

From the

Eagle's Nest



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Clarksville Fifth Grade, 1956-57





Donna Turmel Winchester shared this 5th grade photo and was able to identify many of her classmates. Ed Lange and Jane McWilliams joined the class in 6th grade. Do you recognize anyone? Names are at the end of the newsletter!

But is it closing? The BCSD Board of Education is considering closing Clarksville Elementary School to cut costs! Just last year, the newest elementary school (Eagle Elementary, which was completed just two years ago) across Van Dyke Rd. from the high school had to build an addition since New York State mandated full day kindergarten for all children. The District had to re-draw the attendance boundaries for each elementary school, so their neighborhood schools could include room for full day kindergarten classes. [For more information, visit the Times Union website.]

In Her Own Words: Coming Home Lindy (Carolyn) Alexander Perez



In high school I was restless to see other places. I left home and Delmar in the fall of 1964, returned for brief spells, traveled to Europe, and then escaped for good to the west coast. The winter of 2011 brought me back home to care for my mother.

At O'Hare Airport in Chicago, I was catching a connecting flight on January 31 just as the monster blizzard was passing through. I happened to meet two young couples from the Albany area who were fascinated to hear about my growing up there a half century ago. As a Californian living in "paradise", I was struck by how satisfied my fellow travelers were to be living in the Town of Bethlehem, as they called their home.

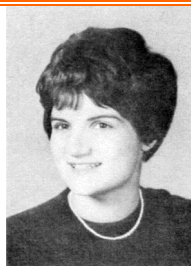
Due to the weather, I was housebound with my mother the first week. Finally venturing out in the subfreezing cold, I saw the frozen Hudson River, forests of leafless trees, older brick and clapboard homes with roofs piled high with snow, and icicles two stories long. A sudden squall turned the scene invisibly white. Yes, this place was familiar to me! Now that my mother has moved into assisted living and is looking forward to spring, I'm remembering the tulips in the park. Perhaps I have rediscovered a different kind of paradise.

Classmates' Bios & Updates



Susan Jester Boshart and her husband have lived in north Georgia for the last 20 years. Their kids and grandkids all live north: the oldest son and his two children live in Raleigh, NC; the middle child (daughter) in Silver Spring, Maryland; and the youngest son on Capitol Hill in DC. With six grandkids—two in Raleigh and four in the DC area, Susan and her husband travel often to baby-sit. Susan wrote: "It's hard to baby-sit for teenagers. I guess we're more like grandparent cops and chauffeurs."

Originally, Susan was involved in the community theater as an actor and stage manager. For the past 8+ years, though, she has been President of the local community theater where she works harder and for more hours than she ever did for any paying job! Susan also was recently selected to be on the board of directors for their Chamber of Commerce. Susan and her husband recently traveled to St. Marten, Las Vegas, Vail, and Seattle.



Paula Dorman Christenson has lived in Tucson, Arizona, for the last five years. Paula earned her BA from Muskingum College in Ohio and continued her schooling by earning her MA and PhD at SUNY Albany, majoring in History. Paula met her husband Jack while she was working on her master's and he was working on his doctorate. Paula and Jack moved to Ilion (near Utica). They had two children—Julie and Erik. Paula worked at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and taught at Utica College and SUNY College of Technology in Utica.

When Paula's husband passed away many years ago, Paula moved to Reading, PA to be closer to friends. She continued working both in an educational service organization and at a community college. When her son Erik completed college and decided to move to Tucson, Paula visited and eventually had a house built there. Paula wrote: "I retired to Tucson and have never worked here and hope to never have to!"

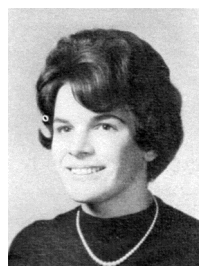
Paula is another classmate who has traveled the world over! She just returned from a winter cruise in the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. In the summer, Paula has plans for a North Atlantic cruise to Greenland and Iceland. Next January, she'll be off to Tahiti!

Paula has two grandkids—Lia and Jack—and her daughter who lives in Boston is expecting in June. Another trip she is planning will be to visit the new baby!



Rose Ann Hannan was home at Christmas for two and half days visiting her brother and sister-in-law and "the rest of the clan." Rose Ann is still working full-time at a periodontal office. She celebrated her 40th year with a dinner out for all the staff and the dentists picking up the tab! She even got presents: a gift certificate at golfers' warehouse and a dozen of her favorite flowers—roses, of course!

Rose Ann "spends" every Saturday morning having coffee with **Nancy Arnold Martin**—only Rosie is in Massachusetts, and Nancy is in New York! They spend almost an hour talking and laughing on their cell phones weekly. What a great way to catch up and stay in touch!



In February, Rosie met **Nicki (Howe) and Bill Adams** and Nicki's sisters, Susie and Jenny, for breakfast on Cape Cod. They were all there for Susie's son's wedding. Rosie wrote: "Nick and Bill looked great-- both very tan from the Florida sun. They were freezing: the Cape had 5" of snow. Nikki had to go buy a pair of boots to survive the weekend. That will teach them to come to New England in the winter!"

The snow doesn't bother Rosie; she simply heads off to X-Country Skiing with her two labs at the Stow Town Forest, four miles away. Rosie added, "My job is to bring the snacks for me and the dogs. They are wonderful company and love to be with me. Afterwards, it will be a contest to see who will be in bed first-- me or the dogs!"



Rosemary Marotta Lalime has sold real estate for 30+ years. She opened her own office in 1983 and owns and operates three Coldwell Banker Offices in Northern Vermont--Coldwell Banker All Seasons Realty Newport, Barton, and Lyndonville. Rosemary sells out of the Main office in Newport-Derby. She has been a director of the Community National Bank with 14 branches in Northern Vermont since 1985. Rosemary has three daughters: *Cedar* is a nurse practitioner, college professor, graduate of University of Pennsylvania; *Crystal* is an attorney at Credit Suisse, Manhattan and Hong Kong, graduate of Drexel and Quinnipiac University Law School; and *Kasey* is a doctor of Physical Therapy, graduate of Boston University and Duke. Kasey, the youngest, will be married this summer (6/25/11) at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vermont's oldest city. Rosemary has three grandchildren, ranging in ages from 4-10 years old. Rosemary lost her first husband (Lalime) in a vehicular accident in 1984 and her second husband (Brown) in 2002 to cancer. Her children were 3, 4 and 6 when their father (Lalime) passed on, so she didn't change her name during their school years. She was known as "Lalime" also through her business. Rosemary has not remarried.



Donna Yeomans Macmillan lives in Indian Valley, VA, which is south of Roanoke. Both daughters, her brother Randy, and her sister Jeri live a short distance from her. Donna wrote: "Our whole family left NY and headed to this area. It is really beautiful down here and reminds me a lot of the area we all grew up in just a little bit warmer."

Donna will be "officially" retiring from the state health department May 1st, although her actual last working day was Feb. 28th. Donna plans to volunteer at a local art organization (hoping some of their talents will fall her way!) and start yoga classes with her sister. Donna again: "Not sure at this time what else I can get into but don't plan on being a couch potato yet, although having Netflix at your finger tips makes it tempting. I just need to alternate with *Wii Fit*." Donna plans to attend our 50th Reunion in 2014 and looks forward to seeing everyone then!



Tim Moore and his wife Lynne traveled to New Zealand and Australia last fall. Lynne enjoyed the opera house and the music hall. However, the trip was interrupted by the cyclone that hit the Great Barrier Reef the day before they left Sydney! Nonetheless, Tim wrote: "NZ and Sydney were great!"

Carol Maxon Mossman and her husband, Donald, have lived in the Pacific Northwest for 40 years and love it! The town--North Saanich (close to Sidney) --is on the peninsula near Victoria, BC, on Vancouver Island. She plans a visit back to Delmar this spring.



Elaine Calisto Schoonmaker is an active member of Facebook, mainly to play Farmville! She has been retired from her job with New York State for almost 10 years now. Elaine wrote: "We spend the winters in Kingston, NY and summers in the Adirondacks near Lake Champlain. I have a son and one grandson, eighteen months old. There are lots of pictures [of my family] on Facebook." Elaine would love to see more photos of classmates on Facebook as well!



Since **Janet McCormick Sharron** retired in June 2010 from her administrative position in the school district, she has been employed as a contract worker for CTB-McGraw Hill in their educational testing division. With this extra money, she and her husband Mark purchased an RV trailer and a new truck to pull it--something they've wanted for a while. Mark will probably continue working another three years. Janet wrote: "Our granddaughter just turned three and brings much joy to us. We try to get down to LA to see her at least once a month." Their daughters are also fine, although one is unemployed along with so many others in this economy.

Mark also receives a BCHS newsletter, *Eagle Droppings* (!), for the Class of 1962, managed by Cheryl Maxwell Viera. His class is having a 50th Reunion next year, and Mark and Janet will be getting together with Cheryl, Ron Denham, and Linda Logan Bird and spouses in July 2011 for a planning session. They have already reserved the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga. (Ed: *Very Nice!*)



Ted Sherman lives in a small fishing community in Gig Harbor, WA. He's been working for a large furniture company out of North Carolina for over 33 years. As a territorial manager, he covers Oregon, Washington, Western Canada, and Alaska. Ted and his customers get along great, often becoming friends. He loves the job and the travel that goes with it.

Ted has three boys. The thirty-year old is a team leader in an EOD (Explosive, Ordnance Disposal) squad in the Marine Corp. His job is stressful but he loves it. He is married with 2 children. Ted's 17-year old son, "TD", is starting to look at colleges. Tucker, 13, is the youngest. TD and Tucker live with their mom in Iowa; Ted sees them as much as he can, getting together summers and holidays.

Ted wrote: "The most interesting thing about my life is that I am dating and spending as much time as I can with a girl whom most of you know from high school. We reconnected at our 45th high school reunion. So for those of you who don't come you should reconsider--you never know what can happen. She is a beautiful woman and is making me very happy, after not having the best of luck with my love life. She is one of a kind, and I love being with her. We see each other just about every month somewhere in this large, but small world. We will be in Italy in February 2011. She loves to travel, and so do I. We are trying to show me the beautiful places she has been. And I have tried to do the Cabo, Mexico in April and I try to come to Albany as often as I can."

Have you guessed who the lucky classmate is? **Paula Kohn Bloch!** dancing at the 45th Reunion, you may have seen the sparks flying!



If you saw them



Lynn Steltmann's family planned a 90th birthday party for their Mom in August 2010—the first time the family was together in 12 years. Among the 50 guests were **Eric Isachsen**, his wife Kit, and Eric's mom, Stasia, who is Lynn's mom's best friend!

In September, Lynn took a two-week tour of our western national parks with three friends. Lynn wrote: "I had a wonderful if very fast time visiting Zion, Bryce, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands, Deadwood, Cody, Little Big Horn, Denver, Vale, Mesa Verde, Arches, Monument Valley, the Teton Mountains, and Vegas. The weather was beautiful and those on the tour, delightful.

I would recommend a visit to you all."



Dawn Flansburg Summerlin wrote: "All is well here in sunny California." That's good to know! Dawn had returned from a trip to Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Japan, leaving Tokyo "just in time" before the earthquake and tsunami.



Barb Kebbon Veal and "a bunch of girlfriends" took a cruise to the Bahamas in mid-February. She recently underwent cataract surgery that went well. The best part, she wrote, is that now it is "DONE." Her husband turned "70" in January, and they celebrated by hosting a dinner/birthday with a Chinese theme.



Donna Turmel Winchester retired about a year ago and put her house on the market expecting to have moved to Florida by now. Alas, the house hasn't sold, so Donna's Plan B is to take an RV trip to California this spring. Donna enjoys planning trips almost as much as taking them! Donna wrote: "It brightened my day to receive the Eagle's Nest newsletter. It was great fun to hear from everyone who contributed."



Rich Young currently lives in Rochester, NY. He went into the Air Force a year out of high school, got a job at Kodak as an equipment maintenance man when he returned from the military 4 years later (based on his electronics training). Rich worked his way up to Product Design Engineer. Rich added: "If you've had lab tests on your blood chemistry lately, the odds are pretty good that I had something to do with the machine that did the testing."

About four years after Rich's division in Kodak was sold to Johnson & Johnson, Rich took a buy-out that was offered. Then he went to work for a small custom design firm, and after that, a manufacturer of professional and commercial audio equipment. When this business entered a slump, he was laid off and decided, after some unsuccessful job searching, to just "retire." Since then, Rich has been working as a clerk at a liquor store just to keep busy.

Rich, who never married, is now in a "domestic partnership" with a lovely lady from Toronto, Canada. His partner has dual citizenship, which makes traveling back and forth across the border with gifts for (and from) her family events MUCH easier! They drove across country last fall, following U.S. Route 20 (Western Avenue) to its west coast terminus in Newport, Oregon. US Route 20 is actually the longest road in the country and the ONLY one of the major east-west U.S. highways that hasn't been mostly replaced by Interstates. Rich described the trip: "We stayed in some towns that I'm sure are unfamiliar to most people . . . like Wauseon, OH; Stockton, IL; Chadron, NE; and Thermopolis, WY. Turns out that Route 20 also goes right through the middle of Yellowstone National Park and Craters of the Moon National Monument. On our way back, we went through Eureka, CA and Redwood National Park; Reno, NV; and Salt Lake City, UT. We also visited my brother, Mike (who lives in Dewey, AZ), and his daughters (one of whom goes to school in Flagstaff, AZ, and the other of whom works in Austin, TX)."

Passages



Walter F. Smith, 65, of Westerlo died Saturday, March 19, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, NY. Walter is the son of the late Peter and Emma Smith. Walter was a 1964 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1971. He was an equipment operator for the Albany County Highway Department in Westerlo, retiring in 2001. Walter was a member and union representative of CSEA. He was a past member of the Elsmere Fire Co., A and the Westerlo Fire Department. Walter loved spending time with his family and friends. His hobbies included antique cars and attending car shows. Walter is survived by his wife Beatrice Buell Smith; his children, Theodore Heim (Penny), Scott and Tammy Smith; his grandchildren, Garrett, Jennifer and Brandon Heim and a great-grand-daughter, Emerson Heim. Other survivors include his sister, Lois Smith; brother-in-law Robert Glastetter; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Joan Glastetter and Margaret Jones, and his brother, Peter Smith. Friends and relatives may call at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m. and attend his funeral service at 6 p.m. Spring internment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont. Contributions in Walter's memory may be sent to the Westerlo Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 12, Westerlo, NY 12193.

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Diane (Byers) Stroh, 64, of Mt. Pleasant, SC and formerly of Cape May, went home to be with the Lord on April 18, 2011 after battling cancer. Loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed. Born December 27, 1946 in Reading, PA, she graduated from Newport Hospital School of Nursing in 1967 as a Registered Nurse. She also married her husband Ronald Stroh, that year and together they had three children. Due to her husband's occupation, they moved their fair share; however she always made a beautiful loving home wherever they went. They settled in Cape May in 1999 where Diane was actively involved in the Cape May United Methodist Church, The Garden Club of Cape May, The Nature Center and the Soroptimist Club. Diane was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Margaret (Phillips) Byers, and her granddaughter, Kate Sevcik. She is survived by her beloved husband of 43 years, Ronald D. Stroh; her daughters, Kimberly (and Michael) Mileszko of Shamong and Melanie (and Joseph) Sevcik of Newport News, VA; her son, Jeffrey (and Alison) Stroh of San Francisco, CA; two sisters, Suzanne (and Thomas) Menegus of Egg Harbor and Kim (and Harry) Byers-Granito of Ann Arbor, MI. Diane was also blessed with eleven grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for Diane's doctors and caregivers at Duke University Medical Center in NC, as well as all who have helped her and her family these past two years. A memorial Service will be offered from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, April 23, in the Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St., Cape May. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society at www.braintumor.org or by mail to 124 Watertown St, Suite 2D, Watertown, MA 02472

Sue's address is: Suzanne Menegus, 483 Country Club Dr, Egg Harbor City, NJ, 08215.

You may know a classmate's family members. We will be glad to include notices of these deaths, if you would like. Further information may be available in the archives of the Times Union www.timesunion.com

Sal Pipito: Sister, **Nancy Ellen Pipito**, passed away on October 29, 2009.

Sue Winn Jacobsen: Mother, **Nancy G. Winn**, passed away December 23, 2010.

Snapshots

Photo #1: Four Grand Old Ladies



Joining **Lynn Arnold** and her '57 TR3 at the "The Way We Were" Car Show, which was sponsored by the Ballston Spa Business Association and drew over 600 cars, were **Carolyn King Hart** and **Ellie Krackeler Dillon**. Lynn writes: "... not bad looking, these "4 grand old ladies"! It was a beautiful sunny fall day and we had a blast."

Photo #2: Great Fishing!



Walt Myers forwarded some pictures from his many fishing trips to the Salmon River in Altmar, which is located in Oswego County, NY. Walt also does a lot of ice fishing on Lake George and Brant Lake (NY) during the winter

months.

Clarksville Fifth Grade, 1956-57 Who's Who

Front Row: Dawn Flansburg, _____, Nancy Kukuk, Donna Turmel, Mary Martin, Bob Appleby, Tim Schieble, Lee Beauregard, Walt Myers, Steve Pogni, _____, _____.

Middle Row 2: Pat Fortin, Jeanne Fuller, Linda Frisbee, Carol Holland, Shelley Vonk, Suzanne Crewell, Lloyd (Buddy) Wilson, Ray Vadney, Don Cronk, Bobby Bartell.

Back Row: Ann Bargy, Sharon Geel, Karen Cass, Linda Kiley, Lynne Vrooman, Linda Crounse, Earl McMillen, Rick Dryden, Len Harris, Bobby Clark.

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Next Newsletter: Summer 2011?

Please send YOUR bio, memories, photos, updates, and/or words of wisdom to Sue sueslu@rochester.rr.com for the summer newsletter! **Your news** is what makes the newsletter fun to read!

Sent with Good Cheer for a Happy Spring, Your Newsletter Crew,

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Disclaimer: The News Gatherer offers her humble apologies in advance for any inaccuracies.

. . . and finally:

How many of you actually knew Thacher Park had a view?

