Jim and should be honored, “**Subject:** RE: Learn To Learn Grand Opening Congrats to my #1 buddy and it couldn’t happen to a more wonderful friend.....all of the Hollingsworth family is doing well thanks to you and all of your help.....Caitlin is in UNLV majoring in Hotel Administration and doing great, Peggy is keeping the whole dysfunctional group together.....hope we can get together soon”}

**Bruce & Rita Davis** | **Coach & Writer** | **World Acrobatics**

“Dear Jack, I am forwarding this e-mail to you because it is important. The internet opens up the world. Give me the details and

feedback when you can. By the way, visit [www.worldacro.com](http://www.worldacro.com) and go to the News page and take a look at the Summer 2008 Newsletter. Sincerely, Bruce Davis” Dick Gutting is also heavily involved in the Association...Check it out.....jmm}

**Charlie Christian** | 55-57 | **French Onion Soup chef & Master Gardener**

{I reminded him that all past issues of the Newsletter are in Mike’s Web-Site....jmm}

“Jack, I knew many of them were there and it hasn't crossed my mind to look for the newer ones there too.....Thanks for the heads up! I wonder how many (like me) have them all saved? I just received a wonderful LONG email from Beverly. I must find a picture of her from back when. Now, where the heck is my one FSU Annual???? My best, Charlie <http://tdc.ca/gardencalendar.htm>” “Beverly Beaton emailed me 3/9 and said she was an avid gardener and was impressed that I was a Master Gardener so I looked the above link for her and hope it helped her in some small way. Maybe now I can be classified as an International MG advisor.....HA!!!”

{While writing this Newsletter the TV was on. I heard the announcer pose the question, “Will what goes down ever go up?” I jumped up out of my chair to hear what the solution was to be. Then I discovered that even though they were taking about some sort of “Stimulus” package they were actually referring to the stock market.....I misunderstood.....Oh well, back to typing.....jmm}

**Bill & Carol Beavers** | 57-61/69-70 | **Email to Mike this date**

“Mike, Will get back to you on the Gymnastica Id's. I am shot from the race. Yes, I got Terry Morris to compete in his second

kayak race. He did great...2nd in the sea kayak division. I guess you saw the meet results. Amanda was the only qualifier for event finals and finished 15th in All around, 12th in beam and 14th in bars. (places determined by counting each tie as a single place) Quite good since there were several hundred competitors. They are great girls and we enjoyed having them out to dinner. Jessika said several will be at the reunion. Bill”

**Terry & Sheri Morris** | 66-70 | **RE: FSU @ Nationals in Atlanta! Email to Mike**

“This is totally cool, Mike. Cheri and I were lucky enough to be invited to dinner at Bill

& Carol Beavers’ home last evening where they were entertaining the FSU Girls Gymnastic Club. Bill and I also had the opportunity this morning to watch them perform at the NAIGC Nationals being held on the Emory University campus, a short drive from our

We were both very impressed with the girls, especially given that they organized themselves, operate on a club basis without school support, coach themselves and only have 2 to 3 hours per week to work out at a local "for profit" gym facility that donates gym time to them. If ever there was a group that deserves support for their initiative and effort, it's this team. Perhaps we could talk about this in May when the group convenes at Alligator Point.

Cheri and I plan to join you this year. It will be our first ever reunion event and the first opportunity for us now that our jobs don't own all available time and space. See you all soon, Terry Morris

P.S. As a reminder, I attended FSU from the fall of 1966 and graduated in 1970. I competed All Around for four years, pathetic as my side horse and vault happened to be. I also performed Tables and Chairs at Gymkana for four years and like my predecessors, did it without a spotting belt. We were just too young and stupid to consider hedging the risk factor like the pros at Cirque du Soleil do.

Cheri joined us in the fall of 1968. She and I will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Bill was the coach of the FSU Gymnastic Club during our tenure at FSU. I always appreciated the rare visits from Jack Miles, Chick Cicio and few others of you. We always learned something new when you "old pros" stopped in for a visit at Tully Gym. Belatedly, thank you, Terry"

{Bill tells me that Terry & Cheri have done very well business wise....so ....In this troubled economy I was trying to come up with a way to increase my income when I discovered an image of the Madonna and Child on a Corn Flake. Possibly I could hold a viewing of it for South Florida & Mexican Latinos and charge admission. Jamile could manage the operation and Rafael could direct parking while I sat back and smoked a Cuban Cigar.....I know what you are thinking but I really believe they could do a good job.....jmm.}

**From Larry Bestman, Mike Mann, and Stu Goldberg and just about everybody | Glenn Martin Sundby's Obituary**

**Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | Subject: Re: Remembering Glenn Sundby** Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 8:47 AM  
SPORTS / OTHER SPORTS | March 23, 2009  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**Glenn Marlin Sundby, Acrobat and Gymnastics Pioneer, Dies at 87**

By RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

Mr. Sundby helped propel gymnastics to national prominence as a magazine publisher and was a founder of the sport's national governing body.

**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Response to above**

can say enough... Only our hearts can speak to us. Jack "

"Thanks for the update. Glenn was a wonderful human being and an immediate true friend to whomever he met. Always smiling. No obituary

**Larry Bestmann | 55-58 | Reply**

"You're right Jack. Glenn gave me sanctuary in his condo seven years ago when my wife died. He was such a kind, generous guy. Larry"

**Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | {Mike let everyone know about the New York Times Obituary....jmm}**

"Glenn Sundby dies at 87; gymnast founded Hall of Fame

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-glenn-sundby21-2009mar21,0,586458.story>

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

"Mike, Thanks for getting this out. I saw a short blurb in the Atlanta paper on Sunday and intended to get the word out, but figured it was covered in other papers. In a time when the only news of national or international competitive gymnastics was covered only in the annual National AAU Yearbook, or obscure news releases, Sundby was a breath of fresh air by developing his magazines. He was largely responsible for getting the sport into the mainstream of news and media coverage from the '60's forward. He was also a very nice guy. I met him a several national events and always was impressed by his humility and devotion to competitive gymnastics, professional acrobatics, and spreading the word about the virtues of both. Bill"

**Carl & Marilyn Farrell | 63-66 | Glenn**

"Thanks, Mike. Even our Honolulu newspaper had a short entry about Glenn's passing. I knew Glenn fairly well from many acro competitions I was in that he photographed, and he even had me take pictures for IG a couple times. Glenn certainly contributed a lot to the visibility of gymnastics and acro in the US. Aloha, Carl"

{For all: Mike Mann has routing information for more information on Glenn's life. And A full page "Gymnastics loses a pioneer" was printed in USA Gymnastics *Techniques* Magazine by Steve Penny, President/CEO...Peter Vidmar Chairman of USA Gymnastics wrote" Glenn's enthusiasm for everything gymnastics was most important. He was always determined to preserve the sport's history, giving credit to the great ones that developed the sport. Glenn will be missed, but his contributions will be felt for generations".....}

**Claire Essig (Mrs. Dick) Traynor | 59-62 | The passing of Mrs. Lilyan Essig**

"Just a note to each of you to let you know my Mother, Lilyan Essig passed away on Saturday, March 28th at 8:35 a.m. in Navarre, Florida while staying with my sister.Claire" {Claire - Our love and payers are with you and her}

**Bob Perrone** | **FSU Historian** | **1956 NCAA Results**

“Jack, The Flambeau had the results of the 1956 NCAA Championships so now all of our gymnastics All-Americans are identified:”

**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye** | **50-58** | **FSU All-Americans**

“For years I have been compiling the names and records of gymnast who have achieved **ALL-AMERICAN** status while FSU students. With

the help of Bob Perrone and Mike Mann I have finally collected the names of all of the FSU gymnasts who were **NCAA and AAU All-Americans**. Many of you are not even aware that you had achieved All-American status and I am sure this will be a pleasant surprise for you.

### National Collegiate Association All-American Honors – NCAA (29 Honorees)

(Refer to FSU Gymnastics Records ( <http://www.nolefan.org/summary/index.html> ) **Robert Perrone, Webmaster**

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| <b>Al Ruda</b>        | <b>Chick Cicio</b>   | <b>Don Preisser</b> | <b>Jim Fadigan</b> | <b>Joe Taylor</b>     | <b>Rafael Lecuona</b> |
| <b>Bill Roetzheim</b> | <b>Dave Carmolli</b> | <b>Jack Miles</b>   | <b>Jim Hanks</b>   | <b>Laird Anderson</b> | <b>Rick Miller</b>    |
| <b>Bob Christians</b> | <b>Dick Gutting</b>  | <b>Jack Ryder</b>   | <b>Jim Tanaka</b>  | <b>Larry Malmlin</b>  | <b>Ron Amster</b>     |
| <b>Bob Murray</b>     | <b>Dick Ireland</b>  | <b>Jack Sharp</b>   | <b>Joe Gusic</b>   | <b>Larry Weston</b>   | <b>Tom O’Conner</b>   |
| <b>Carmine Regna</b>  | <b>Don Holder</b>    | <b>Jay Ashmore</b>  | <b>Joe Regna</b>   | <b>Pat Signorelli</b> |                       |

Some of the All-Americans garnered as many as 5 positions on the Team (i.e. Holder & Roetzheim) overall = 100 positions  
The first FSU student to become All-American was Bill Roetzheim in ‘50. The last was Rick Miller in ‘62

### National Athletic Association Union All-American Honors – NAAU (7 Honorees)

(First Place winners only)

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| <b>Bill Roetzheim</b><br>‘51 | <b>Chick Cicio</b><br>‘52 | <b>Dick Gutting</b><br>‘53 | <b>Don Holder</b><br>‘53 | <b>Jack Miles</b><br>‘51 & ‘55 | <b>Gene Rabbitt</b><br>‘52 |
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**That’s a total of 36 individual “All-American Gymnasts” winning while FSU Students**

**Jan Eberley Anastasado** | |

I have some news. “I have been fortunate, unlike a lot of other Americans our age, to have my half of the house, my job with MHA, my social security, and rent from a room I let out. I don’t know much about the stock market, so just had my money in a money market fund at Bank of America. I have about \$90,000 in cash to disburse. In updating my will, I decided to give the money away up front. I still have my job, my tenant and social security at least until it’s cancelled for lack of funds.

I am crazy about Obama and think he’s brilliant. I believe he will go down in history as the best president we ever had. He’s smart enough to surround himself with the right people. Republicans are acting like juvenile jerks! Not even 100 days and look what he’s done already.

Do you ever listen to "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me!" on NPR? They just had a suggested news article called the "Stimulus Package," an adult, adult boutique in San Francisco. They sell sex toys that are good for you, meant for people over 60. Edible panties with wheat germ, Viagra fortified with Vitamin E & D, stress relievers etc. That turned out to be fictitious, but what a good idea! The winner was a suggestion to PETA to flavor tofu with George Clooney’s sweat since no one likes the taste of tofu, anyway. George didn’t like the idea of it being called Cloofu.

But I digress. I am sending \$5,000 to the FSU Gymnastic Joanas’ memorial as my contribution to the memory of Dr. Price and Billie, the team I knew who became my big brothers (even tho I was taller), who showed me that gymnasts have the best and healthiest bodies of all athletes, who always made me welcome in the gym, memories of Gymkana, road trips, New Year’s Eve in Naples, FL where the sidewalks rolled up by 9:30 pm and we were shushed returning to our hotel rooms at 10:00.

This is among the gifts I’m trying to give away before I die because it feels much more rewarding and the time is right. If all of us who can afford it would do this, the economy would come back much faster. Random Acts of Kindness.

And Jack, I owe you something extra. I am planning a trip to Athens, Greece in September. I am inviting you, Nancy and Chad, Barbara, Don and Connie, the Ceskas, Joe Gusic, Burt Reynolds, Matt and Tina Battaglia, to come with me Maybe 3 days in Athens and the rest of the time in Mykonos. A total of 10 days to 2 weeks. I have access to a house and a hotel in Mykonos which will be free, a group rate on airfare which I will handle and maybe an island day cruise. Let me know. “

**Bill & Carol Beavers** | **57-61/69-70** | **Search for Gymkana Members past**

There are roughly 205 names of Gymkana court members (C), production staff (Pd) and non-gymnast performers in the show (Pf) with the year they first appeared in a gymkana program preceding their designation. I have also included the letter I have roughed out, but not the brochure. I will make some copies of that before I come down. Total new finds come to around 270 participants. Perhaps some of them have money and fond memories! Jack, 40 + new gymnasts listed by year of graduation and denoted by (G) beginning on p.6. These along with the 25 or so other new

"finds" make roughly 65 former team members we have found. Many do not have e-mails, and I have not taken the time to call any of them as yet. I sent you the whole list, as I did not know how to divide out one group from the other. Look forward to seeing you both this weekend at the Football Game Half Time Gymnastics recognition event bill"

Discussion with Mike Mann,

"Much as I hated FSU football and the AD of 1960, I am now a big fan of Bobby and the FSU team. My experience in the Athletic Dept. at Ga Tech while also a faculty member of the university, often teaching some of the athletes, tempered my view of football and varsity athletics in general. Coaches like Bobby Cremins in basketball and Bill Curry in football were straight shooters and were always very concerned about their players academic progress without trying to manipulate the process. I get the feeling Bowden is the same type of person and probably is the victim of an over zealous academic advisement staff. Bill"

**Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmerman | TTT | Debby Kornegay USA Region 8**

{ Carrie had received an email inviting her to a USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame event being

held in the Southeast. She is: Debby Kornegay, USA Gymnastics Region 8 Administrative Committee Chairman 394 Stonebridge Road Birmingham, AL 35210-4111.....205-951-0184 Carrie was going to the Olympic Games in China and would not be attending the event. The following is a thumbnail sketch of the dialogue which followed.....jmm }

**From Carrie:** "Good Morning. First, I applaud you for taking on the world of gymnastics and attempting to update a sea of information.

Second, I would be happy to forward you more information specific to my own gymnastics career. Please let me know how you would like to receive this data.

Third, an Olympian named, Jack Miles, from the 50s has a TON of contacts of the gymnasts from back then and would be an awesome resource for you. They all communicate via email, so he is easily reachable: [jackmiles@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackmiles@bellsouth.net)

Again, please contact me regarding receiving more thorough background information. Thank you. Carrie"

**Reply from Debby:**

"Hi Carrie, Thank you so much for your email. Yes, I'd be very interested in receiving more information from you about your gymnastics career (results, biographical, etc.) -- your offer is much appreciated! Please feel free to email anything you'd like to provide to my personal address ([debbie.poe@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.poe@gmail.com)). I can also give you my fax and/or mailing address, if that would be more convenient for you.

May I contact Jack Miles directly and let him know you gave me his email? Yes, he'd be an excellent resource! So many of Gymn Forum's biographies are rather anemic, mainly because it's so hard to find information about gymnasts from the 1950s-1970s. (If it wasn't for IG magazine, I don't think I would have been able to create as many bios as I have.)

Thanks again for contacting me. I'm always so grateful when people from the gymnastics community offer to help improve Gymn Forum by sending results and other historical information. Looking forward to hearing from you. Best regards, Debbie Poe"

**Carrie: "Subject: Hall of Fame Hey Debby.** I am so sorry I will be unable to attend the Hall of Fame banquet in Jacksonville this weekend. The family is heading to China for the Olympics, and I double teaming my workload to prepare to go. Here is some scattered information per your request: Carrie Englert Zimmerman "..... "Carrie was a member of the United States Olympic Team in Montreal for the 1976 Summer Games. In her sport of gymnastics, she was the first American woman to ever score a perfect "10" in floor exercise and also was the first to hold the double title of national champion in both floor and balance beam. (Elite Nationals 1976) Carrie is from Tallahassee, Florida and began as a Tallahassee Tumbling Tot. In 1974, she moved to Eugene, Oregon and trained under Dick and Linda Mulvihill. Carrie traveled the world as a gymnast, from China and Russia to Bulgaria and South Africa. She was most known for her blending beautiful dance movement with dynamic and creative tricks. She often won, "Most Daring Beam Routine" when that type of acclaim was awarded. Now Carrie is CEO of The Zimmerman Agency, a public relations, advertising and interactive firm, which is the largest independent hospitality pr agency in the United States and the largest public relations agency in Florida. The agency touts billings of \$175 + million, 150 employees and boasts clients from Moscow, New York and Beijing to Hamburg, Hong Kong and Dubai. Carrie has been married for 29 years to husband, Curtis, and has three sons".

Just curious. Jack Miles and a few of the other Olympic men from the 1950s reside in Florida and competed for FSU...Hopefully, you are recognizing these Olympians also. I have Jack's email and he keeps up with everyone. Gail Sontgerath was an Olympian in the 60s and is also tied into FSU and still lives in Florida. I believe all Olympic gymnasts with 'a link to the South' as you said should be included. Again. Please express my sincere apologies to everyone for my lack of attendance. Would you like Gail's information? {Gail Sontgerath & Bill Whitney ...jmm}She probably also has contacts for many of the other "older" athletes. Plus Cindy Stinger of the USOC is in charge of Olympians and has a president in every state who also has compiled lists of all of their Olympians. Know most of this is a bit late, but there are greater resources than the USAG to truly find these gymnasts and have them recognized. Thank you, Debby. Have a insightful trip and wonderful evening on Saturday. Please do contact Jack Miles directly. He is a true documentarian for the 50s gymnasts. He should be able to shoot out a couple of emails and have you some wonderful information. Thank you. Carrie {Note: Carrie and Curtis just celebrated the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the creation of their company...Congratulations }

**Debby:** I am only in charge of Women. I went back as far as USAG had records, so I do not have Gail or Jack. Jack should contact Kevin White, Men's USAG Chair at [kevnastics1@aol.com](mailto:kevnastics1@aol.com)

{I wanted to share this dialogue with you for several reasons. One, I want us to get Carrie into the USA Hall of Fame – She more than deserves to be included. Secondly, there are people like Debby Komegay and Kevin White who are compiling information on the past and we should help them get it right and there are several among us who should be recognized . There is also a very well done available on the internet “US Olympian Newsletter July August 2008 issue.pdf (2.34 mb)” available for all to review. Also The Florida Olympians President is Jim Millns (Figure Skater 1976) 813-926-5955.....jmm}

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{I just received a surprise gift in the mail from Carrie. It was a CD copy of a tape I had recorded and sent to her 35 years ago, 1974...Carrie, a teenager, was at a time in her life when she had to leave her beloved coach, Andy, and travel to college and train under a new coach. Dick Mulvihill In Oregon. She titled the CD “The Voice of Reason”. She also sent a copy to Andy. . She said in her letter to Andy that she was obviously torn with direction”. I was honored that she kept to recoding after all these years. What you say might come back to haunt you or honor you.....right? It was like going into a time warp as I listened to the CD. I will treasure it always.....jmm}

**Jack Miles & Nancy Dye** | **50-58** | **Attachments**

I will be forwarding to you separately some great pictures of the stained glass windows at FSU recently installed by the Woman’s F Club and PE Majors. Funds raised by donations. The email was sent to me by Alice Sontgerath and copied to Dr. Frankie Hall. Also under separate email cover from Charlie Christians will be a great picture of Montgomery Gym back in the 50’s.....a photo treasure.....jmm

**NUFF SED**...See you at the Reunion.....jmm