

FSU Gymnasts, Gymkana, Tallahassee Tumbling Tots, and Friends New-Newsletter
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A lifetime of bragging rights

"Once teammates, always teammates" by Charlie Christian.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Chick & Jennie Cicio	61 years, 62 in April, 12	Bill & Carol Beavers	43 years, 44 in July, 12
Don & Connie Holder	61 years, 62 in August 12	Dick & Susie Gutting	44 years, 45 in June, 12
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	59 years, 60 in May 12	Steven & Adriane Zindell	42 years, 43 in August 12
Ed & Jean Fernald	59 years, 60 in June 12	Wayne & Heather Thompson	41 years, 42 in January 12
Don & Patsy Rapp	57 years, 58 in May 12	Derek & Nancy Lawler	39 years, 40 in 2012
Carmine & Daneen Regna	57 years, 58 in August 12	Gail & Bill Whitney	39 years, 40 in August 12
Jim & Marlene Jackson	56 years, 57 in July, 12	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	39 years, 40 in December 12
Sam & Topsy Bailie	55 years, 56 in June 12	Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long	37 years, 38 in December 12
Roger & Tamara Tucker Webb	54 years, 55 in November 12	Joe & Dottie Taylor	35 years, 36 in September 12
Beverley & Bill Beaton	51 years, 52 in Sept. 12	Jimmy & Janie Hanks	34 years, 35 in November 12
Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	47 years, 48 in Oct. 12	Thom & Linda O'Conner	32 Years, 33 in May 12
Nancy Lamb & Bob Durocher	47 years, 48 in Dec. 12	Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmermann	33 Years, 34 in 2012
Terri & Cheri Morris	46 years, 46 in 2012		
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	(Benny) & Carolyn Wallace	Were married 59 years,

First things first! Time is flying! Please join us at our fast approaching reunion.

Plan to attend the 2012 reunion (Part or all)
Friday May 18, Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20, 2012
At Barbara Withers' Alligator Point Beach Home

Details can be found on Mike Mann's website: www.fsugymnastics.org

{It's been said that weather can be a good way to start a conversation. Have a look at what happened when Mike Mann decided to pounce on the topic of Global Warmingbcb}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Global Warming Watch - Crawfordville, Fl.
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January 21: Driving to the north side of town this morning we could not help but notice the Japanese Magnolias are in bloom in mid January. Next week the Dogwoods I would imagine.

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton	55-59	Quebec
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January 23: You make me envious, Mike. I see snowbanks and bare branches wherever I look! This part of the globe got overlooked! :-)

Bill & Carol Beavers	57-61/69-70	Atlanta
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January 31: Believe it or not, I have azaleas blooming as well and all the daffodils; tulips are up, all deciduous bushes including blueberries are ready to bud. Atlanta also has a pollen count on evening weather news. Yesterday I paddled 6 miles in shorts and t-shirt.

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton	55-59	Quebec
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January 31: Gee whiz! I awakened to beautiful, soggy snowflakes that fell most of the day, then changed to freezing rain which is supposed to become straight cold rain tomorrow, (Wed, Feb 1), mostly. Of course as it darkens, freezing rain again and then more snow overnight before finally letting the sun peek out Thursday morning. I'm looking forward to the reunion!

Barbara Sheehan Withers	54-62	Tallahassee
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February 1: I think both of your messages should be included in the next newsletter. From Canada to Georgia, the snow is falling and the azaleas are blooming! Also here in Tallahassee the azaleas are blooming overnight, right before my eyes. Just hope we don't have another cold spell which would ruin them.

Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | **Windermere, FL**

February 1: Report from Orlando! The Azaleas are also blooming here but they have big ears and a funny little skinny tail. As funny as that may sound you should see my Goofy vines which don't say much but just hang around looking stupid. I think it's GLOBAL BLOOMING (except of course in Canada).

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

February 25: The Dogwoods are blooming, Easter is seven weeks, almost two months away! But Global warming is just a figment of our imagination or some dastardly hoax and plot.

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | **Quebec**

March 26: I have to bow to you, Mike. This winter saw very little snow, maybe three major snowfalls, with temperatures and conditions that roller-coasted all over the place. Last week our highs broke all-time records. Even I was sauntering around basking in the warm sun minus jacket or sweater, simply in short sleeves! Many braver souls were out in shorts and tank tops. This week it's below freezing again, but is expected to return to more normal temperatures as the week progresses. Perennials are popping up in front of our window and the grass is becoming greener already. What's next? I wouldn't bet on anything. We have had blizzards in April in my memory. Nonetheless, "Yes, sir, I believe in Global Warming!"

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Happy New Year from Yoshiro Hatano**

{Mike forwarded this letter to me along with the following F.Y.I. as background knowing

that I had never met this gentleman. It's a perfect example of how our FSU Gymnastics/Gymkana Team bonds....bcb}
Beverley -

F. Y. I. - Yoshi was at FSU in the earlier sixties working on his MS, later got a Ph. D., I believe, from U of Oregon. He, Bill and I did a good bit together, we took him to the beach, Wakulla and a River Sinks outing. I was also involved with him in the FSU Foreign Student organization. He and I made at least one and, I think, two trips to Georgia Southern (Statesboro) when they were starting a gymnastics program there. They were in the process of switching from being a "teacher" college to a full university and maybe also going co-ed. {Mike Mann}

(Yoshiro's letter beginning at paragraph 2): Rebuilding of Japan

The past year (2011) is remembered as the time of great disaster in east Japan, losing near 16000 lives and still missing 3500 people. It was fortunate that within our family we were all safe and no damages in the household. It is our hope that this year will become the beginning of recovery and reconstruction of the country, which may take several decades. We sometimes remind the time of the defeat of the War II in 1945 (Yoshi was only 10 years old then), when the Japanese people lost everything. Nevertheless the country endeavored to keep growing and developing to become an economic giant in the world later. Let us trust that the industrious Japanese will reproduce the nation like we can expect sunrise next morning.

The family

We thank God as everyone in the family is enjoying happy healthy life. All the grandchildren, seven of them, are growing steadily. The oldest of them is challenging tough university entrance examination this winter. Some are good in softball playing and some others enjoy piano lessons and swimming practice. Yoshi and Haruyo enjoy church-going and its associating friends.

A group of Yoshi's former students kindly held a happy party for him last fall as his 77-years' birthday was coming soon. In the Japanese culture people pay great respect to high aged person, and particularly they give the age of 77 a special meaning as "happy age." However, in the contemporary Japan which is called as "high aged society" (in the case of rate of people above 65 years becomes beyond 14% over the total population), most everybody live longer beyond this happy age anyway, therefore it may not worth a special party any more in the near future. {Thank you, Yoshiro, for your New Year's Greetings and most interesting information. Please send more!....bcb}

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | **Unselfishness personified**

By now, most of you know that Jack is my mentor for our New-Newsletter, the first 65 being his creation beginning in 2005. He often guides me in pointing out material or people that have come to his attention. In one of his messages he told me that Harmer Weichel takes care of his 102 year old mother and has done so for many years. That is extra special and unusual. Harmer is a devoted and caring person. Jack takes that assessment one step further. He recommends Harmer for sainthood. Agreed!

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **For those who may be interested**

Beverley - For newsletter, if anyone would like a copy of Christina Villaverde's treatise on Ernesto Lecuona have them contact me @ (jmikemann@comcast.net). {This is very kind of you, Mike. Thank you.... bcb} {Those that thought they knew the Lecuona's - I encourage you too visit that web-site -absolutely fascinating....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Jack writes to Bill Beavers!!**

{Bill had indicated that he was contemplating resigning from his leadership role in the Stained Glass Windows

Memorial Committee. Jack's letter below convinced Bill otherwise to the relief of members of said committee. {Thank you, Jack! Go for it, Bill, we need you! bcb}

Sorry Charlie:

Take a good hard look at our group. There is no one, including me, that can effectively handle the roll as leader in this group project as you can.....You were a born a natural leader. One someone looks up to, and respects as level headed with a smidgen of class.

In a ship wreck cast-away situation, after landing on some unknown shore and before the survivors even look for food and water they consciously or sub-consciously follow a leader. We followed you as our "castaway" leader.

We are not letting you retire. No freaking way. You were everyone's top choice for many good reasons. You are not burdened with a massive ego and hidden agendas as several in our group are - (notice I left mention of myself out). You seem to be able to talk about varied subjects and not just yourself. You married way above yourself in looks and intelligence which shows a wisdom that is usually reserved for the ancient ones. You chuckle at my jokes - at least those you deem worthy of a chuckle. You live a lifestyle most of us envy - paddling to utter exhaustion your wrinkled and worn flat, Beaver tail ass, up the "lazy river in the noon day sun", while depriving yourself of even a cool beer.....while we lazy ones stay at home in front of the TV and only dream of such dedication and glories.....

----Which shows your stubborn goal oriented mind-set. A sort of southern dumb ass stick-to-it-ness few can ever obtain...you can "Achieve" where others can not.

Bill, you are one I trust, and have trusted, with my life.....and rightly so.....A few more paddles, Bill.....The goal is in sight.....hang in there.....please.

Jack, and I am sure I speak for the gang too..

P.S. If I have ever gotten in the way of your leadership. I sincerely apologize and will be more considerate.....blame it on my advanced age.

Carmine & Daneen Regna | **50-55** | **A visit with Don and Connie Holder**

Thursday, January 26, Dick Gutting, myself, Tim Holder (Don and Connie's son), and Don

and Connie met at the Bahama Breeze Restaurant in Kendall for lunch. It has been one year and one day since Connie had her stroke. At first Connie could not physically perform any and all natural functions without assistance. Don, Bless His Soul, became Connie's caretaker. It was a very difficult process. In addition to caring for Connie, Don had to learn how to take care of the household. With an abundance of help from his son Pat, and with much stress they succeeded in taking care of the house. In the process Don has lost weight. Keeping his spirits up and assisting Connie with her therapy, Connie has shown much improvement.

Whenever visitors come Connie lights up. I myself try to contact Don regularly and visit Connie occasionally. We all hope and pray for a full recovery from her stroke. {What a joy it must be for both Connie and Don to have visitors to cheer them on. Bless you all! ...bcb}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Illegal Mailing**

Hi: Please be advised that I have not, do not, and will not send you advertisements of any sort, from Canada or India or anywhere else for that

matter. It seems someone has obtained names and email addresses from one of my older mailing lists from the past. This I know because I have been receiving rejected email mailings with addresses that are not even on my current address lists. I am sorry for whatever confusion this might have caused. {I am in full agreement with Jack ...bcb}

Jon Culbertson | **64-66** | **Re: Illegal Mailing**

Hey all. This comes with the territory. Emails are constantly encroaching on us in this way. Get used to it. (Unless someone has found a way to avoid it?) BTW

- I plan to see as many of you who can make it in May. {Great! I'll try to get another action pic of your tennis talent....bcb}

Terry & Cheri Morris | **66-70** | **You'll be missed!**

Unfortunately, Cheri and I will not be able to make this year's reunion, Jon. Hopefully, we'll see you in 2013. We did enjoy dinner weekend

before last with Bill and Carol. While I never excelled in the sport at the level that many of you did, I enjoyed doing Tables & Chairs in Gymkana during my four years at FSU, alongside Don Hervig, much of the time. Interesting side story... I met one of the T&C hand balancers from Cirque a number of years ago following a show here in Atlanta. A Russian, as I recall. He invited me to come back down during the day and "play" with him on his equipment. Regretfully, I never found time to take him up on it. Best wishes to all! {Keep in touch! ...bcb}

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | **55-59** | **This Canadian couldn't resist the giggle.**

Finally, a blonde joke with some Canadian content....

As a North Bay, Ontario trucker stops for a red light on Hwy.11, a Blonde catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck and knocks on the door. The trucker lowers the window, and she says, "Hi, my name is Penny, and you're losing some of your load!"

The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street. When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car runs up and knocks on the door. Again, the trucker lowers the window. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly, "Hi, my name is Penny, and you are losing some of your load!"

(Cont.) Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street. At the third red light, the same thing happens again.

All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the truck door. The trucker lowers the window. Again she says, "Hi, my name is Penny, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green, the trucker revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde. He knocks on her window, and as she lowers it, he says,.....

"Hi, my name is Kevin, it's winter in CANADA, and I'm driving the SALT TRUCK....." {All blondes, please do not take this personally!bcb}

Jim & Arlene Fadigan	52-56/58-62	Now this tale is for real.....
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Bob & Cher, are two of our best friends in Orlando. Both served in Navy and Bob was a destroyer

captain and the most decorated Navy Captain during the Viet Nam campaign. He was given the elite post of the Commandant of Pearl Harbor for the last few years of his service as a tribute to his exceptional service record. Appears to be low key but ready for anything and always ready for action. A rough but extremely capable kid from Nebraska who hung out in pool rooms and was comfortable with the challenges from all aspects of life. His long and full life was filled with a variety of crazy experiences. He is always ready for a new challenge.

This is the background on my friend who fired back the caustic comment of the yet to know teenager.

Some humor from shopping with The Bob...

"Bob and I went to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes. We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him.

The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors - green, red, orange, and blue. Bob kept staring at her. The teenager kept looking ...and would find Bob staring every time. When the teenager had enough, she sarcastically asked:

"What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life?"

Knowing Bob and his pool hall upbringing, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response. He responded without batting an eyelid ... **"Got drunk once and had sex with a parrot. I was just wondering if you might be my kid."**

Charlie Christian	55-57	In appreciation....
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Mike, THANK YOU! I continue to say your computer expertise is among the very BEST!!! I wish I only had half your ability. Eddie's book part I and II

pictures definitely brought back fond memories of our younger and innocent years when we were so energetic, competitive and full of life.

However, thinking back, wasn't it Dr. Montgomery who prohibited girls from participating in Women's Gymnastics in the mid 50's? It was so disappointing to learn our outstanding FSU Gymnastics Program ended in the early 60's. However, today the FSU Ladies Gymnastic Team is respected as being among the tops in the country!

It seems gymnasts, world wide, have been very successful in their chosen sport as well as in life which sets an example for others to follow. Over the years I feel very fortunate to have been associated with so many wonderful gymnasts as friends. Although we may never meet again, I feel our special friendship is everlasting.

God bless and never forget our motto: *"Once teammates, always teammates"* .

Bill & Carol Beavers	57-61/69-70	Commemorative Project
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Fund Raising for Commemorative Project is Near Goal!

Thanks to the following; we are not far from our goal to fund our Commemorative Gymnastics/ Gymkana project to be displayed in Dodd Hall.

*****	Barbara S. Withers, CPA	Mr. Carmine L. Regna	Ms. Claire E. Traynor	Mrs. Beverley Cude Beaton
	Bill and Carol Beavers	Mr. Jack M. Miles	Ms. Martha L Raby	Dr. Edward A. Fernald
	Donald W. Rapp, Ph.D	Mr. Robert G. Perrone, Jr	Rapport Unlimited	
	Dr. Miroslav Ceska	Ms. Calista R. Force		

It is my understanding there will eventually be a contributors' plaque in Dodd Hall, so if you want to be recognized with the above supporters and be part of this worthy project, please send your contribution to:

Tessa R. Smith
Director of Development
Florida State University Foundation
2010 Levy Avenue., Bldg B, Ste. 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2739

Payment by check to: FSU Foundation; Commemorative Gymnastics Fund F7249

{Your commitment and dedication to this project is commendable, Bill. Thank you...bcb}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Commemorative Project

{Several of you said you would be making your contribution when the project was nearing it's goal. **That time is now....**

Bill plans to have drawings of the Stained Glass widows for our review and final vote at the Reunion.

Knowing that I failed in my life long quest to repopulate the earth in the event of a holocaust and knowing the effort to follow that dream left me little time to concentrate on making a descent living. Broke and 80 years old at the time, I took a rich lady's gardening/landscaping job - digging in the dirt at \$25.00 an hour 7 days a week, for a month to raise the \$1,000 in cash for the memorial. It seemed gallant & worthwhile to me. To confirm my actions I saw my Psychiatrist at the "Easy Drive Through Cranial Clinic" and he said, "If it floats your kayak...Jack....you did the right thing: At least I thought that's what he said, I wasn't able to roll down the stuck drivers side window so I might have missed some of the words...what with my hearing loss. But he was smiling and shaking his head as I pulled my head back in the open car door and slowly drove away. So I feel my digging in the dirt was a smart and worthwhile move.

So it is time for you to feel as noble as I feel and "Dig" into our "hidden assets" and let's get this thing done right. Send your contribution in **now**. Your children, grandchildren, Great...etc..etc. will be smiling when they see your name under the beautiful stained glass windows in those "Hallowed Halls". at FSU.....**We did it right then let's do it right now.....**Jack

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Horsing around

Bev, What do horse riders do in the Canadian winters? Play Horse Ice Hockey? Miles' pratter that matters.

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Our granddaughter Victoria is the rider

That pratter does matter, monsieur! Now that hockey game would be a sight to see! But

your question spawned this lengthy response:

Normally Victoria rides 5-6 times a week, involved in regular training, flat work and jumping lessons. However; since she is now riding two horses in two different barns, it's a little different. She is also in her second year of pre-university Fine Arts at Dawson College in Montreal.

In the summer, she competes in show-jumping on Sevastian who in the winter is boarded in Hemmingford, which is quite a distance from home (150 km, 1 hr. 45 min each way). She arrives at this barn every Friday evening to spend the whole weekend where she works as a groom Saturday and Sunday. She will care for 5-8 horses... mucking out twice a day, feeding three times a day and turning them out to paddocks and bringing them back in. She will also ride several of them during the day, so there is tacking up before, and cool down and clean up after each ride. She will have a lesson each day on Sevastian. And she keeps the barn tidy, sweeping, cleaning tack, etc.

Victoria has outgrown the capabilities of the other horse, Ruby, who is in Mirabel (about 20 minutes by car from home) at a barn. Nonetheless, Victoria rides Ruby on Sunday evenings on her way home from working at the other barn. She also rides her three nights a week, from Mon-Thurs. With Ruby she is just training, flat work, and does some jumping. Our daughter, Kathryn, deserves huge credit for being the one who does the majority of the driving to and fro in addition to her own working day.

During the summer, Victoria competes at shows 5 days a week and works as a groom (same as above) at the shows. Last summer she and Sevastian became the 2011 Quebec Champions jumping at the 1.2 metre level. We are very proud of Victoria's dedication, hard work and achievement in her sport and at school.

In closing, I thank Jack for his continued support in compiling our New-Newsletter over the last few months. In addition to sending me valuable information, he always responds to my questions with encouraging, sound and often hilarious advice. He will receive my rough copy, proofread, make suggestions and I'm sure I can count on him to add some of his own comments as he reads through this, our 68th edition. He also takes responsibility for the final mailing to all of you from his address list. I appreciate all of this so much, Jack. bcb}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Horsing around Part II

{It is ironic that I was raised in North Philadelphia and lived eight miles from grass while my wife was always around horses and

attended the exclusive Oldfields Equestrian Boarding School and still to this day takes "Jumping" Lessons. She was also involved in tennis while that rich man's sport was only played in the private "Academy's" in Philly.

Now at this late time in my life my world now revolves around horses and tennis. My Niece manages a wealthy woman's horses & Stables in Maryland and my wife and I go to National Equestrian Trials in Wellington, Florida, and can now share talks with our **Canadian Sweetheart, Beverley Beaton** on some level.

Chad, in High School won two state Tennis Championships and I am still the Boys Coach at St. Thomas Aquinas and can talk Tennis with some understanding to **our other Champ, Barbara Withers**, who normally plays in the over 70's age Group and has gleefully won over "Trophy Wives" twenty years her junior. Now, I can talk to Barbara about tennis and Beverley about horses.

Do you detect my wife's influence in all of this? Hey, I can pick up Tennis Balls and muck out a stall along with the best of them..... "Chuckamuck Miles" Maybe you've heard of me.....jmm)

LOVE TO YOU ALL.....bcb & jmm