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After 34 years in 5 different places ( mostly New York) selling food for General Foods-Kraft, Diane and I decided enough was enough and to follow our passion for small time farming and gardening. Three years ago we moved to Slippery Rock PA to do just that. Diane has her greenhouse and I have my animals ( beef cow-sheep-pig-chickens). Just completed a pond so in a few years we can add fish to the list. Have two children. Ken Jr. has supplied us with two lovely grandkids unfortunately they live on Long Island. He works on Wall Street for CitiBank. Sara is closer living 15 minutes away and works for U.S. Investigators. Beside the farm: golf ( Diane just took it up), church work and woodworking projects make up a busy schedule.

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Okay - here goes:

Mal and I have been married for 38 years. Mal owns his own Excavating Business and I worked for the Board of Education for about 17 years. We have two boys - after college they married and we now have three beautiful grandchildren - Owen and Charlotte (who belong to Michael and Joanne - our oldest son) and Jake (who belongs to Steven and Karen). Mal and I travel frequently throughout the year - our favorite spot is Las Vegas (we go about 4-5 times per year)! That's about all for now - hope this helps!

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Hi Everybody, I've been living in Pennsylvania for almost twenty years, operating a small construction business. Recently I'm working at a local university taking notes for the hard of hearing. My degrees are in English, close to a minor in studio art, classical music and photography are my passions. I've left the darkroom, probably forever, much preferring to manipulate digital images in Photoshop and Corel. I have been blessed with two children and live peacefully. Ron Brander

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Robert Fortunato and I are married and have 3 children. Our son, Bob, does fine carpentry and is a part time musician who is currently in Russia, with his wife, adopting 2 children. Lori is a devoted wife, homemaker, and mother of 4. Sean is a popular stage actor, based in Chicago, who recently married a lovely actor / choreographer.

I spent a number of years as a Podiatric Assistant, and as program chairperson for The Connecticut Podiatric Assistant's Association. Subsequently, I became a Dental Assistant until I retired a few years ago. In 2002, I moved from Greenwich to Brookfield.

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Don and I are managing partners of a winery/distillery, bed & breakfast inn and equestrian property in northwestern Lower Michigan - near Traverse City. Check us out at [www.blackstarfarms.com](http://www.blackstarfarms.com). The winery produces about 10,000 cases of cool climate varietal wines such as Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc. We live in a huge fruit-producing area, so we distill fruit into eaux de vie, grappas and aged brandies. This has been a long-time dream of Don's. The B&B inn has eight rooms and is quite

luxurious. We know nothing about horses, but the stables came with the property, so we have someone else to manage that part of the business. It keeps us busy even though we have good staff to do most of the day-by-day stuff. We are involved almost daily. We are off next week to London to do a trade show, then spend a while vacationing and seeing friends. As for the last 40 years, we've been married for 31, and spent most of those years living in many different locations around the globe. We have two grown-ups: Michael has recently left his job in the wine & spirits industry and is "finding himself," and Caren has just begun a master's program in Couples and Family Counseling. After all those years of being nomads, both kids have settled in Traverse City for the time being which is great fun.

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Sherry Brown and I are married and have 3 children. Our son, Bob, does fine carpentry and is a part time musician who is currently in Russia, with his wife, adopting 2 children. Lori is a devoted wife, homemaker, and mother of 4. Sean is a popular stage actor, based in Chicago, who recently married a lovely actor / choreographer.

I spent 8 years as a store manager for Sears in New Jersey and New York, then moved back to Greenwich and opened 2 gourmet shops in Westchester. After 10 years as a retail entrepreneur I became a sales manager for a manufacturing company where I remain today. I also have my own marketing and consulting firm.

I served 3 terms as a Town of Greenwich representative, and in 2002, I moved from Greenwich to Brookfield.

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From the tables down at Vahsen's... After college in the Mid West ("across the Hudson, near Chicago"), new wife Kathy and I moved to San Francisco in the late sixties; and survived the decade relatively unscathed. Except for the nearly undetectable 'tic', persistent drool and tendency to stare off into the distance. In the seventies, what was left made a corporate move from a satellite office in San Francisco to headquarters in the Big Apple and on to international business; where I languished for the next few decades. In the nineties, we decided that one millennium was enough work time for us and retired from the New York area to live near our daughter and her family in the SC foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We have been here going on five years now and enjoy all aspects of spoiling grandchildren and the outdoors such as hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, golf, sailing, etc. We also travel extensively, visiting our son and his family in California and Wyoming, old college chums and family in Michigan and Maine and more old friends sprinkled around the East. Next month, we'll be on another two-month sojourn 'up-nawth'. We still have all our own teeth, fixed the button on our bib-overalls, perfected "aw-chucks" and speak with a lilting SW Connecticut drawl.

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In order to prepare myself for college, I took my first year in a teacher's college CCSC, and then went to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn to work on a Bachelor's in Architecture. Five years later and A Fullbright Scholarship for study in the Middle East, I entered the Profession of Architecture, where I have advanced to the level of Associate Partner in the Firm of Beyer Blinder Belle, Architects and Planners LLP (I own a Limited Liability Piece of the Store) [www.beyerblinderbelle.com](http://www.beyerblinderbelle.com). I have been married twice but divorced six times... (A long story, not to be told here)... and I have two children... a daughter 29 living in San Francisco, a "dot.com" and a son 18 just home from his first year at (Dean's List-Engineering EE/CSCE) RPI in Troy, New York. My current wife is Marsha and we have been together for 30 years, living in New York and Scarsdale. Effective 23 May 2003...I

became a Grandfather for the First Time... Alexander "Lex" Taylor born to Anna and Nick Taylor ... Gawd... I'm Getting' Old. But I would imagine there are a few of you who have gotten there before me... At least, I know the Marsha **WASHINGTON** Gilmore has gone much further than I...

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I don't know!!

..according to my 17 year son -I am pretty dumb (and getting dumber the older he gets)

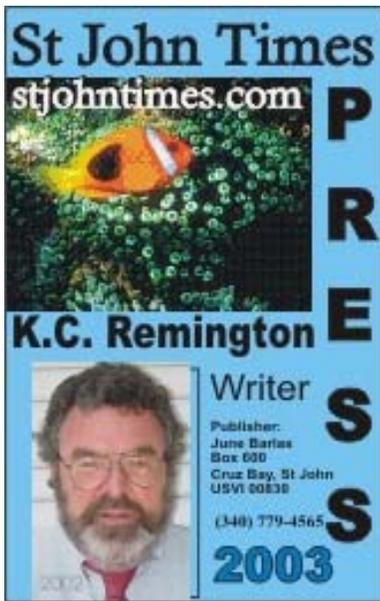
..my wife of 24 years says I am doing "pretty well" but there is room for improvement.

..Gumbo my dog of 15 years died 7 years ago (he was the only one that respected me!!)

..So guess what - I can not tell you what I have done in the last 40 years BUT it has been a lot of fun!!

Don Newhouse

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After high school I enrolled at the School of Visual Arts in NY, which then did not have the reputation it has now. After graduating with a film degree I worked for a couple of companies in Westport CT as an asst cameraman and asst editor making documentaries. In 1966 I went into the US Army and got into their film school in Ft Monmouth, NJ. By dumb luck (75% of us caught pneumonia) I was set back a class and when the orders came out, the class before and after us was sent to Vietnam. We were sent to Germany. For the next two years I made documentaries for the Army in Europe. - When I got out (the happiest day of my life!) I went to Munich for about a year and worked as a cameraman for German TV. The day I got back to the states was the weekend of Woodstock.

I had shipped my Porsche from Germany and three days later I left for LA. The first company I worked for there (BBS) had just done 'Easy Rider' and I did 'Five Easy Pieces' and 'Drive He Said,' with them. - But I wanted to read so I traded my Porsche for a VW bus and \$800 and set off for parts unknown. The only book I took with me was Thoreau's 'Walden.' - Months later after a trip across Canada I found a carriage house in Brookline MA and enrolled at the Lowell Inst at Harvard.

A year and a half there and a year and a half at Amherst (with a three month intermezzo in Paris) told me I had enough of the academe and I once again departed for LA. If actual time is to be considered, I think I spent a lot more time at

the beach than I did working. I loved European films and saw a change coming in the business that I didn't want to be a part of. Subsequently I would just make some money on some film, and then go to the beach until it ran out. BBS had dissolved with the that were left over still retirement of their major producer but some hired me on their films, but none were of the caliber of 'Easy Rider' or 'Five Easy Pieces,' except for 'Days of Heaven' which won an Academy Award for Cinematography and I did the 2nd unit and macro photography. - My last film 'Wolfen' for which I was director of Special Effects was also a BBS referral. What a BOMB! - My love for the 'art' of film ended there.

In 1984 both of my parents died and I've been trading stocks since then. Ergo, not such an interesting story. For any of you who want to take that path, beware, LOTS of banal reading ahead to stay afloat. My accountant, this year, "YOU are one of only three of my customers that MADE any money last year. The rest of them got murdered."

In 1986 Meredith (who I met at Smith in Northampton) and I moved to Hawaii, a year on Oahu and a year on Kauai (I bought an 850cc Suzuki that could do wheelies in 2nd gear), then after two (she'll debate this - say freezing) happy years in Charlestown, RI we moved to Sarasota, FL (Siesta Key).

After six years there she decided she wanted to go to Vet School and the ONLY one in Florida is at the Univ of Fla in Gainesville. Soooooo, I sold the house on Siesta Key and we moved to sleepy Micanopy (where they shot 'Doc Hollywood' with Michael J. Fox. Yes, we are those hayseeds). - Six months after we got here and she had worked as a vet tech at the animal hospital she said, "I don't want to be a Vet anymore." I asked, "Why izzat?" She said, "Its the same problems over and over, just different animals." I said, "Meredith, I SOLD the Siesta Key house!" She said, "Oh well, Wot is love"?

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What have I been doing for the last forty years is a good question. Briefly, lived in Hawaii for two years while married to my first husband at the end of the 60's when everyone was a hippie. Returned to Greenwich and after our daughter was born moved to Darien and have lived there for 26 years. Husband number one, Dennis LaHines, also a GHS alumna, and I divorced in 1982 and I married husband number two, Tom Lynch in June of 1990. During the 80's and 90's I worked for a magazine publishing house and then semi-retired to work free lance from home. In the 1990's also began to pursue my life long passion of acting and particularly comedy. I did stand up comedy for a while and then became involved in Improvisational Comedy. After taking classes for a few years, I have become a teacher of Improv Comedy and loving it! The being in the moment is so much fun, no worry about memorizing a script and can work with all ages. I have trained a troupe of Improv players who just appeared at Caroline's Comedy Club on Broadway.

I am moving to Florida in a few weeks to start to live a slightly slower pace in the land of sunshine. I also want to be able to swim everyday so this body of mine will last at least until my married daughter has grandchildren. I intend to work in Florida and hope to be able to stay in theatre office management, which I have been doing in CT. Working at a theatre will give me the freedom to pursue more classes in comedy, teaching and learning. My email will remain the same when I relocate and for now that is probably the best way to reach me. Looking forward to hearing what everyone else has been up, hope all remember to laugh every day it is medicinal!

Jokes are not my forte, as Improv relies on partnerships and working in groups for the end result. I did forget to add however that I am in the process of writing a one-woman show/book based on my crazy life with some rather zany parents and of course always looking for the humor in life. Love, Suzi

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I live on 11 beautiful half forested acres in SW Monroe County 12 miles from Bloomington Indiana home of Indiana University. My wife Vicky, Sophie our dog, and Leo, Ardyth, and Bud the cats hang out there with me.

Vicky and I celebrated our 19th Anniversary this month. Vicky is a native Hoosier whom I met at work. We have two grown over 30 kids (Jay and Joe) and a very cute and smart 5-year-old granddaughter Katelyn. Katelyn, Jay, and wife Nancy live in NW Indiana near Chicago. Joe still single lives in Indianapolis.

I have been Manager of Systems and Services at IU's Registrar Office for 20+ years, was at Miami University for 5 years in similar position, and had spent the first 7 years of my career at IBM in NYC. The only thing that has remained the same over the years is the increasing rate of change in the IT industry. Fortunately I have a great staff willing to make me look like I know what is going on.

Between leaving IBM in 1973 and starting at Miami Univ I traveled hitchhiking coast to coast and generally screwing around - mostly in the Cincinnati-Hamilton-Oxford Ohio area. I graduate from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster PA with a bachelor degree in Sociology. Mr. Phau our erstwhile advisor (remember him?) told me many times I wasn't college material. Well, Mr. Phau, "F\*\*\* you!" Been waiting 40 years for that one!

Spare time mostly goes to fighting extension of Interstate 69 through SW Indiana (you should fight this wasteful project too!), gardening, birding, deep water exercise twice a week in a hopeless effort to be thinner, cooking (had French and Chinese cooking classes at Miami), stain glass art on occasion, home brewing and beekeeping both in the past but will start again when I retire.

That is probably way more than anyone would want to know, if not, ask me, I'm ALWAYS on email ([SORENSEN@INDIANA.EDU](mailto:SORENSEN@INDIANA.EDU)) home snail address is 8099 S. Breeden Rd. Bloomington, IN 47403

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Editorial Comment:

Kathie has been updating the 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Directory from the October 2002 Reunion



Well, since graduation I've gone to college, become a medical technologist, lived in Mexico, married (still to the same fellow), had 2 boys (on the brink of finding themselves), become a part-time office coordinator at an orthodontist office (which means I answer the phone and make appointments) and I live in the same house I grew up in. I LOVE computers and everything they can do and have done extensive research on my family history (back to the Mayflower). That's it. I'll save the really exciting stuff for the next newsletter.

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Married for 38 years to Joe Loparco, three wonderful children and our first grandchild due this coming August. I worked in the corporate environment from 1978 - 1989. At that time I had an opportunity to partner in a pizza take-out in Darien. Decided to take the plunge since I had always wanted to own a food-related business. Loved it!

Opened a second shop in Wilton, CT in 1990. To make a very long story short, I sold out of the business in Darien, bought my partner out of the Wilton operation, expanded it to include a beautiful dining room and patio and that is where you will find me every day!

So, check us out at [www.tomatoes.com](http://www.tomatoes.com) Hope to see some of you soon.

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Not bad for a Great Grandma... Huh'... That's Greenwich High in the left corner.

After two eventful marriages of 7 and 14 years respectively, I am now on my third of 20 years. Hope we can get beyond the 21st without problem. He happens to be my childhood sweetheart so I feel I have come full circle. My daughter has raised her children in our family home; therefore, my grandchildren are alumni of Hamilton Avenue Elementary School and Greenwich High School - class of '98 and '02. After living in Texas and Florida and a career at New York Telephone Company, I am now living in Mt. Vernon, NY. The best part has been my semi-retirement of 20 years. For the last fifteen I have been working in Greenwich 3 days a

week at the Merry-Go-Round Mews Senior Residence as the Office Manager and Coordinator of Services. I worked side by side with the Founder, Nancy Carnegie Rockefeller, until her death about 8 years ago. The most rewarding and heartwarming times is when I meet some of my schoolmates who come in with their aging parents looking for a safe, secure, environment for them when they no longer want to stay in their own homes. My office window overlooks the football field of our Alma Mater and after work I take a few laps around the track and reminisce. It's great to be back. Last month I became a great grandmother. I bet I am the first in the class of 1962.