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Class of 1952, there are so many of you that I have not heard from. Please let me know that you are well. At our age health becomes a very important issue.

It was wonderful to hear from **Sandra Abramson Orhun**. She is still in Jackson Heights and would like very much for the Long Island class members to please plan a reunion for our 50th. I would certainly come from Texas. She is doing what we all should be doing, swimming at the "Y" to keep fit. Sandra referred to our nubile years playing basketball, field hockey or soccer and what fun it was. (If I had to run around the hockey field again, I would need first aid and oxygen!)

Bob Wilkinson and Connie report that son Jens, Gail, two children, and a dog have settled into their house, temporarily, I hope. Bob says the house revolves around an 18 month old's demands. (I know that I don't run as fast as I used to and my patience isn't what it used to be so I can sympathize.)

I spoke to **Jane Rein Freeman** and heard about her extraordinary grandchildren, Sarah, Schyler, and Peter. The bad news is that they live in California and Jane is in New Hampshire.

I got a long and much appreciated update from **Stanley Jackson**. Stan's parents are 90 and 92 and still living in their house. They are both blind. Stan and Jane run errands and do what needs to be done for them. In September, 1999, T.J.'s eldest son was married. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Stan and Jane attended the wedding at T.J.'s farm in Hunterdon County, NJ. (Stan calls it "Monkey's Farm"...his brother's nickname.) Their house was built in the 1740s and is in beautiful horse country. Stan's two boys are both at Cornell after graduating from Friends. Stanley, III graduated in '95 and Charles in '98. The boys are in the same fraternity where Stan III is president. Stanley, Jr. says "Cornell has the most beautiful campus anywhere!" Stan attended last year's Fall Fair and took the tour of the "new Friends." He says the new "dramatic arts building, because of its west-facing end, resembles the Queen Mary." He expected smoke to come out of its stacks. He said the horse run-in sheds are gone. The Wilt/Hutt house was razed and the old football field is a gigantic parking lot. (Sounds charming.) Stan says that **Donn Andre** had a bad fall (Class of '55) while topping a tree and required surgery and a metal rod in his spine. Donn is retired and now plays banjo all over the world. Donn was Stan's inspiration that lead him to continue banjo playing and to form the Long Island Banjo Society 35 years ago. Stan helped **Phebe Underhill Smith's** children clean up her house after her death. They are 13th generation Long Islanders! At a garage sale on Orchard Street in Oyster Bay, Stan found about 50 gravestones — all Underhills!

I also heard from **Fay Tegmeyer Biggins**. Fay serves as a consultant to the Department of Children and Families. She administers Family Services Planning Teams for them. When she retired, she sold her house and moved to the country on a lake with lots of woods and peace and quiet. In retirement she has more time for gardening, reading, and visiting her grandson. Like many of us, she loves e-mail. I love her remark after a rambling sentence, "Mrs. Wilt wouldn't approve of that sentence." Olive Wilt made an impression in all of our lives. Every time I use "awful" or "terrible." I remember Mrs. Wilt scolding us and reminding us that awful means full of awe and terrible means full



Volunteering in the Quenchers booth are parents, Kathy Goodman, Ilene and Don Vultaggio, and Kenneth Goodman.

of terror. She is probably knitting her brows and peering over her glasses from heaven considering the murdering of the language on TV and in the paper.

A letter from **Craig "Bud" Randall** arrived with news that his eldest son is teaching at Mississippi State and the youngest is a physical therapist in Columbus, Mississippi. His wife works at M.S.U. and they live in Starksville near Bud and his wife. Bud is retired and has loved the country life for 20 years. Of course, Starksville is a college town. Unlike the Shiels, he probably has more than one grocery store! Robert Shiels was pleased to hear that the head coach at U. Texas is a good friend of Bud's. Let's hope he can pull Texas back up from the doldrums! (I suddenly realized that I have known Bud since the 3-year-old's Sunday School class at the Locust Valley Dutch Reformed Church. That's a long time!)

I joined the Oyster Bay Historical Society. They are one of a few people who knows what the "Paumanok" in my e-mail means. All former members of "The Walt Whitman Society" must remember. Old Walt was pretty racy for the mid 1800s. At least in the 1950s, some of us thought so. I work with the Kaufman County Historical Commission here and volunteer at the library as President of the Friends.

The welcome mat is always out for any of you traveling through DFW Airport. Plan to stay over and visit. Call us at 972-962-8124. Kaufman is southeast of Dallas.

The alumni office heard from **Theresa Larson Scheetz**. She says "Life is full — and busy. We completed a vacation home on Spring Island, SC last year — an idyllic spot near Beaufort — where we hope to spend more time as we aim for semi-retirement (ha!). Son Ned's wedding in Santa Fe in July was a wonderful 'fiesta' and fun with tons of family on both sides. Besides fundraising consulting, stay active with sports and community activities and we do love grandparenthood — it's the best!"

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Stephen G. Fisher sent the following news to the alumni office. "As a result of my wife's Parkinson's Disease diagnosis we have become active in supporting the research leading,

hopefully, to a cure for this progressive neurological illness. She will work with Michael J. Fox in this effort. In October we travel to India representing the World Peace Prayer Society, Deirdre's employer, at U.N. day. My historic records preservation activities continue a pace. Our sons, Ian and Gareth, are now at Yale and Groton. Deirdre and I are partying."

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Two more classmates have been located and were stimulated enough to respond to my requests for info: **Jamie Reid** and **Ward Burian**. Jamie wrote in his e-mail (address: james_m_reid@yahoo.com (Jamie Reid)) "Very busy running store, tennis, raising a kid, etc. Will try to make Friends reunion."

Ward's e-mail response was very detailed and informative. He began: "The recent *Meeting House* has prompted me to let it be known that I'm alive and well. Without mentioning all the twists and turns in my journey, here's a brief account of events since that memorable day in June 1954." Ward then relates that graduation from Dartmouth was delayed a year until 1959 because of hospitalization for a soccer injury; and that year he joined the Federal Reserve Bank of NY. After four years with the FRB and two more with other NY banks, he and two colleagues formed an investment company on Wall Street specializing in money market and US Treasury securities. The company grew to five branches, including one in London at which Ward spent four years, described as marking a career and personal high point in that business (the time in London was enhanced by a knowledge of English history - college major - and the opportunity to study international banking at Oxford with students from 40 countries).

Upon Ward's return from England in 1981, the firm underwent restructuring which was unsatisfactory to him; so he left in 1986 to start a new career by buying a small but fine old real estate firm in Old Lyme, CT, called Dunham Realtors, which in 1976 had been the first to join Sotheby's, and has prospered nicely in the 14 years Ward has been co-owner. He was lured to Old Lyme by an old house (ca. 1695) with large acreage, pond, fields, and a very Monet-

like setting, which he used as a summer house and now (I believe) has just become his primary residence. There have been some changes in his domestic life, the most recent being his marrying Martha 12 years ago, who brought a son and daughter into the marriage (living in Baltimore and Boulder CO, respectively). Ward has two daughters of his own: Jennifer (FA '83) in Darien with two sons; and Allyson, expecting her first child in Breckenridge, CO.

Ward says that the only FA classmates he's seen have been **Nancy Campbell Craig** and **Jim Ferris** (actually, Connie and I had dinner with Ward, and **Laurie** and **Val Castleman**, at the University Club in NY around 1962 or so). He was also in Greenport recently but missed the Rowsoms (George's son is in Baltimore also). Ward comments that living in Lyme for the last 16 years has been like being in a New England Brigadoon...it's one of the least-changed towns in America. He ends with the following comments: "I have fond memories of dear old FA and agree that they were some of the best years in what now looks like a Age of Innocence. Fortunately, I have my brother Bob who concurs. I truly believe we were all lucky to have been there in the 1950S Like you (Donn), it was my home and holds a special place in my heart!" Ward's e-mail address is ward@oldlylect.com (Ward).

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May thanks to **Naomi Dempsey** for her phone call. She had a nice call from **Sally Hickok Ward** in Punta Gorda, FL. Sally has some knee problems but is otherwise OK.

My apologies to Dr. **Herbie Cares**. His main hospitals are Newton-Wellesley, Milford and Mass General; he hardly ever goes to the Faulkner Hospital. He invites people to visit his web site (www.hlcares.com) and sign his guest book. He sends best wishes for the holidays.

It was a pleasure to hear from **Terry Larson Scheetz** '52 in Pittsburgh who is proud of the accomplishments of **Keville Larson** '52 in the US Forest Management Industry. He is, as always, such a sincere, hard-working and modest person. He has become quite a spokesman for the industry, giving speeches, writing articles – as well as managing his growing company. He graduated from the Yale School of Forestry with a Master of Forestry degree in 1961. He was featured in the Yale Forestry magazine in Spring '99. It is great to see how creative all us alums are!

Alan Munro in Greenwich, CT writes that life is pretty stable and good. "I am a 60+ year old living a 40+ life style as my daughter (5) and son (3) are keeping me doing things that are a little different for a semi-retired guy. In January, I became a limited partner of Greenwich Associates, a marketing and consulting firm that I helped start in 1973. The main benefit has been to reduce my travel from 65% of the time to 30% as I am still helping the firm on a 150-day basis this year and will reduce further in 2000. It also has allowed me to take five weeks vacation already this year.

I have given up a 13 trip a year schedule to London and four to Asia to concentrate on special client situations in the U.S. My greatest challenge is finding enough time to become competent on e-mail and the Internet. Neither Friends nor Dartmouth taught me how to type – a great disadvantage in today's e-mail. Becca, my third daughter (30 years) from my first marriage just gave me grandchild #3...Logan James...in Seattle...her first child. Robin (36) has two children: Anne, six (same as my daughter) and Christopher (almost 3). Luckily for all Holiday events, Anne and my daughter,



Former Middle School math teacher, **Kate Blatz**, enjoys touring the Fair with her four children, **Maggie, William, James, and Caroline**.

Amy, get along great. Let's hope it holds through the teen years."

Our former English teacher, **Miriam Taylor Sajkovic** and **Vlada** have been doing translation work. She sent a card from Finland. "We visited St. Petersburg, an old sacred, grandiose city built by Peter the Great and are now in the Baltic, salty city of Helsinki where **Vlada** and his sister spent youthful years before 1917. It is a wonderful opportunity to see what has changed in peoples' attitudes – the young are very engrossed in their lives and work. The Finns think the Russians are lazy and not democratic – and they are correct. Be well. Affectionately, **Miriam and Vlada**."

Love to '55 classmates we have not heard from. Isn't about time for another reunion?

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Sue Ormiston Bridson is Editor in Chief of the *Three Village Herald* in Setauket, NY. Sue won the New Took Book Association's Zenzer Award for the best legal coverage of a murder in 1992 and in 1993 won the New York Press Association First Place Award for coverage of environmental issues and in 1996 won it for coverage of governmental issues.

Necia Newman Dardick lives in Camp Hill, PA where she is considering selling her chain of gift shop accounts and retiring to be a full-time Nanny for her grand children. **Nickki Penny Riddle** says she is finally using her degree from Hollis College and is working with the IRS doing tax research.

Dick Sykes reached back 40 years to make contact with **Tim Lapham**'s (Class of '58) cousin **Mary Booth** with whom he went steady in the summer of '55. They live in Nantucket where **Dick** is semi-retired and works part-time with a consulting company. Anyone knowing how we can contact **Alex Haberle** please contact **Patty Ziplow** in the alumni office with her phone and/or address. She is the only member of the class of '57 unaccounted for!

Victor Houghton, Jr. is a neuroradiologist. He and his wife, **Kristi**, have three children. **Victor** remembers having to go before the Principal at Friends for throwing snowballs through the girls' dorm windows. **Peter Buehler** and his wife, **Mary**, live in Cadillac, Michigan where **Pete** is a registered Forester, Real Estate Broker, and Appraiser. They have four children.

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Jane Ruyle has been working for the Senate Radio/TV in Washington DC. She was glad when the impeachment process was over so she could have her life back. **John Hadden** is considering moving from Florida after publishing 280 scientific papers, 11 books, and secured seven patents. He's a professor of medicine and pharmacology. He and his wife, **Felba**, plan to move back to Long Island.

Thanks to **Todd Mudge** for being the Class of '57 representative for as long as anyone can remember! He recently turned it over to **Roger Sanders** who lives in Florida on a river in a weekend rental that he stays in year round and occasionally writes a Class of '57 Newsletter. **Roger** says next issue will feature **Lisa Volow, Roger Nash, Jim Skeldon**, and a few others.

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First, let me apologize for missing the last deadline for *The Meeting House*. That I was not made aware of it is a poor excuse. And now onward and much fun sharing your lives with the world.

It is with much excitement that I share my recent conversation with **Anne Schweibert**. Regrettably, she lost both her parents not so long ago, prompting a cleaning out of their home in Southold. While in the throes of it, she found a box of photographs dating back to the mid-eighteen hundreds. Caught in the current of an earlier time, she tried to imagine what it was like to walk in her great-great-grandparents footsteps. Did she hear the sound of hooves on cobblestone, lit by gas lamps? It elicited a flood of emotion that could hardly be contained in our conversation. And yes, she will make her parent's home hers. But only after finding a number of other parts of the country not to her liking. And while she recently sold her needlepoint design business, she still keeps her hand in it. I always thought her art a labor of love. Little doubt her new home will glow.

Mrs. John Dundon/Susan Guerin (dundoncole@aol.com) – to those of you who embrace the ever expanding, enlightening, invading and ubiquitous world of electronic communication – is headed to Egypt in November with her husband where they will celebrate their 10th anniversary. Then it's off to Dordogne, France and a rented house to bring the century to a close in a memorable way. In preparation, she is taking French lessons. Her son, **Geoffrey**, is still living in Chicago and