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Dear Classmates:

As I write, it is snowing very heavily – prediction of about 5-10 inches. I am cold and my house is cold despite a nice gas heater that happens to be in the great room and I am in the den. When it goes on, the rest of the house gets little heat, so I am stuck either way! Hope you are in warmer climes!

Thanks to my new computer and Windows 8.1, I have lost three previous versions of this newsletter, a paragraph on Ted Harcke (more later), and a write-up on the reunion at Bill Merlino's into the place where documents go when you lose them – I envision a full library in the "cloud." Ah, ha, I just found my reunion comments, so here they are, fresh from the day after.

Reunion

Sunday, September 15 - the day after our mini reunion - #57! Sitting at my computer I am thinking about those of you who could not make it, wishing technology had advanced to enable you to be miniaturized enough to fit into an envelope so you could mail yourself – special delivery - to arrive at Bill and Cheryl's at 11 am yesterday.

Forty-some made it in person and only a few missed the turn into the driveway. Those without jackets – yes, it was very chilly – staked out chairs on the long indoor porch with sliding glass doors overlooking the Egg Harbor River, sparkling in the bright sunlight with wind-whipped waves that forced cancellation of boating jaunts on the river. The smart ones who read the weather report and brought sweaters were warm enough to sit on the deck under the umbrella near the swimming pool and koi pond, basking in the sun.

Like the river before us, we flowed in and out of the house, gathering up nibbles from the table, drifting back into conversations, then taking the bait on the dining table, devouring the delicious main courses and salads, all prepared by Cheryl with help from friends and family. Of course, we had beverages and coffee to accompany our appetizers, roast turkey, and filet done to a perfect rare for me, and desserts.

Tidbits on classmates: Jimmy Havens and his wife celebrated 56 years of marriage yesterday – way to go! Demolished by a fire almost a year ago, Joanne Roberts' house is now repaired and up for sale. Fortunately, she did not eat the appetizer and salad that contained seafood – she is highly allergic, although we did have a few doctors in the house. Fran DeCarlo, widow of a longtime friend of Bill Merlino, helped out yesterday and discovered that she had connections with some of us, among them Bob Garrett and Ted Fox.

Joining them were 23 classmates and 2 wannabes (Alan Mkiterian and Craig McKinley) and 15 mates: Johnny Johnson, Carter Mahon, Linda Meigs Buckley, Ted Echenhoff, Carol Minford Mahler, Bob Marshall, Sue Kadlic, Peggy Ayres McFadden, Sandy Hemming Chew, Diane MacGregor Meredith, Renny Stuart, Joanne Roberts Lee, Ted Harcke, Arlene Pohl Spotts, Joe Burns, Agnes Brown Lattanzi, Jim Havens, Don Windus, Charles Pascale, Harold Walker, and Bill Baumgartner.

The following may be attributed to the wrong classmate but I think it was Joe Grimm, who teaches math at the community college: One of his students asked him about World War Eleven (WWII), so I guess they no longer teach Roman numerals in school! And that led to a long string of memories about Mrs. Waas, who was first known as Miss Beach when she started teaching Latin. As always, the years melt away and we are 17 again!

Marinated Filet of Beef Recipe from Cheryl as requested (makes 12 servings)

Ingredients:

4 lbs beef filet mignon, rolled boned rib, eye round, or sirloin tip
1 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup medium or dry sherry
1/2 cup olive oil
3 cloves garlic minced
2 tsp ground ginger

Directions:

Trim beef if needed.

In a large non-aluminum bowl, mix soy, sherry, oil, ginger & garlic. Place roast in mixture in bowl and refrigerate 4 hours or overnight turning several times to season.

Remove roast from marinade (use for basting) and place on rack in roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer. Roast in hot oven 425 (or on grill) for 45 to 50 minutes, brushing with soy mixture three or four times. For medium rare, roast to 150 degrees.

Remove roast to a deep platter and pour pan juices over top. Slice and serve. It was wonderful!

Thanks, Cheryl.

This and That about Some of Us

What a wonderful happenstance! When the “girls” have lunch, we always raise questions about former classmates. One day last July, it was **Judy Peters** Miller; but no one could offer any information about her. Incredibly, two days later, she called me after reading the last newsletter! Sadly, she had lost her husband in April and wondered why it was not mentioned in the newsletter. I apologized and promised to mention it now. She still lives in her original home (3 generations!). Grandson Mike teaches History and coaches at HMHS; daughter-in-law Jesse teaches at the middle school. And son Steve is the editor of the Haddonfield Sun.

Bob Lick sent along this email December 30, 2013: *Last Friday Joanne and I took off for a few days in Glenwood Springs, Colorado to enjoy the hot springs and fine dining. Yesterday, Sunday, we drove the 40 miles to Aspen to check out the fine dining). For lunch, we entered a cute little restaurant and to eliminate a wait for a table we sat at the bar. After a few minutes, a local sat next to me. I assumed he was local as he knew many people including the bartender well. After a few minutes our conversation revealed he is a 1975 HMHS graduate. Jerry MacEachen lived on Marion Ave with his siblings Dan HMHS '64, Janet? Mary Lou '69, Sue '71, Jim?, Ralph? They are all much younger than us '55 old folks, but does anyone know this family?*

The HMHS connection continues. Happy New Year! - Bob Lick

On a sad note, we lost **Bob Baggs** in December to ALS. A US Army veteran, a graduate of Ursinus College, and later a Masters in Library Science at Drexel University, he was the Library Director of the Bala Cynwyd Library and later the Ocean City Free Public Library. He was also a Mason and a Shriner.

In November, **Ted Harcke** was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) during the annual HMHS Alumni Association meeting. One award went to a teacher; the other four were alumni. All the recipients delivered excellent acceptance speeches but of course the one I went to hear was outstanding and our hearts - Barbara Shedly Solly, Kathie and Bill Baumgartner, Connie and Don Windus, Mae and Jon Batchelor - swelled with pride in our own Col. H. Theodore Harcke, MD. In an email he thanked us for "sharing the moment. Old friends are truly the best friends and I am privileged to call you old friends . . .and this has nothing to do with our ages, only the experiences we shared."

He attended West Point, was commissioned as an Engineer officer, graduated from Airborne and Ranger School and served in the US and Korea. Ted eventually resigned from the regular Army (but continued military service in the Reserves and National Guard) and went on to receive a Master's degree in education (mathematics) at Penn State, earned his MD at Penn State, and later became a pediatric radiologist achieving recognition among his peers. In 2012, he became the oldest soldier serving on active duty – 57 years in the service! His military credits are impressive enough without adding his most recent passion - doing virtual autopsy so medicine can devise ways to prevent traumatic injuries such as those suffered by soldiers. Currently, he is serving at Dover AF Base, which receives deceased soldiers with respect and ceremony. He married Virginia (Ginny) Root, HMHS '61 and they have four children. (Note: Any one can nominate a graduate for the LAA. See www.H-A-S.org for information.)

A note from **Jean Pascale Stone** in Great Falls, MT was a pleasant surprise because she was among the missing for a long time. Thanks to the new address from her brother in our class, she responded to the last newsletter. In 1997, she retired from a Federal Civil Service/Government Contracting Officer position and keeps busy doing volunteer work with her husband John. She teaches grades K thru 4th at the Foot Hills Community Christian School and loves using visual aids including clown and puppet skits. In the summer, they reach out to kids at the various RV Parks in their motor home. Welcome back, Jean!

After 27 years, **Annette Schafer** moved from Buffalo Grove to Naperville, IL to be near her remaining son and his family – 3-year-old Olivia and 1-year-old Daniel. Her following comment rings true: "We tend to view each other with a more authentic eye than the lens through which we viewed each other in school." Does anyone remember our class play "I Love Lucy" in which she had the leading role? I sure do!

So, What's Next?

Well, we want you to help us decide two things: first, should we plan a mini this year (question #1); and second, how to celebrate our 60th graduation celebration in 2015 (all the rest).

Our idea is to concentrate on the 60th. We enjoy planning the minis but think the 60th deserves special attention. To keep a mini simple, we are thinking about setting a date and time to meet for lunch (on your own) at a local restaurant maybe sometime during the summer, which will enable those who come to the shore a chance to catch up with classmates. All you would have to do is to let us know if you are coming so we can notify a restaurant (TBD). We will let you know the particulars by postcard as soon as we decide after we hear from you.

