

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	58 years, 59 in May 112	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, 58 in May 12	Wayne & Heather Thompson	41 years, 42 in January 12
Carmine & Dancien 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 20-22, 2011

Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | “Rickshaw Ride”

“Jack: I have now joined your elite group; I am 80 years old. Don't know whether to laugh or cry! I never expected to live so long, especially in my business. I'm awash in nostalgia. Got a letter from a couple that we've known for many years and they asked, as many have, "What inspired you to travel to so many places?" The attached letter is our answer to them. Cheers, BCW+1”

“Bob and Genie:

Sometimes a single event can profoundly alter the course of one's life. It happened to Carolyn and me one night in Singapore in 1972.

We were there on leave from my base in southern Japan. With us outside our hotel were our two teenagers and a fellow fighter pilot and his wife. Our plan was to hire rickshaws to the famous old British colonial era Raffles Hotel for dinner. I did the mandatory good natured bargaining for my little group and we prepared to depart. For some reason our friends didn't like the price, or the process in general, and decided not to go. So Carolyn and I piled into one rickshaw and our teen age son and daughter into another and off we went, laughing into the night. We had a fine dinner in the wonderful old hotel and returned the same way. It was a magic night; the shadows cast by the full moon, the exotic smells of the tropics and the four of us healthy, happy and together in such a lovely setting was to become one of our most treasured memories, especially since it was the last time that we ever traveled together. But for a different reason than we knew at the time, the memory of that night has served us well.

Soon after our return to Japan our friend was killed when he crashed on takeoff. He left his wife and two young children. Of course they had no way of knowing what fate had in store for them just days after they passed up that rickshaw ride, but the lesson was not lost on us. Now, after all of the years and hundreds of "rickshaw rides", we often think of that night and what we learned.

Anytime we hesitate and think that something is too expensive, daring or different, one of us will ask the other if we should do it. The answer always comes quickly: "Yes, always take the rickshaw ride!" Now in our seventies, we don't know how many "rickshaw rides" we have left but we don't intend to miss a single one. Carpe diem! Benny and Carolyn"

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | Jack reporting on Connie & the Stroke {Dick Gutting, and my wife I rode down with Chick Cicio to visit Don & Connie Holder at Connie's rehab center. It was a lovely facility and Connie looked great. She was sitting in a wheelchair next to her bed. Don and her youngest son at her side. It was clear to me, as she smiled, that she was very conscious of the fact we had come to visit her and hardly took her eyes off of Don – and vice versa. She still battles with the inability to communicate, but she was bright eyed and watched every movement we made. When I kissed her cheek she said, "Ja.." When one of us would crack a joke she laughed and smiled.

Sitting on her bed next to Connie my wife Nancy and she communicated as best they could and it was very pleasant. One of the most tender moments that day was when Don bent over Connie, and about six inches from her face, sang softly, "Happy birthday to you, Happy Birthday" over and over. It wasn't her birthday, but Don was advised by the speech therapist to do so and by singing together a common easily sung song she can slowly exercise her voice back. It was a Gold Medal performance and it tugged at our heart strings to witness the love that they shared... We all love them both so much.

Connie is now home and their house has been fitted with exercise apparatus and safety wall bars & support railings.}...jmm

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | The passing of five & a half years of "News" "This will be your last Edition of the Newsletter. Our first edition came out in September 2005 and was created so that we could find each other and compile a mailing list so that we could all communicate with each other and pass along news of our lives and families after leaving FSU Gymnastics. I keep all copies in a three inch thick loose leaf notebook and Mike Mann has them all on his website (address above).

In the past five and a half years we have lost several gymnasts and dear ones: Pat Signorelli, Jack Sharp, Lennart Malmlin, Bob Bollinger, Jan *Eberly* Anastasado, Elinor McDaniells, Jorge Gomez, Juanito Lopez, Gene Rabbitt, Tom Conkling, Ellie Schwarzman, Roger Englert, Dick Traynor & Melanie *Wilson* Walker. While happily we have also seen many of you bravely work through life threatening illnesses & physical challenges: Connie Holder, Patsy Rapp, Stu Goldberg, Mike Mann, Charlie Christian and Benny Wallace.

I will always maintain a mailing list of all the ninety Newsletter readers and would very much welcome updated address changes. This list will always be available to you. Plus, I can always forward to those on the mailing list any ground shaking news or announcements you want to share for immediate release.

You can also use "Facebook" as Raphael Lecuona does.....I don't Facebook as of this date....doubt if I will..... too many ghosts of the past out there.....

The ending of this Newsletter brings to mind the story of the girl who bought a "Living Bra" But sadly it died.....she didn't now what to feed it.

See you at the REUNION.....{jmm}