

**\*\*\*\*\*One more present under the tree\*\*\*\*\***

**FSU Gymnasts, Gymkana, and Friends Newsletter November 2005 (Ninth Edition) 12/22/05**

Within reason the Newsletter follows this word content per single entry (Times New Roman, 10 font sizes)  
New entry: Resumes/history since FSU = Twenty-two (22) words per line, Twenty two (22) lines  
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**Years (Continuously) Married Contest (Recorded as of this date)**

Chick & Jennie Cicio	55 years, 56 in April, 06
Don & Connie Holder	55 years, 56 in August, 06
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	52 years, 53 in May, 06
Carmine & Daneen Regna	51 years,
Jim & Marlene Jackson	50 years, 51 in July, 06
Don & Patsy Rapp	50 years, 51 in November 06
<b>Sam &amp; Topsi Bailie</b>	<b>49 years, 50 in June 06</b>
Jon & Boots Culbertson	48 years, 49 in June, 06
Jay & Ellie Schwarz man	48 years, 49 in September
Beverley & Bill Beaton	45 years
Claire & Dick Traynor	42 years, 43 in February 06
Bill & Carole Beavers	37 years (for good behavior)
Dick & Susie Gutting	37 years, 38 in June, 06
Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Jimmy & Janie Hanks	27 years
Fernando & Linda Lecuona	16 years
Jack Miles et al	1, 7, 1/2, 10, 12, 14 years

**From Jay & Ellie Schwarzman (51-55)**

“Ellie and I wish you, your family and all of those on the roster with whom I worked and knew and who knew me in those good old years between 1951 and 1955.” {I’m not sure what he wanted to wish us....maybe Merry Christmas...sure that’s it...jmm}

**From Raphael & Diana Lecuona (54-55)**

“Hi Jack! As usual, I enjoyed your very good Newsletter...it does bring back that thought and song; "memories are made of this..." Whatever happened to the Merry Christmas in foreign languages idea for which you requested some samples. I believe I sent you a couple in Spanish...and even warned you about the use of the "ñ" in some words like "año" which without the "ñ" reads "ANO" (caps for emphasis)...which in Spanish would read as "the "ass" or "rectum" in a most offensive manner...That, I'm afraid happened to Benny Wallace's "Merry Christmas" in Spanish...which literally would have read or rather reads:” Merry Christmas and Happy New "Ass")...Oh well, I guess that the intention is what counts. so...

*"Feliz Navidad Y Próspero Año Nuevo"*

Jack, to you and your lovely family, with Love!

PS "Próspero" means "prosperous, propitious “{You tell them Raphael. I st st st stutter, but confidentially I think that’s what Benny really wanted to say. jmm}{Yes, Raphael your original letter got lost in the crash...sorry, boot dat...jmm}

**From Wayne & Heath Thompson (50-54)**

“Hi Jack, I got the 8th ed. of the newsletter and am letting you know that I received it as you asked. I nearly laughed myself silly when I read the part about you and the motel. Remember when you taught me to dance in the glass enclosed lobby. I bet we slowed a lot of traffic in those days. P.S. You can paraphrase this and share it with the gang if you like “{I would Wayne but I don’t know what a paraphrase is...I’ll let them keep guessing what you and I dancing together was all about...jmm}{Maybe Holder knows...jmm}

**From Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp (51-53/60-62)**

“Thank you so much for another wonderful issue. Will be heading to Wichita to be with daughter, Joan, and family after celebrating Christmas here with Diane and John. Will be going from Wichita to Little Rock, AR to visit grandson, Stuart, his wife and my 2 great grandsons. Stuart leaves Jan. 10 for his second tour in Iraq. Love, peace and joy, Almira”

**From Don & Connie Holder (51-57)**

“Once again I'm in awe of your talent to piece together all the news and keep us all informed and much closer than in years back. Needless to say “a job well done.” {Don is the guy people think is my twin brother. (But, I’m the beter looking twin)...jmm}

### **From Jimmy & Peggy Tanaka (51-56)**

“Great job you are doing with the FSU Newsletter. Did you receive my e-mail to you relative to the United States Air Force Academy's 50th Gymnastic reunion? “ {Yes, to follow...jmm}....”Just returned from five days down in Southern California to see my brother and his family (Disneyland, visit Movie Star homes, Santa Monica, Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, Bel Aire, tourist stuff, etc.). Will be on another **International** trip for a couple of weeks before the new 2006 Spring Semester begins on Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

Wishing you and your family a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year.**”

### **Three part story from Jimmy Tanaka (51-56)**

#### **Re. USAF Academy's 50<sup>th</sup> Gymnastics Reunion**

**Part One:** (From Gary Close) Dear Coach Tanaka, I saw your name on the list regarding the reunion in March and am wondering if you plan to attend. I hope you are; I would love to see you. My wife and I are planning to be there. I hope all is well with you. I want you to know you had a large influence on my life, more than you will ever know, and in ways I didn't begin to appreciate until years after I had left the Academy. You were a great coach and you taught me a lot - and not just about gymnastics. Best Regards

**Part Two:** (From Jimmy to Gary) It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you and to learn that you are doing so well. Yes, I plan on attending the USAF Academy's 50th Gymnastics reunion with my better half, Peggy. I missed you at the first reunion ten years ago. I am still semi-active in teaching and coaching the young (and some not so young) men and women at a local Community College. We have much to catch up on when we all get together in March. Aside from my silver hair (whatever there is left of it), I am still the same guy. .Looking forward to seeing you (after forty two years-1964-2006) and in meeting your wife.

**Part three:** (From Jimmy to us) Gary Close was on the United States Air Force Academy's varsity gymnastics team when I was head coach from 1960-1964. He graduated in 1965 and I have not heard nor seen him since 1964. It is gratifying to learn that, we, as coaches and educators have had some (positive) influence on the lives of the young men and women that contribute to the society of America. Several of my students have become three and four star Generals, astronauts, USAF Chief of Staff, etc. Typical military, it has been mandated (just kidding) that I attend the gymnastics reunion in March 2006 at the USAF Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The web site for the reunion is: [WWW.airforcesports.com](http://WWW.airforcesports.com).

### **From Mike Mann & Fran Millians (57-67)**

{Mike is commenting about his meeting Newsletter recipient Nancy Troutman's younger brother Mike...jmm} “ I use to see and talk with Mike all the time when we were both with the Department of Education Then after he left DOE as long as I was in Tallahassee I would run into him occasionally at a Publix {grocery store...jmm}or somewhere. A few years ago they opened our nearest Publix at the corner of Capital Circle and Crawfordville Road. Fran and I were in there one weekend evening and ran into Mike and Jewel {Mike's mother...jmm}at the dairy case.”....”The first time I saw Mike at DOE he told me about some dive (SCUBA...jmm) he had been allowed to tag along on when he was ten or twelve. Told who all was there; you, me, Bill, Leigh and some others, where we went, and a wealth of other details and I don't even recall the dive at all. In fact, until he introduced himself I didn't even recall him or that Nancy had a brother. Guess you never know when you are blowing some kid away without even trying”. {The story from Jimmy and the story from Mike are similar. Gads, can you imagine how many young peoples lives you all have affected by your befriending them. It is a glorious tribute . You make me proud by association...jmm}

### **From Gale Jacoby & Henry Petronis (?)**

“Had dinner with Jim Fadigan and Arlene last night. All is well. He is working too hard”. Gale {The next time you see Jim tell me contact me. I haven't heard from him since before I started the Newsletter in September. Thanks and have a great Holidays...jmm}

### **From Sam & Tpsi Bailie (50's)**

“Thanks Jack ... I sure missed being on such a great team with all your team mates. With all my trips back to Florida, the clinics and meets at FSU when I was in high school I do feel a part of the group. Great to get the newsletter and see how all are doing. The marriage list is great. Tpsi & I will be 49 years in June. How she puts up with me I'll never know. Have a great Christmas. Our best to all Sam & Tpsi “ {Sam, you and Tpsie were as much a part of our upside down (literally) family as anyone, and always will be. Love, and as Benny would say, “**Feliz Navidad Y Prospero Ano Nuevo**”jmm}