

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

2007 REUNION - May 25-26-27-28, 2007.

Reunion Countdown = Thirteen (13) weeks

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Benny & Carolyn Wallace	51-55	Congratulations	Granddaughter Beth gave birth to our first great grandchild in Phoenix around 1600 today. Her name is Alexandria.BCW+1
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Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Re: Harmer's note on the wheelchair bound teacher's inspiration	“Let us not forget our own Wayne Thompson who was an inspiration for all of us who knew and worked out with him. To quote from Bill Beavers' write up last month "Wayne taught me adversity could have a touch of humor. Mike”
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FSU Statue Team:
 Barbara (Sheehan) Withers
 Beverley (Cude) Beaton
 Bill & Carole Beavers
 Don & Connie Holder
 Ed & Christine Jonas (Team Leader)
 Frank & Francis Dennard
 Jack Miles (Historian)
 Jim & Arlene Fadigan
 Mike Mann & Fran Millians
 Rafael & Diane Lecuona

“Hey Jack,
 Good to hear from you and a separate column or item on the statue project is a good idea.
 Here is the situation, my contact, Donna McHugh's husband, Bill has just been through a triple bypass and now is facing some complications. Donna, whom I have known since my student days at FSU, and have complete trust and confidence in to guide me through the political maze that is the University, has of course been caring for Bill. I believe she will be available in another two weeks, which pushes us beyond your deadline.

Donna and I have talked several times about the project and she has agreed to help us set up a separate designated account within the FSU Foundation that will give us a tax donation status for all moines collected. But I do not want the Foundation to see us as prospects and then 'hounding' our group for further funds so I am awaiting Donna's help as she is Asst. Vice President of Community Affairs and has the ability and power to work this out. Donna also will help us select an appropriate site for the work.

I will insist on working with her as my first sculpture *Sportsmanship ,2000*, was a nightmare of jumping through hoops, Donna helped with *Eppes, 2003* and

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FSU Gymnastics Reunion
May 25th – 28th, 2007
 Jim Fadigan, Team Leader

It is about 90 days until our next reunion. So block out the above dates on your calendar and start preparing. The reunion keeps getting bigger and better each year & we anticipate that this year’s will be the best yet. Lot’s of interest, enthusiasm and organization.

Where: Barbara Withers Beach House
 1533 Alligator Drive
 Alligator Point, FL 32346
 Phone: 850-349-2476

When: Memorial Day Weekend
 May 25 – 28, 2007

Who: Florida State Gymnasts
 Florida State Gymkana
 Members
 Tallahassee Tumbling Tots
 Invited guests of the above

Within 10 days, the advance team (see below) will be sending out notices, registration forms, information about the happening and the events right up until the event.

FSU Gymnastics WEB-Site
 Web-Site Master Mike Mann
 Frank & Francis Dennard

Historians/Contributors
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“Jack, I basically think our web sites are in pretty good shape at their present stage of development.
 Jack asked me to do this report for the “Computer challenged” folks that have not seen our web sites; “fsugymnastics.org” and “tallahassee tumblingtots.org.” I can only go by the feedback I get and so far and it is all positive since I have not gotten a single negative reaction to either of the sites.
 What we really need is for those of you that have not seen them to go over to or, if necessary, find a computer literate friend or neighbor and get them to help you look at the sites. We think you will be impressed and also think you will like them. If you see something that you don’t like or upsets you then write to me and tell me about it.
 What we really need, especially from you folks, is to go to your attic or closet, get out your photo albums, scrapbooks and card-board boxes and send me that stuff ASAP. If you have kept it this long it is obviously important to you if no one else. Your kids, grand kids or great grand kids may just end up tossing this stuff in the garbage can. Send it to me and I will return it ASAP as soon as I can get it into my computer. In addition to whether I use

<p>{Continued}</p> <p><i>Landis Green, 2005</i> and they went considerably smoother.</p> <p>I have eight commissions in the studio now but only one monumental sculpture commission, for a site in Virginia, so if the committee would like to have a face to face meeting to discuss how the creative process is organized, I should like to offer my studio, photo attached, here in Tallahassee as a meeting place.</p> <p>And that's the way it is!, My best' Ed"</p>	<p><u>Advance Team Contact Information:</u></p> <p><u>Beverly Cude-Beaton</u> & William D. Beaton (Bill) (cell: 514-961-3692)4800 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West Apt. 610 West, Westmount, QC H3Z 1M2 (514-938-8875)</p> <p><u>Barbara Sheehan Withers</u> Cell: 850-545- 3970 HM: 1533 Alligator Drive, PO Box 626 Alligator Point, Fl. 32346 (850) 349-2476 411 Live Oak Cottage, Plantation Rd. Tallahassee, Fla. 32312 (850) 893-408</p> <p><u>Don & Connie Holder</u> 9310 SW 104th Court, Miami, Fla. 32303 (305-271-8368)</p> <p><u>Carmine & Daneen Regna</u> 18621 Belmont Drive, Miami, Florida 33157-6911 (305-235-0867) (cell; 305-772-4623)</p> <p><u>Raphael A. (Dr.) & Diana Lecuona</u> 202 McPherson Dr., Laredo, Texas 78041 (Cell: 956-324-9318 –best) (Hm.281-895- 7041)</p> <p><u>James “Jimmy” Fadigan (Dr.) & Arlene</u> <u>(Cell – 407-810-7116</u> 2524 Waterview, Place, Orlando, Fl. 34786 (407-293-0299) (Cell: 407-810-7116)</p> <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <p><u>Invitations and registration forms:</u> Will arrive shortly via Email, snail mail, phone and/or Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Accommodations are available:</u> At the beach (Barbara's houses and others she can find) Other locations if needed (Rented homes and motels if needed) House and room assignments – Barbara will have the final word on all room assignments but she will need help in getting the list of those needing rooms.</p> <p><u>FIRST COME FIRST SERVED</u></p>	<p>{Continued}</p> <p>it on the web site or not I am creating an electronic archive of all this material. I do backups every month and send copies to Bill Beavers, Jack Miles and Jim Fadigan so those items will not just be in the hands of me or your children and their offspring.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><u>TTT (Tallahassee Tumbling Tots Web-Site</u> Web-Site Master Mike Mann Frank & Francis Dennard Randy Trousdell Katy Johnson</p> <p><u>Historians/Contributors</u> Brent Pichard Carrie (Englert) Zimmerman Claire (Essig) Traynor Gene Abrahamson Jack Miles Jim & Arlene Jackson Katy Johnson</p>
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Ron & Loree Galimore | **TTT** | **The 2007 Tyson American Cup** “Ron, Former TTT and now USGF Vice President of Events, Olympic Relations/Men’s Program announces that **The 2007 Tyson American Cup** Will be held in Jacksonville March 3rd. for more information go to <http://usa-gymnastics.org/>

Jon & Boots Culbertson | **64-66** | **Chance encounter in Miami** “Jack: Your newsletter reminds me to write about a brief encounter with Don & Connie Holder at a meet this morning in Miami from which I just came back. I was at the entrance when in he walks and I say “that’s Don Holder, famous FSU gymnast and Olympian! – you can’t charge him to come to this meet”. Not only did they not take his money; but later made an announcement about our honored guest which was applauded by all. I was only sorry he didn’t know about the optional session the night before during which some very good gymnastics would have been observed. It was the Universal Invitational hosted by Universal Gymnastics of South Miami which presently has several members of the junior national team working out there as well as some international gymnasts such as Jorge Geraldo from Colombia..... Jon”

Wedding Anniversaries

Chick & Jennie Cicio	56 years, 57 in April, 07
Don & Connie Holder	56 years, 57 in August, 07
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	53 years, 54 in May, 07
Carmine & Daneen Regna	51 years,
Jim & Marlene Jackson	51 years, 52 in July, 07
Don & Patsy Rapp	51 years, 52 in November 07
Sam & Tpsi Bailie	50 years, 51 in June 07
Jon & Boots Culbertson	49 years, 50 in June 07
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	49 years, 50 in September 07
Jack & Almira Sharp	47 years of marriage
Lennart & Karsthin Malmlin	47 years of marriage
Beverley & Bill Beaton	45 years
Claire <i>Essig</i> & Dick Traynor	43 years of marriage
Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher	42 years, 43 in Dec. 07
Bill & Carol Beavers	39 years, 40 in July, 07
Dick & Susie Gutting	38 years, 39 in June, 07
Wayne & Heather Thompson	37 years, 38 in January 08
Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Jimmy & Janie Hanks	28 years, 29 in November 07

Carrie Englert Zimmerman | **TTT** | **Top Tumbling Tot Melanie Wilson's condition** “By the way, remember Melanie Wilson? Awesome tumbler? She is only 50, has fought off breast cancer two other times, but now it has spread. Very sad. She lives in Tallahassee, but I have only seen her one time in the past two decades. Should never let that happen. She is currently at Moffitt (sp?) in Tampa for treatment. {Yes, I remember Melanie well. A vivacious young girl with energy to spare and, wow, could she tumble. My boy's team thought she was real cute. Sadly, it was also breast cancer that took the life of her former coach and TTT Director, June (*LaSalvia*) Gifford..I sure hope we see a cure in our lifetime.....our prayers and wish for a quick recovery are with her.....jmm }

Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | **51-53/60-62** | **Re: Scotty Stanton** “Another wonderful newsletter. One of my memories of Scotty was riding terrified in the rumble seat of his yellow car. He lived life to the fullest. Love, peace and joy, Almira”

Joe & Carol Regna | **50-54/81-83** | **Re: Scotty Stanton** “Jack, I enjoy reading each newsletter. I vividly remember Scotty and his unfortunate demise, We all miss him very much, especially his notorious lifestyle. (I wonder what did happen to Pat his girlfriend?) Its great hearing from some of the other (not so well known but just as important) gymnasts. I have not been able to get in touch with Freddie {Orlafsky} for some time now. Will still try. By the way, did you ever get my bio? If so what happened to it. I do not remember seeing it in any of the newsletters. {Joe, It was in 4th Edition, first page.....jmm }

Been spending most of my time trying to break 100 on the golf course and keeping up on my numerous doctor appointments. Carol & I are looking forward to this year's Gymkana weekend. Keep up the good work. Joe”

Barbara Sheehan Withers | **54-62** | **One twin** “ **WOW**, that's all I can say about your latest newsletter, what a great job you do, Jack. Thank you so much for your untiring work on this newsletter! I am curious about the "shocking untold truth" - regarding Bev & me - please give us a preliminary look as we don't want too many of our deep dark secrets to get out...Love & hugs, Barbara

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | **55-59** | **The other twin** “Good grief, Jack! Barbara and I have made the Tabloids? And I thought being in the Gymkana Program was the ultimate! **WOW!**...Luv, (I think...) “Bev

Jack Miles | **50-58** | **The WOW, WOW girls** {This is all Hush, Hush of course concerning the **WOW, WOW** girls. A reputable source divulged that it was their belief that Barbara Withers and Beverley Beaton were actually.....would you believe.... Siamese Twins. Separated at birth the doctors suggested that one child be raised in Canada and one in the states. One grew up prettier than the other while the other was the smarter of the two. Not unlike the Corsican Brothers they both had a crush on a devious underworld character who went by the name Jimmy Fadigan The Notorious Fadigan was rejected by a computer Spell Check which divulged that he is really Jimmy Cardigan (An outer wear garment which was later named after him because the sweater made people sweat not unlike the profuse sweat exhibited by Rafael Lecuona whenever Jimmy hugged Don Holder). Both girls were unable to determine if their affection for Jimmy Cardigan was actually their own or empathy because of the bond of emotion they shared equally due to their unusual birth. Clinical tests have failed to determine which one is the smarter of the two – and sadly their intelligence quotients seem to fall in the negative range – of course - in that they chose Jimmy over Rafael who was always available and let it be known to whom-ever would listen. Actually, both of these girls make me sweat when they hug me, much more than what Raphael displays. Did I mention that Jimmy and “The Cuban”, avid dancers, love to show off their Cha-Cha.... or so a couple of Co-eds told me.... but that's another story. Let it be known that we all love these Siamese Twins, even though we can't tell them apart.....jmm }

Alice Englert	(Carrie's Mom)	Re: email to Mike re. her visit to the TTT Web-site
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“WHAT A DEAR AND SPECIAL PERSON YOU ARE!! Dear Mike:

From my heart to yours, this fills my eyes with tears as it brings back so many wonderful memories. I have no words to express how much your gathering of all the material means--to all who were involved with the TTT. We have always known that our family was blessed to have been able to take part in the Tallahassee Recreation Department's activities. I remember the exact day when I went to the old Armory to pick Carrie up ----she had one leg over the bottom bar of the unevens, holding on to the top bar as she as reading from an open book with instructions as to what she should do next. (Now we know) Thanks to Jack and to you we will be able to pass the past down to generations of our family to enjoy and appreciate. Thank you, Alice Englert Carrie's Mom”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Excerpt's from Email Re: Trousdell Center
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“Jack - I have just returned from town, Publix, and the Trousdell Center and found the very

nice note below (See above....jmm} from Alice Englert. The fellow I talked to over there, Mike Monahan {Boys Program Director....jmm} said he had just seen Ron {Galimore} in Las Vegas and that he was there until late Sunday. So I guess there is a possibility that he still hasn't gotten home. Brent Pichard {TTT} came by while I was gone, picked up his old stuff and left some more. One of the things he left was a parade picture similar to yours but just a hair further back down the street. It must have been just before Gene stopped to do that handstand on the windshield. He was able to give Fran the names of all the people in the car and hopefully she hasn't lost them already. He also brought a full page of photos from the Tallahassee Democrat, Feb. 21, 21954 and it has been laminated in plastic. I'll probably have to wait on that Visioneer scanner before. One of the photos has Brent in a stance being coached by Holder and Lecuona, another has him doing a flip off the trampoline into Gutting's arms. Another has Alma Claire Essig Traynor doing a tuck back flip in front of a line of unidentified female Tots. Other photos also have Pat Signorelli.” {Mike: is our energizer bunny for sure.....jmm} {What should we call a “Tallahassee Tumbling Tot” who is now over fifty? We, jokingly, used to call them the “Terriblehassee Stumbling Snots”....seems we were more prophetic than we ever imagined.....jmm}

Nancy & Bob Trautman	54-56	The Modern Gymnast
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“Hi Jack I'm still enjoying the news letters. Thanks for keeping me in the loop. I had hoped to go to the reunion this year, but because of Bob's 50th class reunion in Pennsylvania being the same time and he being on that committee, I will be up there with him. It's unbelievable that there are many other weeks and these two things have to be at the same time. Never fails!

Do you happen to remember a small magazine by the name of "The Modern Gymnast"? I was cleaning out my cedar chest today (trying to get organized) and I found a box of things that my Mother had given me a few years ago of things that she had saved for me. Even my report cards from the 1st grade to the 12th. In that box were 4 of these magazines dating Nov. - Dec. 1958, Jan. 1959, Feb. 1959 and March 1959. I quickly scanned through them and you, Muriel Davis, Dr. Price, Bill Beavers and Fernando Lecuona are on page 6 of the Jan 1959 book. The same book had a two page article of a trampoline act that we worked with years later. In the Feb issue is a picture of Abie Grossfeld and Jamile Ashmore among others. This was a Finnish-USA Meet. Anyway, I'm sure there are other names you would recognize. Anyway, do you or anyone else that you know of have any interest in these magazines? I also found a Gymkana MATO-Grosso program from 1959. I think this is already on the web site for Gymkana.

Let me know if you or anyone else has interest. I was really looking forward to coming to the reunion, but hopefully, next year.

By the way, I have visited with David Carmolli and his wife Judy. They run an embroidery business here, as you probably know. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Love, Nancy”

{Yes, I sure do remember the magazine very well and would love to see them. Could you send them to Mike Mann? He can glean from them whatever he feels pertinent for the Web-Site and then he can let all see them at the Reunion. I am sorry you will miss this reunion, especially since you are a former born and raised “Terriblehasslassie”.....love, jmm}

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“Yoshi -I don't recall whether I told you or not but the thing that prompted me to look you up

was that a couple of weeks ago I picked up a briefcase from Joe Taylor of photos and clippings for scanning into my computer and for possible use on the web site. He had that excellent photo of you working Side Horse and I had almost no photos of you and was able to use that on your personal page. I have finished scanning all of his photos and have started on the scrapbook and just scanned in the attached article from the Florida Flambeau the student newspaper. You figure prominently in several events and thought it might be of interest to you. I am sure you have already found the photo of the group that weekend at Wakulla Springs

(<http://fsugymnastics.org/Photos/WSB-Group.html>) and (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Photos/WSB-Handstands.html>). I am also attaching my own personal B&W photos of the group from that weekend in which you are down in front and a little more visible. “

Yoshiro Hatano	60-61	Lost but now found by Mike Mann
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“Dear Mike: Big hello from Japan! What a great surprise to see these good memories of Tallahassee along with great story of late

Dr.Hartley Price. After going through all these great pages of honorable history of FSU gymnastics, I become more proud of the Price family. It has been 46 years since I left Tallahassee. You kindly provided the web site for me to remind of those good old days.

Thank you very much again and again. I am still teaching at this Kyushu University of Health and Welfare in Japan at my age of 72 years. Gymnastics has been quite instrumental in my professional career (physical education, health and preventive medicine) and for this reason I am so much fond of the good memories of Tallahassee. Thank again. Best wishes , Yoshiro Hatano, Ph.D.

Professor of Health Science, Kyushu University of Health and Welfare Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Prefecture, JAPAN”