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"Once teammates, always teammates" by Charlie Christian.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Chick & Jennie Cicio	60 years, 61 in April, 11	Terri & Cheri Morris	45 years, in 2011
Don & Connie Holder	60 years, 61 in August 11	Bill & Carol Beavers	42 years, 43 in July, 11
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	57 years, 58 in May 11	Dick & Susie Gutting	43 years, 44 in June, 11
Ed & Jean Fernald	58 years, 59 in June 11	Steven & Adriane Zindell	41 years, 42 in August 11
Don & Patsy Rapp	56 years, 57 in May 11	Wayne & Heather Thompson	41 years, 42 in January 12
Carmine & Daneen Regna	56 years, 57 in August 11	Derek & Nancy Lawler	38 years, 38 in 2011
Jim & Marlene Jackson	55 years, 56 in July, 11	Gail & Bill Whitney	38 years, 39 in August 11
Sam & Topsi Bailie	54 years, 55 in June 11	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	38 years, 38 in December 11
Roger & Tamara Tucker Webb	53 years, 54 in November 11	Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long	36 years, 37 in December 11
Beverley & Bill Beaton	50 years, 51 in Sept. 11	Joe & Dottie Taylor	34 years, 35 in September 11
Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	46 Years, 47 in Oct. 11	Jimmy & Janie Hanks	33 years, 34 in November 11
Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher	46 years, 45 in Dec. 11	Thom & Linda O'Conner	31 Years, 32 in May 11
		Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmermann	32 Years, 32 in 2011
Jay (& Ellie) Schwarzman	Were married 50 years	Karsthin (& Lennart) Malmlin	Were married 47 years
Almira (& Jack) Sharp	Were married 48 years	Claire Essig (& Dick) Traynor	Were married 43 years
Jon & Boots Culbertson	Were married 53 years		

REUNION DATES SET FOR MAY 19-22, 2010

Yoshiro & Haruyo Hatano | 60-61 | Earthquake, Tsunami | 03/15

"Dear Jack and all the gymnastic friends of FSU

It seems that certain attention was called upon the great earthquake of 2.46 pm local time on March 13, 2011 in North Japan area. Fortunately, I and all my family members were safe and unhurt. However please see the followings regarding the effect of this earthquake. This message has been sent to those who kindly inquired about me if I was all right.

Thank you very much for your kind and sincere concern about the recent disasters in Japan, i.e., great earthquakes, tsunami and nuclear reactor explosion.

First of all I am glad to be able to tell you that I, my family and surrounding friends in the community are all safe and not hurting. However, personally it was such a scary experience to be attacked with a great swinging of earth, to the level I could not keep standing during the shakes for near 3 minutes (!). But all the buildings and houses in Tokyo were not broken except a few cases. On the contrary the north Japan Pacific coast cities and towns were miserable upon tsunami attacks, on the top of the high magnitude shakings. So far more than 10,000 people are reportedly missing yet at this moment of March 15, plus more than 1600 dead have been confirmed..

The third concern is the nuclear reactor. We do not know yet how much greatly serious this problem is, but I have some bad anticipation towards the future. Plus planned 3 hour electric black out in a day will start tomorrow (by rotation of hours) in Kanto Area including Tokyo, due to lack of electricity which was caused by the reactor explosion. (The reactors in Fukushima are hopelessly damaged and the Fukushima generator will be completely destroyed.) The public transport (railway trains) in Tokyo has canceled 50-70 per cent of its traveling schedule all day since 14th and it will be like this for many days (months?) to come.

The situation is indeed serious for the society and I personally cancelled all the social gatherings (parties and entertainments) for awhile, not feeling like having fun. Tokyo Gakugei University (to which I hold professor emeritus position) has cancelled all the graduation related ceremonies which are planned this month. Many academic groups also canceled their meetings, conferences and like.

Once again thank you for your caring e-mail.

I hope you are going to have nice spring days with health and happiness.....Yoshiro Hatano.....Tokyo, Japan
A member of FSU Gymnastics Group in the year 1960-61"

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | "Quick update of Connie" | 03/16

"Connie seems to be responding to rehab most of the time. She has had a lengthy stay in rehab and at times I'm not sure whether she understands why she is there. Then I go into my reasoning bit. Walking is increasing in length, eating well and mostly feeding herself. Still no verbalization which does take it's toll on both of us. No date for release yet. Had her hair done, color did not show as light as she would have liked. I'll fix that. Love to all, Don"

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | Melanie Wilson Walker | 03/07

"Jack, I saw in the Tallahassee Democrat that Melanie Wilson Walker passed away March 4th.

It said she was an original member of the Tallahassee Tumbling Tots and appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour in

Miami, and the first female in the St of FL to do a double full back twist in the floor exercise of women's gymnastics.

Do you remember her? Barbara"

"Just learned that my son Bryant and my assistant, Lea, went to school with Melanie's younger sister at Leon.. Love, B {Yes, I remember Melanie very well. Very sweet girl and a great tumbler - as were them all. She was in the TTT's for many years. Many of the FSU guys would remember her.....especially the many who coached tots and those tots that are grown and receive the Newsletter..ie. Ron Galimore & Carrie Englert Zimmerman.....jmm}

Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | **Final Health Report** | 03/07

"Six weeks have passed since my kidney removal and almost two weeks have passed since I was released from the

Hospital after the internal bleeding was stopped. I am home and no longer bedridden. My strength, appetite and weight are slowly returning. I lost 20 pounds; a lot for a little guy. Yesterday I put on my uniform coat and it fits! The last time I tried five years ago there was a two inch gap between the buttons in front .

For a week I have been seeing my doctor daily to get my Medications adjusted. He's a semi-retired cardiologist and friend of 15 years who opens the office just for me -- even weekends -- and I can call him at home anytime - a very convenient arrangement.

In all of this, Carolyn has had the hardest task. I haven't been a "patient" patient and she has had the extra burdens of driving, shopping, cooking my special diet, dressing me etc. but I am now recovering to the point that I can dress myself and move about with my walker. Even so, it's slow going for both of us. The prediction is that I won't be fully recovered until the end of April so you still won't hear much from us. We got a lot of support from friends and neighbors who shopped for us, brought food over and even took care of the yard. I am now sharing the driving and doing a lot more for myself. Odds are that I will reach my 80th birthday next month after all!

Unfortunately I have to give myself four insulin shots daily. For many years I have had Type 2 diabetes but have controlled it with diet and exercise. All I have done was to check my glucose level once per day with my little monitor. Now I can't exercise but hope to in a few weeks and return to normal activities. I am told that the cancer in the kidney was entirely contained. Even so, I will be monitored with periodic visits to Mayo. The total bill was enormous -- well into six figures -- but Medicare has covered a large percentage and the military will cover the rest. I figured I might as well have the best care available.

Thank you all for your concern. We can now answer more calls and mail. Keep in touch,.... Benny and Carolyn"

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | **Another Fly-boy in the making** | 03/08

{Speaking of Benny and the Air Force, Chad, now in his first year at FSU, surprised his mother & me

with the announcement that he had signed up for AirROTC and is active in all their training....and he loves it so far. He was in an introductory program into flight he even took the controls in a small CAP plane and circled Doak Campbell Stadium. He announced to the training pilot," My Dad is the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame down there in that stadium.". That was cool.....jmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Web-Site Back-ups** | 03/11

"As most of you know I was in the hospital for a few days around the first of February. It seems like I have been on a

constant run just to catch up since then; several follow up doctor appointments, sleep study, several technological purchases requiring time & study, etc."

Today I was finally able to sit down at the computer and just run the backups and they will be in tomorrow's mail.... Mike"

{What many of you were not aware is that Mike makes a "back-up" for the web-site and sends a copy every month to Bill Beavers, Jim Fadigan, and myself so that the web-site can always go on.... We are always hunting for that person or persons who can carry on the Web-Site &/or Newsletter torch in the future.....jmm}

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | **The sky is falling** | 03/13

"Wow, Jack, you and Nancy had a terrifyingly close call with that palm frond and coconuts. Thank God it missed you both,

albeit by inches. What a fright! It's reminiscent of my experience back in October when that huge maple tree branch came crashing down across the street right in front of my car. We'll have some notes to compare, eh? I drive that street almost daily and rarely make it past that spot without shuddering somewhat. There you two were, relaxing and enjoying a horse show.....and there I was driving, carefully because of the rain-slicked pavement, to Rachel's new apartment..... and WHAM! But for someone watching over us, all four of us could have been gone in an instant. Scary stuff, but we're still here to talk about it.

Today I got an update on Connie from Don. That she is getting better at walking is really good, but I didn't know she cannot verbalize. How frustrating that must be for them. I did smile, though, when I read that she was not happy with the colour of her hair. Somehow she let them know what she thought! From the accompanying photo, I do see that it is a slightly darker shade than I remember, but Don so kindly says that he'll fix the problem. Next time you are in touch with Don, please tell him they are so often in my thoughts, the kids ask about them too. A little love from Canada to the Holders.

Clocks jumped ahead overnight, and finally we'll have daylight again until about 6:30 or so. Spring's coming, always so welcome! Well, have a good week, my friend,....Will keep in touch,....Big hug,....Bev"

Sam & Tpsi Bailie | 54+ (Iowa) | **Frank Bare** | 03/19

"Hi to all our Gymnastics Friends; A week ago on March 12th. a good number of us met in Tucson, Arizona to celebrate the life of our good

friend Frank Bare. Well over 50 people were able to make the trip to Tucson, with 100's from around the world sending their prayers and sharing their past experiences with Frank. It was a wonderful celebration which featured a heart felt eulogy by Jay Ashmore, at The Christ Presbyterian Church. Jay followed by reading letters from Titov, Gander and Spieth.

Following the church service we all attended a wonderful reception with the reading of many more letters from those who could not attend. A special thanks to the Bare Family who made us a part of this celebration and in particular Linda Bare who dedicated her life to Frank over the past 17 years.
Your Friends, Sam & Tpsi Bailie”

Ron & Loree Galimore	TTT	Congratulations to the New COO	03/19	“USA Gymnastics announced recently that Ron Galimore of Indianapolis was promoted to USGF Chief Operating Officer”. {We are proud of our boy Ron. He deserves all the praise & success he his been awarded. A product of the Tallahassee Tumbling tots a creation of Dr. Price, accelerated by Randy Trousdell’s Tallahassee Tumblers and Gymnasts, trained by us gymnasts and other coaches, excelling in the Nationals and Olympic Trials. And now he has risen to one of the top levels in USA Gymnastics Association. We applaud him loudly..... Love and success to Ron and Loree from us old timers who are smiling as we honor you...jmm}.
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Jack Miles & Nancy Dye	50-58	Disrobing/Disteeshirting	03/20	{Did you see on the internet the super fast way to remove a Tee shirt? For years my shoulders have been hurting every time I try to squeeze out of a Tee shirt. Try this: 1. Hold your hand over your heart like you are saluting the flag. 2. Grab the sleeve that your hand is almost touching. 3. Pull your left elbow down and inside that sleeve. 4. Then extend your right arm full length still holding on tight to the left sleeve. ...Walla...The shirts off. It was fun seeing how fast I could do this – about two seconds. No shoulder pain involved.....It probably would be harder with a very tight fitting Tee shirt...Let me know.....jmm}
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Jack Miles & Nancy Dye	50-58	Thoughts to stimulate dialogue	03/20	We had so much fun in the gym and gymnastics that we never realized how much long-term good it was doing for our bodies. “Never waste time you could have spent sleeping – around ten hours”. Quote a doctor. It’s the best recuperative power and creator of good moods.”.....jmm}
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{Speaking to an almost illiterate New Jersey State Tax officer. my 84 year old brother was asked, “What was your salary/income last year not counting Social Security?”. My brother replied, “Nothing I do not work”. She responded, “You have not made any money last year? He responded, “That’s Right”. Not believing him she said “You’ll have to prove that”. ...Yike’s. How do you do that?... {Government of the people for the people.....jmm}

{I’m still the Coach of St. Thomas’ Tennis Team. They are a wonderful bunch of boys. The problem is that I am now 5’5” and they are all up over six feet and tower over me. I feel like a midget speaking up to the crowd around me. Makes me wonder what it must be like to be a professional basketball Coach.,.....jmm}

{Did I ever mention that my Granddaughter, Julia (Sandy’s Daughter) has for years played in a Steel Drum band and performs in the Tallahassee Area for Fairs, functions & parties.....jmm}

Here is a short list of persons who have changed their email addresses or I have transposed in the address book badly. If you have a connection please advise.

Almira Sharp (The former Mrs. Jack Sharp)
Gail Braezwski
Gale & Henry
Mary Cummins TTT
Nancy Lamb TTT

Have a fun-filled and sunny day.....jmm