

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

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Beverley & Bill Beaton	48 years, 49 in Sept. 09	Thom & Linda O'Conner	30 Years, 31 in May 10

Mike Mann & Fran Millians 57-67 Addition to 2009 reunion review

“Jack - After I sent that last e-mail I realized I had not mentioned all the friends that I had made. How long

with you, Bill and me? To a lesser extent, Jack Sharp, Joe Taylor, Joe Gusic, Raphael and Fernando, Jon & Boots Culbertson. The friendship reunions still, some of the people like Don & Connie, Barbara and Bev I had never known in school but have since become friends because of other associations.

I told Fran on our first night back home during this years reunion, with tears in my eyes that she had no idea how much that bunch of people meant to me. She said that she really did, she is still "Best friends" with someone she met her first year at Emory at Oxford that was a history professor at an Atlanta Jr. College. The influence just does not die out. Mike”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians 57-67 From Mike, Quote: Tallahassee Democrat

{Re: Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmerman

...jmm} “Zimmerman wins PR contract for Firehouse The Zimmerman Agency, a Tallahassee-based advertising, public relations and digital-media firm, has been awarded the public relations contract for Firehouse Subs, a 360-unit fast-casual restaurant chain with franchises in 14 states. Based in Jacksonville, Firehouse was founded in 1994 by firefighting brothers Chris and Robin Sorensen. Zimmerman will help to build consumer and trade awareness, expand the chain to 400 restaurants in 2009, increase the number of franchisees and drive local store marketing. The new account brings Zimmerman's billings to \$160 million annually. The agency portfolio also includes Nature's Own, Sanderson Farms Chicken, Tobacco Free Florida, Club Med, and Aflac.”

Charlie Christian 55-57 Message to Fellow former FSU Gymnasts and friends,

“I have many fond "never to be forgotten"

memories of the days when I attended FSU and was so fortunate to meet and work with so many phenomenally talented Championship Gymnasts and Gymkana Troupe stars. I'd love to "beam back" to those wonderful times for a few a days, provided I could be assured I could return to the present. I was only there and participated for two years, during the mid-50's, so I'm surprised I am even remembered. It was not until a few years ago I began receiving Jack's fantastic Newsletter. How he found me I have no idea however, I am so glad he did. Since then I have renewed so many friendships with former teammates and FSU Alumni classmates. Jack and I have emailed quite a bit since I began receiving his Newsletter so this morning I decided to surprise him and call. He and I had a wonderful extended conversation as if it was yesterday. Hey, we'll always be young at heart! After talking with Jack I decided I would see if I could still crank up the energy to attempt a handstand. Maybe tomorrow! He and I ended with the thought *It usually isn't until we reach our age group when we finally realize former friendships are so precious.* For health reasons I have been unable to attend the annual FSU Gymnasts reunions however, I have emailed quite a few of you and have received many return emails which always "make my day". Although I have been unable to attend the annual reunions so far I made promise to Jack I would do my best to be with you May 2010. Please put it on your calendar. The Reunion pictures on our website are nice to see, however, to be with you in person would be a special, maybe a once in a lifetime thrill.

My very best always, Charlie Christian “Once teammates, always teammates”

Frank & Francis Dennard 64-66 TTT(50's) Surgery

“Jack: I intended to attend the reunion on Saturday and sent my application with \$30 to Barbara. Unfortunately, I had complications from 2 recent surgeries (cervical disk and arm nerve) and was in no condition to come. The surgeries were Dec. & Feb., but I'm still on pain & nerve meds and don't know how I'll feel when I wake up. Hopefully I will be well in time for the next one. Frank Dennard” {Speedy recovery Frank, we missed you.....jmm}

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Jim & Arlene Fadigan 52-56/58-62 Re: “Learn to Learn” email to Charlie Christian cc: Jack Miles

“Charlie: Sorry for

the delay but launching a new project, Brain Development Centers, and really buried in 'get it done's! Take a look at our Web Site: www.learn2learn.com would really appreciate and value your inputs. Jim" {Jim: Very well done...first class presentation. It seems like a project that once it gets recognized and rolling can take you to the moon non stop. Congratulations for a great job..... jmm}

Jay Schwarzman | **51-55** |

"Jack, I just read the new newsletter last night and it was, as usual, great reading. Your idea of analyzing the attendance of the three events was good and I too agree that everybody cannot go to everything and sometime the fact that none of us are getting any younger, except you, things planned may not become possible. You don't have to worry about that, you are immortal. My best to you, Jay"
{I just saw a Doctor because the unmentionable condition caused by an enhancement had not waned after the four day warning period in the TV advertisements.....sadly the Doctor's diagnosis was that it was just the early stages of Rigor Mortis setting in.....jmm}

Claire Essig (Mrs. Dick) Traynor | **59-62** | **Fun Times**

"Hi! Got back from Alaska today. Just checking my e-mails from the last 14 days. Austin and I had a great time. It was awesome!

He wore me out. I am exhausted....but it was worth every minute! Claire" {Who is Austin?.....jmm}

Claire Essig (Mrs. Dick) Traynor | **59-62** | **Response to above**

"Sorry...Austin is my 14 year old (15 yrs. August 1st) grandson. I told you..... You would be one of the first to know if I ever find another gentleman in my life. It has been 3 years since Dick passed (June 17th). I am ready to date again, but has been too busy to try and look!!....Claire"

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **Re. DVD of "Martin, Barton, & F...red" Trampoline Act**

"Jack - F. Y. I - My exchange of e-mails with Harmer, he is in Daytona caring for his mom and has not seen it yet". "Harmer, Long time, no see, how the hell are you?"

Harmer & Magdalena Maggie Weichel | **48-53/59-61** | **Response to above**

"Hi Mike, I am fine and caring for my 99 year old mom in Daytona. I have a copy of the tape so you are free to do with it as you wish. Thanks for your consideration about the tape. Peace. Harmer"

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **Reply back to Harmer**

"Perhaps then you have not received the DVD. Jack brought the tape to the reunion and I planned to convert it to a DVD so we could view it then. However, I hope your mother improves but know that is difficult at that age. Fran, my partner, works with a 92 year old volunteer an afternoon a week the lady also volunteers for the Wakulla County "Meals on Wheels" program and delivers meals to folks over these back Wakulla county roads."

Harmer & Magdalena Maggie Weichel | **48-53/59-61** | **Response to above**

"The DVD is probably at my NC address. I will ask my wife. I volunteer also in NC with Meals on Wheels and a local soup kitchen. It is good to do things for someone. The 92 woman is great. Harmer"

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **"Yaking" about Kayaking to Mike Mann**

"Mike, Thanks for the article. Got my "fix" on Florida rivers and springs last Sunday. I competed in the "Mere Mortals Race" that starts in the Suwannee and turns up the Withlatchoochee and back to the Suwannee at Suwannee River State Park near Madison. It is one of my favorite races as the scenery is really gorgeous, especially the Withlatchoochee as the water is clear and it is full of springs both in the main channel and feeding the river from the sides. In spite of 12 miles all out in the heat and humidity, it was still a joy to see and experience. Bb"

Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | **51-53/60-62** | **Praise be to God a new King is born**

"Please welcome great grandson number 3 on July 7 Love, peace and joy, Almira"

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **The Coffee Slurpers**

{Was watching a TV cooking show on coffee making and the slurping of the coffee from the cup for its' full flavor and I had an instant flashback. It was how my Dad would drink coffee. If the coffee was too hot he would drip some from the cup over into the saucer and then slurp it from the saucer. I thought everyone drank coffee that way....Seems like saucers are also fading out of use. Gads, we are full of memories aren't we? Elephants and gymnasts never forget.....jmm}

Chick & Jennie Cicio | **54-59** | **God bless the Cicio's**

"Thank you for all your prayers for the passing of our son Robert. Ciao & God Bless.....Chick & Jennie"

Charlie Christian | **55-57** | **Pass**

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Leigh Heisinger | **57-61** | **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS LEIGH & NENENG**

“Jack: It was really good to talk with you again today after such a long while. I KNOW I made a total fool of myself with my "antics" over the past few years, but please chalk it up to terrible loneliness, and I apologize heartfully for your attempts at trying to get through to me. Too soon old, too late smart!!! Anyhow, it was a very expensive lesson, but, somehow it seems to have turned out for the best. I met "Neneng" (Celestial) online last year (on July 7th), went to see her for 20 days last August & September, had immediate "CHEMISTRY" upon meeting (BOTH OF US DID), and, upon my return, I contacted an immigration attorney in Tallahassee, and began the process of getting her here. We went through about 7 months (which, in these matters is really very fast) of bureaucratic BS, before she took a 21 hour, 2 stop flight (Tokyo & Atlanta), arriving in TLH on June 12th.

She had, and, I guess, still has a 90-day Fiancé Visa, and we beat the deadline by MORE than half, getting married in Tallahassee (by our immigration lawyer, with my daughter in attendance) on July 23rd. We took a 1-week honeymoon in Orlando, visiting Sea World, Universal City, the Arabian Nights dinner theater (twice), and were visiting the Kennedy Space Center last Friday (July 31st) when the Endeavor returned from her trip to the Space Lab. We never saw her in flight, but DID experience the unique DOUBLE SONIC BOOM as she neared the Space Center and then later saw her as she sat waiting to be refurbished at the shuttle service building. Quite a honeymoon.

Now we are back home, and will deal with getting her a Social Security Card, and checking out potential schools for her two (of 6) youngest children, her 8 year old daughter and 13 year old son. WE hope to be able to get them over here within a year so they will arrive in time for next year's summer vacation, and then begin school in the fall of 2010. Oh, and of course, we need to get her Green Card and set her on a course for US citizenship. Neneng is a 44 year old Filipina, and was a widow of 3 years when we first met. Her late husband was a man 3 years my junior, so she was kind us used to the age difference. Again, I feel so very fortunate to have found someone so kind, gentle, and intelligent with whom to share the rest of my life, and am really HAPPY for the first time in a very long time. I just hope that I am truly worthy of her love, and we BOTH look forward to sharing our lives together for as long as it is written!

Thanks again for being my friend, and Neneng looks forward to meeting you (and I look forward to seeing you again). Take care and DO stay in touch!!! Sincerely, your (formerly foolish) friend, Leigh”

Stu Goldberg | **58-62**

“What a nice surprise to get your call. Sorry almost didn't hear clearly. I wear a hearing aid in the right and deaf in the left from an acoustic neuroma operation back in the late 90's. Also from that I have PET, which means Patulous Eustachian Tube...nothing ordinary ever happens to me...that means my tube is abnormally always open instead of opening and closing...so it's full of air. When you go up in an airplane and have that pressure problem, hold your nose and blow to clear the hearing? Mine won't clear, that's the feeling I get usually just in talking to people or when I play the guitar and sing along. Very uncomfortable, but they don't know what causes it or how to fix it.

FYI Anne Miles 919 W. 36th Ave, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 71603 (870)-850-7037 {Newer address for the Newsletter Recipients list...Did yah'all know that cute little Annie was once crowned Miss Turtle Derby and was the Arkansas State Baton Twirling Champion }

Physically am in great condition from the outside, work out at the gym nightly, handstands, etc. Can still do handstand pushups, but don't go down to the chest as in the old days, have two torn rotator cuffs, so the one arm is gone. But still trying it on the left and make it once in awhile.

Putting my old small Fenner 5' x 10' tramp back together after lying dormant all these many years. Dave Ross up in Canada made me a great string bed (no one makes web beds anymore), had the frame powder coated, and the original maker, who no longer is in the business, Nissen's old partner and my old friend, Bob Fenner, in Colorado, found a way to make me the shocks, as I just don't want metal springs. But since the maker of the long ago shocks is also out of business, we had to find someone else, and the size and tension etc. are now strictly experimental, so we've had them made three times and now about to do it again, a little longer, hopefully the final time to make them work. They were just too soft or too short and too tight.

I just have to live long enough to actually get back up there and bounce again... Didn't I ever send you the video of me from 2000? That was right after the ear operation, so I was just getting back into shape. Let me know yes or no if you got that.

You were always a master of many arty skills, so if you're doing tile or working as a wood butcher, I'm sure the work is wonderful. If you want to have some West coast ideas, I would be glad to share with you as from the books and article I've read, it's like we're from Mars or someplace compared to what they do back East.

I do very high quality work and if its wet areas, like tub surrounds or showers, I guarantee they won't leak, without time limit. No one else that I know of would do that. I also use some materials that most others don't avail themselves of, although they are readily easily acquired. More later. Love, and thanks again for touching base. Stu”

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | "Pambee"

{Beverley requested that I send her an email copy of the children's book I wrote and Illustrated about how a Bumble Bee got its' golden bands around

its tummy. Her response was gleaned from her kind review.....jmm}

"And, for the first time in a long, long time, I have read to myself a delightful bedtime story. You have vividly described the terrifying confusion the glass created for Pambee...I could sense his fear, his helplessness, myself. The images of the poor little bee's entrapment just about had tears rolling down my cheeks! Thank goodness for the arrival of the angel.....and beautiful she is (very clever, too, insisting on the golden bands). The little bee is positively gleeful in the final illustration. With love, Bev" {if curious I can email the story to you.....Whereas, I had bound copies made for all my six grandchildren.....jmm}

Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | **The Vacation King & Queen**

{After seeing some great photos of Benny & Carolyn vacationing, with is F4 fighter Jet cap on, in the Seattle area

I later received this email of their trip to Yellowstone & the Grand Tetons.....jmm}. "We departed Tucson on 20 August 2009 for a 14 day trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons with a short stop for dinner and overnight in Ft. Collins, CO with Steve and two nights with Jody and Sue Smith (old friends from our years in Japan) in Buena Vista, CO, near Leadville, on the way home. We covered around 4,000 miles total.

The weather was warmer than predicted so we never wore our heavy clothing;...just jackets in the early morning. It was sunny for the entire trip and we got some good pictures. Check out the one of C. on our patio at the Lodge in Grand Teton. The reflection on the window was our view! We took two boat rides on the large lakes of Yellowstone Lake and Jackson Lake, both lasting more than an hour, which gave us stunning vistas and a good understanding of the geology of the area.

We saw what was an unusual number of animals...we were told. Eighteen assort-ed photos are attached which gives an idea of what we saw and did but we took more than fifty! We saw hundreds of bison (one nursing a calf) and herds of elk. Then several eagles, beavers and river otters on a float trip down the Snake River ending at twilight when many critters seemed to be out. In other locations, we saw nine moose (one a calf) and a black bear with a cub, the latter from an aerial tram through binoculars but thrilling all the same. The waterfalls were magnificent, as usual, as was the clear, cool early morning mountain air. Nothing like it!

On the minus side, there are still ugly scars from the 1988 fire that will require at least another 20 years to disappear. The food in both parks was substandard: Poorly prepared, overpriced and served by indifferent staff at the end of a slow season of poor tips. Road construction with long detours added to the annoyances.

Even so, that part of our wonderful country is special and breathtakingly beautiful. One can't help but blink back a tear or two when faced with "America the Beautiful", up close. Sadly, this was probably the end of a lifetime of travel for me because I found that I can no longer continue in comfort and safety. How nice to end it in such a magnificent place. I am content. Benny and Carolyn" {Benny & Carolyn seem to have done everything right to earn & deserve all the vacations they have taken. I am envious; I had a one week vacation about 17 years ago, when Nancy & I went on our Honeymoon. Prior to that I had vacation about thirteen years earlier....Yep, .that was another Honeymoon...there seems to be a message here somewhere....Oh well.....jmm}

Stu Goldberg | 58-62

"Thanks so much but I'm doing as ok as you can get. Work has come along, am busy, Jerry Goldman from the old days at Hermann's gym sent me some \$\$ so can weather any storm, working out nightly at the gym, still in great shape. Saw doc yesterday, have new schedule. Go back Friday for new brain scan, then 28th for blood work overview (which means they just take a sample), then on the 31st start the experimental heavy duty intravenously fed (while you sit in recliner for several hours) new stuff called Ipulumumab. According to Steve Steinberg, who sent me a brief note, he saw all positives about it on Google search. Lots of caveats on the paperwork, possible side effects which may or may not occur, but must try it. What he told me is that if I do "nothing," it's a couple of months." Getting another opinion soon also, at UCSF, as soon as we can get the files forwarded to the docs there, but I don't think they will have anything different to say.

My spirits are ok, what will be will be. If I don't make it, I will be the healthiest athlete in the cemetery. But I wrote the doc this note and left it with him today... That's all the news from Lake Wobegone. It could be worse. Have all of my capabilities, hope to be bouncing on my redone trampoline again soon as the shock cords come from Colorado, what more can I ask for?

So we'll see what happens after the new treatment. Will stay in touch. Love, Stu "

Stu Goldberg | 58-62

"Went up to Santa Rosa for the day Saturday to the guitar show. Saw old pals had a great time and was well remembered. A good feeling. Working, have jobs, phone is ringing once in a while now, that's good. The bad news is that my scan on Wednesday was not good. My liver spots have grown, not shrunk. So the pills have had no affect positively whatsoever and they have discontinued me from the program. It's a lot more serious than I thought; Melanoma is a fast growing problem. They're offering me another more intense, and again, more risky experimental drug called Ipilimumab. A sheaf of caveats to sign, many side effects possible, even death, for a low percentage. All kinds of possibilities if you have adverse reactions"

But as the doc said, I haven't much choice. "If you do nothing," he said, "you have a few months."

P.S. I told the doc it's like the old saw about the Doctor who told his patient he was giving him just two months to live. And the guy answered that he wouldn't be able to pay the doc his fee until his royalties came in several months from then. So the doc told him he would give him two more months. Love, Stu"

Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | **Excerpts of email from Jim re. Stu's health**

"Jack, I've been battling Melanoma for 23 years, including a recent sub-cutaneous.

Send me Stu's Email so I can be in contact. Come visit us in Orlando - plenty of space, on the lake and Arlene is a gourmet cook.

Jim" {sent this to Jim and for you.....Stu at kemosabe32@yahoo.com.....jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Scuba Diving & Kayak Racing

“Don & Jack, Those were great photographs of whale sharks. Actually they eat things smaller than us. I had the

opportunity to dive with scuba gear in the GA Aquarium last year and they have two whale sharks in the tank (probably a bit smaller than the ones in the photo I think). It was a surreal experience I will never forget. They cast quite a shadow over you when they go overhead! You may find the web site for the aquarium through Google or other search engines. They may have some good photos” {Copied from email...jmm} “Dear Beth, Hope you and Bill can get up to some of the races for the Masters Nationals at the Olympic venue on Clarks Bridge Rd in Gainesville. Tomorrow I will be doing a 5000K race at 10Am. Me and about 50 others! This race will be hard to follow as we are going in circles in front of the finish tower. You can watch it on www.lckc.org live if you cannot get there. The coverage is primitive and often interrupted.

Sunday I begin racing about 8AM and my first race will probably be in race #2, K2, mixed. That is I will be in a 2 person boat with an old lady! That race is tentative... My second race will be around 8:20AM which will be K1 Men. I will be racing against 50 to 75 year olds, most of which will be faster than me, but I only have about 3- 5 near my age class. The remainder of my races will be in team boats.... k2, men, k4, men, k4 mixed (male and female) for a total of about 7, 500 meter races between 8AM and around Noon. If you can make it up, I will be glad to see you both. Note: The Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club tents are the farthest from the finish tower where you will enter from the parking area off Clarks Bridge Rd Bill”

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Results of above races

“Hi Jack, Just woke up from a nap! I had to get up at 5AM to go to the meet which started at 8 and therefore, I didn't sleep well

worrying about getting up on time! The meet (Regatta) went well...weather great and many fun interactions with old friends. It is like the gymnastics nationals used to be, where you see coaches and friends from all over the country once a year.

I did successfully defend my 500meter individual sprint title for 70-75 yo category and in team boats we did well. Got a total of 6 gold medals. Not to be greedy, but had a chance for 8, but me and my partner could not get to the start line in time for one race, and I was disqualified from the 3mile race due to a officiating error, that I could not get corrected before the awards ceremony. Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club also won the Team title all due to my efforts of course.

Most of my firsts were in team boats (k2's and k4's) and were only due to no other competitors, so not much to gloat about. Please thank Nancy for the book. I will look forward to reading it.

Will also check further into Oglethorpe for Chad. Will also check in with the Ga Tech Coach. I used to be close to the former tennis coaches at Teck, but the new one does not know me from Adam (or Eve for that matter)...but it's worth a try. Hi to Chad. Bill” {Multi - Congratulations to Bill for all his many victories...Did you know that Bill & Carol's son was the National White Water Rapids Canoeing Champion a few year back....it runs in the family....or floats in the family...jmm}

{Later email..... “Jack, Nancy and Chad; just spent the better part of the day working on our river house, and then did a short 3 mile paddle workout. It is a beautiful river, and I understand the trout fishing is quite good....Now you know why their last name is Beavers, instead of a flat tail he uses another sort of paddle....jmm}

Ed & Christine Jonas | 69-71 | College bound children

{ With Bill mentioning Geo. Tech above it reminded me to tell you all that Ed & Christine's son Tyler is moving to Atlanta to become a

Georgia Resident in preparations of entering Georgia Tech while their daughter Emma is enrolling in the FSU School of Music.....more congratulations from us all to the Jonas Clan.....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Absolutely Amazing Odds

{I got a call from a former gymnast of mine when I was in NYC and Long Island. He had found me on the internet. The last time I

saw him was 40 years ago. He is a twin and I had heard that both boys got their PhD's and became University Professors. Their names were David & Dan Adamovich. As bright & handsome young men they were working on an acrobatic act. In Tuxedo's where one would Mirror the other through a free standing mirror frame and then they would meet and balance together. We even did a cough medicine commercial together. While Annie Eastham Miles and I were working on our act they worked out in the same gyms we did. They were young men with a lot of class. Anyway, Dave and his wife I planned a meeting in West Palm Beach for lunch at an upscale outdoor mall called City Place. I drove up the hour ride excited to see my old friend.

Prior to our meeting I learned from him in our phone call that Dave, after decades as a University Professor mainly in Exercise Physiology, met a guy who was a knife thrower. Dave tried it and was incredibly successful and it became his obsession from then on. And Dave practiced for years.

Flash forward to today. The headlines call his professional act “Throwdinni” <http://knifethrower.com/videos/reel.mov> . He now goes by the name “Throw”. And he is in the top 100 in Guinness Book of World's records as the fastest knife thrower in the World. He left the University environment and has done very well traveling for years all over the world. He just came off a stint with the Moscow Circus and has performed on all of the USA late shows. If you were to meet him today he looks like a handsome university professor and the thought that he is a professional entertainer would never enter your mind. With this professor look his sexy female partners play off the fact of his stoic demeanor and his manner clashes humorously with the scantily clad assistants to whom he throws knives. He also produced an-off Broadway show in NYC at the Soho Theater where he hired a world class Rhythmic Gymnast to be part of the show.

So, in the restaurant, “Throw” pulls out his cell phone camera and his wife takes pictures as we pose for pictures together which he was to send to his twin brother. A few pictures were taken and as we were posing there I spot a familiar face from my past from

well over a half century ago at FSU walking back and forth trying to find somebody. I trotted over to him and asked, "Hey there, were you ever a gymnast?" He stopped walking with a huge grin, stared at me, and laughingly replied, "Yes, I was, and you must be Doc Hartley Price". We both marveled at the meeting and we gushed all over each other. Laughing in amazement at our chance meeting. I complimented him on still looking the same as I had remembered (which he did) thereby making recognition so easy....It was Gymnastics Hall-Of-Fame member Bruno Klaus... (For those who don't know of him, Bruno and his family operate the largest most amazing gymnastics camp in the world with over 300 staff members during the summer season and open as an Olympic training center all year round.) <www.internationalgymnastics.com>

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? Meeting, One friend at my side who I haven't seen for over 40 years ago and another friend walks by, who I haven't seen from over 50 years. Both looked fantastic, as gymnasts are prone to do as they get older, and contact numbers were exchanged. Bruno wants to have a gathering of guys like Abie Grossfield, Holder, Cicio and etal meet in Palm Beach. sometime in the future. Bruno mentioned that he and Abie had half planned to attend one of our annual reunions at Alligator Point/Barbara's. which he learned about in our Newsletters (He is on our mailing list)

While my other friend Dave "Throw" is arranging a get together of old gymnastic/acrobatic friends we both knew back in Long Island to meeting in Boca Raton.

There is a negative to this story.... Twins, David & Daniel, both are presently battling prostate Cancer with chemo therapy treatments .The same type of cancer which killed their father. Again, more odds? Both twins getting the same disease at the same time? Doesn't that say something about the illness?

That entire aside: The meetings were glorious and I kept thinking about the twists of life as I took the hour car ride back down the Interstate home.....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Jan Anastasado**

{Nancy and I visited Jan's former place of employment. It is a lovely art enter under the Mental Health Association. We met her friends who miss

her dearly. Her roommate, Anita has painting that Jan completed and Nancy & I will be going to her son's home where they are stored. They want to get them into appreciative hands. More on that later....jmm. }

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **"Apparati"**

{Larry sent me a "study" on girls doing pole dancing this was my response.

"Let's admit it. We gymnasts started on some weird apparati. This is just another form. Maybe it's a new event for the all-around. We could call it "Impaling" or "Vertical bar". I always liked triple bar and let's do away with the vaulting table and just do mini-tramp instead of a beat board. We could call it "dry diving". And I always thought rings should rotate slowly so all can see the positions...at least for shows....jmm}"

Larry Bestmann | **55-58** | **Response to above**

"Creative thinking, Jack. Remember the Cuminsky side horse? Cut out in the middle so you could do a little P bar moves, figure eight circles, and etcetera. Frank was one of the few to use it. Larry "{I thought it was a great idea. How about just using the "buck" and doing away with the pommels....they just get in the was anyway.....jmm }

Joe & Carol Regna | **50-54/81-83** | **Joe loves "TheVillage, Fla"**

"Good to hear from you. How are you doing? Things here in the Village are really amazing. The fact is that there is too

much to do and not enough time. If you ever get up to this area, I would like to show you around.

You would not believe the amenities. There are 49 swimming pools we can use, 10 championship golf courses (six of them have 3-9 hole courses on them), around 20-9 hole executive courses in addition to the other courses, members of 10 country clubs and about 30 recreation centers. In addition to this we have 2 town squares with a third one being added. The town squares are shopping Mecca's and provide free entertainment featuring live music, among other things. Any medical need can be found here including dr. offices and hospitals. All major stores are located in an abundance of shopping centers as well as grocery chains etc. Most everything here can be reached using my golf cart. Two former Olympians also live here. (Joe Kotys and Freddie Orlofsky).{Fred Orlofsky & Bruno Klaus came to FSU as young men, but soon left when they learned there was no "coaching" coach, only Doc Price....jmm }

There is much more. The Villages have about 75,000 people living here and is expected to grow to approx. 100,000. We have our own radio station, TV station, newspaper, 2-36 lane bowling alleys, two multiplex theatres, a civic center, any restaurant and fast food you could ever want. In addition to this, there are over 100 clubs one could join, as well as just about any religious denomination. etc. etc. Joe

P.S. I don't know about you, but I am slowing down. I do play golf about three days a week and bowl one day a week (just for the exercise, definitely not for the score)" {He must have heard about my required mid-day and afternoon naps.....jmm }

Ed Fernald | **50** | **FSU Hall of Fame Dinner with the Roetzheims**

"Jack: Thank you for the various mailings you create. As I

was reading this one, I wanted to tell you that I attended the Hall of Fame dinner last night and as I just got in the dining room I was shocked to see B.J. and Bill Roetzheim, so I sat at their table and spent the evening with them. I was glad I did and we all really enjoyed the evening. B.J. said she was really pleased that I introduced so many people to them. She also said that she had to insist that they come to the dinner. He didn't want to come but he was very happy they finally made it. B.J. looked great and seemed to be at the top of her game. I was very happy to see them again. Bill repeatedly talked about all the old team members and said he missed seeing them. He said that he often thought about what a talented and congenial group it had been. I reminded him of the excitement he had created at Navy Pier at the National Midwestern Open when he did a dislocated giant swing. Then I mentioned that these days kids did that in their warm-up exercises. He was a bit jealous of the fact that all the Miami-Dade guys got to get together as much as they do. Just thought you would be interested. Ed Fernald"

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Traveling your way**

“Jack, Joe Morrell will be coming down to Atlanta for a visit from Oct 1- 14th. Joe was at the reunion this past year, and was my roommate before Carol! We will go on a paddling trip in North-Central Fla around the 4th of Oct. (I have a race on the Santa Fe that Sunday) After that we plan to the spring runs around that area. We may even go the Keys. We will return to Tallahassee on the 9th to attend the Ga Tech/ FSU game with Barbara. Carol will fly down and we will pick her up probably in Ft. Walton Beach. Hope to see as many of you all as possible during this time. Bb” {Heads up folks here is a chance to be with some light headed/hearted friends for laughter.....jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Review of Stop over here in Ft. Lauderdale**

“Jack Had a wonderful visit with Jack, Chad and Nancy during Carol's 50th HS reunion trip to Ft. Lauderdale in August. Carol graduated from Miami Edison but they had the reunion in Lauderdale. Go figure, it must be urban sprawl!!!!

We did get to visit the School and meet the new principal and many staff. I also met many of Carol's old friends and former suitors. They were impressive, (the Edison Staff) and I believe Edison will again be an educational force once again. Not too sure about Carol's former suitors) Of the whole trip, Nancy and Chad were the most impressive. However, not too sure about Jack!!!! Bb { You are judged by the friends you keep Bill, with Joe Morell on one side and me on the other and Mike Mann wheeling up behind your imagine is.....What can I say?.... Well.....Suspect.....jmm}

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

{I don't know what all of you were doing on Labor Day but I do know what most were doing.You were home at the computer emailing me.
..I received messages from eighteen of you guys on that day.All I can say is, “Thanks, I love you guys”.....NuffSed.....Jack