

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.

Visit your Web-Sites <fsugymnastics.org><tallahassee tumblingtots.org> **Mike Mann, Webmaster**
(Which also includes all back copies of the FSU Gymnastics Newsletters)
FSU Gymnastics Records (<http://www.nolefan.org/summary/index.html>) **Robert Perrone, Webmaster**

ANNIVERSARIES

Chick & Jennie Cicio	62 years, 63 in April, 13	Bill & Carol Beavers	44 years, 45 in July, 13
Don & Connie Holder	62 years, 63 in August 13	Dick & Susie Gutting	45 years, 46 in June, 13
Ed & Jean Fernald	60 years, 61 in June 13	Steven & Adriane Zindell	43 years, 44 in August 13
Don & Patsy Rapp	58 years, 59 in May 13	Wayne & Heather Thompson	42 years, 43 in January 13
Carmine & Daneen Regna	58 years, 59 in August 13	Derek & Nancy Lawler	40 years, 41 in 2013
Jim & Marlene Jackson	57 years, 58 in July, 13	Gail & Bill Whitney	40 years, 41 in August 13
Sam & Topsy Bailie	56 years, 57 in June 13	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	40 years, 41 in December 13
Roger & Tamara <i>Tucker</i> Webb	55 years, 56 in November 13	Andy Anderson & Curtiss Long	38 years, 39 in December 13
Beverley & Bill Beaton	52 years, 53 in Sept. 13	Joe & Dottie Taylor	36 years, 37 in September 13
Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	48 years, 49 in Oct. 13	Jimmy & Janie Hanks	35 years, 36 in November 13
Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher	48 years, 49 in Dec. 13	Thom & Linda O'Conner	33 years, 34 in May 13
Terri & Cheri Morris	47 years, 47 in 2013	Carrie Englert & Curtis Zimmermann	34 Years, 35 in 2013
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Jay (& Ellie) Schwarzman	Were married 50 years	Karsthin (& Lennart) Malmelin	Were married 47 years
Almira (& Jack) Sharp	Were married 48 years	Claire <i>Essig</i> (& Dick) Traynor	Were married 43 years
Jon & Boots Culbertson	Were married 53 years	(Benny) & Carolyn Wallace	Were married 59 years,

Plan to attend the 2013 reunion (Part or all)

Friday May 10, Saturday May 11 and Sunday May 12, 2013

At Barbara Withers' Alligator Point Beach Home

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

Committed attendees to the coming reunion to date:

Beverley Cude Beaton	Larry Bestmann	Nancy Trautman (Possibly)
Mike Mann	Bill & Carol Beavers	Fran Millians (Possibly)
Jack Miles	Joe Gusic	Jon Culbertson (Possibly)
Gail Sontgerath Whitney	Jim & Arlene Fadigan	Don & Patsy Rapp (Possibly)
Dick Gutting	Jamile & Barbara Ashmore	Joe Regna (Possibly)
Claire Traynor	Bruce & Rita Davis	Chic Cicio (Possibly)
Barbara Withers		

So far, we have a lively group who answered our request to let us know they plan to join us this year. Below we have an eloquent piece composed by our own Jack Miles in the hopes that more of you can be persuaded to come and share the wonderful days we spend at Barbara's beautiful Alligator Point. {...bcb}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye	50-58	Come to the Reunion!
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This might be the last time we get together and talk with, laugh with, smile with, hug with, kiss with, and shed a tear. You have been such a huge part of my life. You are the

brothers and sisters I chose to share my life with when I was mature enough to make that great choice. You might even know all the old stories I have to tell, and more often than not, you have been a part of my best stories.....but isn't that what it's all about? That closeness...that sharing...that knowing so I can all easily say, ..."Yes I know you and you are one of my very best friends in the whole world in the life story I have lived. We have been close friends for most of my life. Do I know you? You bet I do you are a part of a very rare unique life long people I am proud to call my "best friends".

If you would come to my funeral (Or Irish wake), if you could, then why not come to the Reunion before either of us is gone with our smiles, our hugs, our laughter, our kind words and stories about our lives and children to share?

Wouldn't it be better for us to stand there, shake hands and say, "Thanks for being my friend? You made my life so much more enjoyable and fun."

Love, Jack

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Stained Glass Panel Progress**

installed in Dodd Hall in time for our reunion. Also preliminary sketches for the second panel honoring Gymkana should be ready. I am working on the arrangements for a formal dedication or at least a viewing during the weekend. I am awaiting final arrangements from the FSU administration on this and will get something out to the attendees of our reunion in the near future. {Bill has put a great deal of effort into this endeavor. Thank you, Bill!bcb }

The stained glass panel depicting the great achievements of FSU gymnastics will be completed and most likely

Jon Culbertson | **64-66** | **New Email Address**

pass on my new email to others: jrc3101@aol.com. The Comcast address is defunct. I thought I gave it to Bev, Jack, etc., but I have not heard any news in a while.

Thanks, Jon {Barbara did pass this along, Jon. We do hope you can make it again this year. I'm bringing some pure Quebec Maple Syrup to go with your yummy pancakes, and Barbara wants another tennis rematch with you!bcb }

Barb: I hope all is well with you. I have some old news lost re reunion this year. Not sure of dates, etc. Please inform me of whatever you know, and

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **Time Magazine Health Care Costs**

magazine about a week or so ago it is creating a lot on interest and information on many health care ListSers and many TV news shows. }

Here is a second chance as the article is now available on-line (<http://healthland.time.com/2013/02/20/bitter-pill-why-medical-bills-are-killing-us/>). It is really a very long article, the absolute longest Time cover story ever printed, but it is well worth your effort and time.

This is really an out-of-control situation that has to be corrected. Many have said this article may be the "Silent Spring" incident for US health care. Some people should be going to jail!

Mike

{Actually, by now it has been several weeks since this story broke, but here it is again anyway...bcb }

If you did not follow up on my suggestion to get and read the article on health care cost in Time

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Response to Time article**

the usual outdated crap at the typical medical office. When the doc arrived, she commented, "Is that our copy or yours?" She followed up by stating as you have that this should be required reading for everyone.

From Reed Davis: email: shagbarkrd69@gmail.com

I believe it is time for an investigated audit on how the charges are priced. I do not believe that the derivation of the charges are "too complicated" to understand. Does the word obfuscation apply? My 2 cents worth.

Fortunately we subscribe to Time. I was reading my copy I took to my dermatologist's appointment as I didn't want to read

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | **55-59** | **Just ask Mike.....**

also very carefully documents everything, as well as investigates in depth each situation which he encounters. Bill Beavers sums this up with the following delightful commentary. And Mike, you continue to take care of yourself, rest whenever needed. We wish you good health and look forward to seeing you soon. Bev

Mike, our Webmaster, has had a rough winter with some health issues, but he fights back with amazing strength and fortitude. He

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **Just ask Mike, Part II**

quality to me all of these years. Your determination to get to the truth out of obfuscation and deception from our current model of "modern medicine" is admirable.

I think you are going to out live us all!

I hereby appoint you my patient advocate (with consultation with Carol, of course) when I face my future health-related difficult decisions.

Glad you are home! {I am too,.....bcb }

Mike, your intelligence and ability to perceive the need to challenge conventional wisdom has always been an admirable

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **That time of year...**

today. {"Today" was March 25, 2013bcb }

The Azaleas and Dogwood are in bloom. I put up my Hummer feeders this morning and have seen at least six different visitors

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | **55-59** | **Oh, is that so, Mike?**

Well, Mike, I speak from a different perspective this March 26th and am thoroughly envious of yours! March 20th, the first day of spring this year, saw a dump of 30 cm. of snow on Montreal over a two and a half day period. What previously had been bare sidewalks, patches of grass and even a few brave crocuses peeking out against sun-warmed walls suddenly disappeared under mounds of wind blown snow, snowmen sprang up all over the place (hopefully their last visit for this season) and I gazed in frustration at this landscape which had looked like spring only the day before! Snowbanks towered once more and sloppy driving was a real pain. However, temperatures are gradually rising, and the snow is reluctantly receding. Sidewalks are even dry enough to walk freely on in sneakers instead of snow boots. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for March to have come in like the proverbial lion and is now on its way out like a lamb. Please, please, please! Bev :-)

P.S. Today is April 10th. Just one month remains until our Reunion and I am so looking forward to seeing as many of you who can make it. I am desperately in need of sunshine, its warmth, and the greater warmth of your collective friendships which have always meant so much to me. Thank you, dear Barbara, for welcoming us yet another time. You are wonderful!

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Todays update on Connie**

Sadly, Connie Holder, Don's wife of sixty-two years, has been in a comatose condition for the past five days with Don by her side. She will continue under Hospice Care - more information will be forthcoming as it is known. Please hold her in your prayers and heart.

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **By my mentioning a very nice dinner my wife, Nancy, and I had with Chick & Jennie Cicio, Jim & Arlene Jackson, and Dick Gutting at a local Italian restaurant Beverley responded:**

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

It was heartening to know that you had a meal together last evening filled with stories and laughs. Some things never change. This group is so, so special.

How did I ever get so lucky to have had a coach who knew Dr. Price and parents who sacrificed so that I could travel far away to Tallahassee. It changed my life, helped me to 'grow up' and I've often said how happy my four years at FSU were. All because of all of you who made me feel so comfortable even though I initially felt awkward and lonely, and thoroughly in awe of the talent surrounding me. Not only that, but you brought me back, keeping that bond active for over 50 years! Now I'm getting a bit "sappy", but like you, it's heartfelt.

{Bev traveled to and from FSU to Montreal, Canada via a one way 48 hour bus ride as a student....

.We were surely the lucky ones when she joined our team and group.....jmm}.

I am a teacher who likes to be taught. I love it when a student of mine, just this past Sunday, caught me in 2 little math errors (I copied a number incorrectly, and in another problem got an answer that didn't agree with hers because I had started out properly with a multiplication equation and ended up adding!). She has learned that she doesn't have to be shy with me, found my errors and we had a good laugh. No one is perfect, and recognizing that is a huge help, eh?

{Oscar Hammerstein said, "By brighter students you are taught"....jmm}

Chick & Jennie Cicio | **54-59** | **Great Grand-daughter**

Jennie & Chick's pretty young Great Granddaughter was telling her great-grand-pa Chick that she wanted to be a nurse when she was all grown up. So Chick offered to be her first patient. Happily she got out her small play plastic nurses box and then took out a plastic imitation syringe (no needle). Chick rolled up his sleeve in anticipation. Surprisingly to all she dutifully wiped, with a cotton swab, the spot where she was supposed to give the injection. Chick was fascinated by her young knowledge. Then she continued with her nursing and just as she was about to give him the make believe injection she said in her soft angelic voice, "Great Grandpa.....now think, 'Happy Thoughts'{Cupids arrow went straight to his heart.....jjm