



Spring At The Airport

The class spring luncheon was held at The Hangar Restaurant, which is located at Albert Whitted Airport. Not only has the airport survived attempts to convert it to other commercial pursuits, but a new civilian terminal and restaurant are located there.

There was a slight mix-up on our reservation. The restaurant lost track of ours and the room we thought we were getting was occupied by members of the Model-T Club – some with dusters and goggles! However there was a quick recovery and we were able to sit at a table in the main dining room that was totally satisfactory.



This is the table we had, looking to the east. About 28 classmates and spouses attended this event.



This was the scene looking west. You can see that many conversations were in progress at the end of the meal. ☺

It seems like our quarterly luncheons often bring out some new faces each time.



Left to Right: Joan Bragg Parsley (SPHS Class of '56), Maurice Nott and Lois Nott get caught up on things. This luncheon was timed just right, so that the Nott's had not yet gone to their Georgia summer retreat.

60th Reunion

We are in a slow planning mode right now, and expect to get going on the details soon. Some preliminary brainstorming has yielded these ideas for consideration;

- Hold the reunion during weekdays to obtain cheaper hotel rates and allow time for attendees to do other things on the week-end.
- Maybe have the reunion in the week before or week after Mother's day in 2014.
- What about a beach venue? Would that involve wider participation?
- Should we try to involve Boca Ciega people again?

If you have suggestions that the planning committee should chew on, please let us know.

Letters & Notes

Bev (Furman) Praschan writes: Thanks so much for all the updates on our classmates. I always re-read the email [newsletter] a couple of times and enjoy all the pictures. Still happy in sunny, dry Mesa AZ!

Judi Hirshberg Allen reports that she is summering in Chautauqua, NY, and enjoying the concerts there. She was introduced to a musician a year or so ago by her daughter, Sharon. He is the principle trombone player and they have become friends

Marlene Matouk Haugland e-mails: "[The newsletter] came through just fine. I've printed it off so I can read it every day for the next week. Excellent job, as always. And thank you for using the pdf file system so most, if not all, of us can access it. Loved the pix and the news. (Marlene has dial-up Internet access and needs for us to keep it simple.) I'll be there for the October lunch. Boyd said that when I'm there he's hoping to have a Planning Committee meeting. I'm hoping that works out."

"As always, Yvonne and I enjoyed the News Letter very much. Thanks for sending, **Jim and Yvonne Barger.**"

"Love the day this arrives!!! so newsy...thanks for all the hard work from the many folks involved. I continue in good health. I just celebrated 4th anniversary since breast cancer surgery...travel a fair amount & continue to work part time. Same boss for

23+ years. Love to all, **Nancy LeVangie Warrenfells**"

"Thank you. As usual it is an interesting newsletter. So much appreciate the work you do for us. Looking forward to 2014 and hope we are all here then!! **Nancie Swope Crabb**"

We receive numerous notes back from classmates who enjoy reading about class activities. We wish there was room to print all of them.

Shirley Ann Clark Tomlin of Brevard, NC and **Jean Dickinson Fielden** had a mini-reunion in April at Jean's retirement complex in Vero Beach, FL. Jean and Shirley have been friends since second grade at West Central Elementary. Shirley and her husband, Reg, attended Jean's popular class offered by the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning at Indian River State College on Thursday afternoon [6/7/2012]. The class discussed the autobiography *Mao's Last Dancer* and viewed the film based on the book. On Friday they toured the Underwater Demolition Team Seal museum in Ft. Pierce and had drinks and dinner with Jean's gentleman friend, Dwayne Zunner



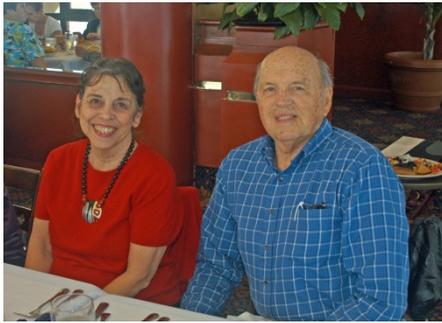
Pictured left to right are Dwayne, Jean and pet Judgie, Shirley, and Reg in Jean's apartment.

Prayer Concerns

Mary Barksdale Taylor has been transferred to a nursing facility in Clearwater, FL. We are not aware of her condition, but her daughter has provided contact information for her.

Frank LoBue (SPHS Class of 1951 and Bette Jackman Lobue's husband) announced to his church choir recently that he has bone cancer. He has been

undergoing treatment and feels well enough to go to their North Carolina summer retreat. Frank and Bette appreciate our prayers.



Bette and Frank enjoy our class luncheons

Joe Flad Jr. lost his beloved wife, **Mary**, on May 3. They had been regular participants in our class luncheons and reunions. The Flad's had moved to Leesburg, FL only recently, when Mary fell ill to the disease that took her life.



Mary and Joe enjoyed the 55th class reunion in 2009.

Class Secretary Nancy Cramer Litten reports that her husband Gene has just left the hospital after a 10-day stay. However, he is in a rehab facility, as Nancy is unable to deal with his health problems. Gene has Parkinson's and is not able to move himself. Please continue to pray for Gene and Nancy.

Pat Reeves Acklin has been having a complicated recovery from orthopedic surgery. She is usually the picture of health, but this surgery has taken a toll on both **Pat** and **Boyd**.

Graduations

Since our last newsletter we have learned of more classmates leaving us. Often, these are not timely reports:

Donald Raymond Zuchelli, 72, of Milton, DE, previously a resident of the Annapolis, MD area for

34 years, died **April 20, 2009** at the Delaware Hospice Center, Milford, DE. He was born August 15, 1936 in Alexandria, VA. A devoted husband to Elaine Slade Zuchelli for 45 years and father to Donna J. (Abramczyk), Robert L. Zuchelli, Victoria Z. (Sulerzyski) and Michelle Z. (McDonald), and a loving grandfather to Hope, Brooke, Abigail, Bryce and Ethan. Following his graduation from Florida State University, he enjoyed a successful and distinguished career as an urban economist and land use planner. He was founding CEO and President of ZHA, Inc. Among his many professional accomplishments, he was instrumental in leading his company in securing and completing major planning projects throughout the United States, including local economic developments for the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County, including the revitalization of Silver Spring. More notably, he was the Project Manager for the development of the John Hopkins University Biomedical Research Park, the Gallery Place in Washington DC, various revitalization projects in downtown Baltimore and the Inner Harbor, and The Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. Mr. Zuchelli also served in various military services for over 44 years, retiring in 1981 as a Commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserves.

John Card died May 18 after more than a year-long bout with cancer. He was interred during graveside ceremonies at Jacksonville National Cemetery, with full military honors. John had retired from the US Navy after 30 years of service, and was a resident of Jacksonville. His sister and our classmate, **Barbara Card Lansford Brown**, notified us of his passing.

Helping Out

Many thanks go to these classmates for donations to the class treasury in this quarter. Donations pay the printing and postage costs for this newsletter, and to subsidize our reunion costs:

- Anonymous
- Horace Fite*
- Sylvia Hommer Acton
- Dan Richardson
- Susie Fisher Poucher
- Marlene Matouk Haugland

*Horace sent an interesting letter which we hope to find room to share in the next newsletter.

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**Next luncheon is
Saturday, July 14, 2012**

We will meet at The Courtside Grille, 110 Fountain Parkway N, St. Pete, in the Feather Sound/Carillion area. Gathering time is 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please let Nancy Cramer Litten know no later than Tue., July 10. Nancy's phone is (727) 392-7417.



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