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The Lady in Red



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I have no idea if she went to North Street School, but the "lady" in the middle of the red "square" looks a bit like Judy White. Just a first-impression guess.

I just received my 4 CDs from Kathie Temple Azoff, and I am listening to the European Tour one as I write this. We rehearsed so much and so well that I feel I can still mime along with the music. It was one of the most aesthetically pleasing times of my life to be in the Senior Chorus, and I

hope everyone who was a part of it feels that way. I wish we had a yearly reunion with Gerry Mack. I was at one in New Canaan, I think, some years back. That was fun!!



For the first time in my life my husband and I plan to spend the winter in Morriston, Florida, beginning just after Thanksgiving until sometime in April. We plan to take our horse, Victorious, who is a Standardbred pacer gelding, and who has been in three movies: *Amistad*, *Kate and Leopold*, and *Time Machine*, so he really knows his job of pulling a carriage or sled! We have bought a 5-acre place on a former ranch, which has been platted out in 5-acre lots, which are less than half built on. It was originally over one thousand acres, and it is adjacent to the Goethe State Forest, which extends for about 50,000 acres toward the Gulf. We can drive to Cedar Key in less than an hour, and then there's Yankeetown, a bit south of Cedar Key. It's a delightful area, and what I love about it is that it is right around the corner from a newly developed Combined Driving Equestrian Center complete with a world champion driving instructor, Larry Poulin. Plus, the area seems to get only wind and rain and has been spared the awful hurricanes, so far.....

It's quite a horsey neighborhood, and the folks go out riding, driving, walking, or biking together on various days. There are endurance rides and combined driving events at which to volunteer and participate, and there are many New Englanders there. Of course it's quite rural, but we can go shopping at any store we have ever heard of in Ocala, which is about 40 minutes away, or we can go to Chiefland or Dunnellon, about the same distance.

Art and I are usually pretty busy all year, what with the horse, square dancing, helping with the power squadron boat safety courses, going sailing on his 28' O'Day, playing Bridge at the senior center on Wednesday afternoons with a great bunch of people, Art's Masonic lodge functions, and my part-time job for horse-splurging items.

Art used to run a very independent hardware store in Middletown, which his son operates now as the town's most illustrious locksmith. He complains that he is busier now than when he was working. Too bad..... :-)

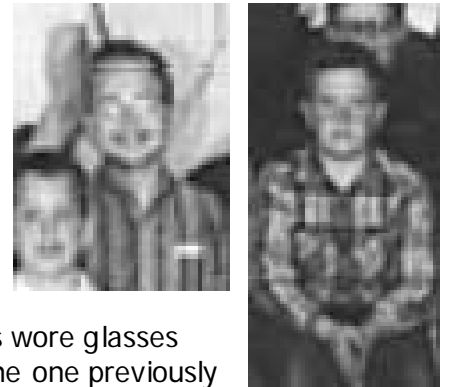
I'm just pleased to be retired from teaching in Guilford after 20 years. It's nice to be over the "bends" of all the stress of that job. I started out in 1979 as a French teacher at the high school and ended up teaching first grade for the last 6 years. It was a good thing to get a Masters in Elementary Ed and a Sixth Year in Remedial Reading as far as keeping a job when French became less popular in deference to Spanish.

Sorry if any of this is repetitive, but I have entered the Twilight Zone of forgetfulness, like my grandmothers did. Next on the list is a nuclear stress test next month, although I still pride myself as able to lift 50-lb bags of grain with no trouble. Maybe I'd better rethink that!



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The continuing saga of the North Street photo. I agree 100% will Jill McGovern and Clark Sorensen will back me up - third row first from right is Cindy Day. My best guess for the "mystery" girl next to Pete Boyson is Betsy Staples. She was in my class for most of grammar school and she is not ID'd elsewhere in the photo. I'm also going for a change in the



7th person from right second row. I say it's Searle (Chet) Currier. He always wore glasses and usually had a pocket protector in his shirt (look closely at the photo). The one previously ID'd as Searle was the second from right in first row next to Cheryl Craig. No way is it Searle and I don't have the slightest idea who it is.



First Row L-R:

Steve Van Voorhees. Susan Shaw, Clark "Otto" Sorensen, Mary Sibley, Gerhard "Gehr" Oswald, Gail Weigand, H. Guy Ritch, Barbara Parker, William "Biff" McGilpin, Sue Mallory, Mike Wilkie, Laurie "Lorrie" Billings, Gerry Slater, Patricia Fink, [[Chet Searle Currier](#), [John Beatty or -X-](#)], Cheryl Craig

Middle Row L-R:

Jan Filion, Lynn Shafer, Frank Kosheluk, Bindy Moore, Thomas Richards, Jeanette Latosz, Richard Leonhardt, Pat McDonald, [[John Beatty or Chet Searle Currier](#)], Vicky Crawford, Calvin Knight, Marion "Hop" Hopkins, Henry Von Kohorn, Jill McGovern, George Devol.

Back Row L-R:

Alan Bolte, Zeb Mayhew, Mike Schreder, Sandra Steger, Peter Jennings, Vicky Denman, John Mac Donald, [[Judy White](#), [-X-](#) or [Michele Wheeler](#)], Peter Boysen, Penny Haymes, Bill Doriss, Alice Montaner, Terry Beatty,

Tinka Matson, John Mitchell, Margot Mayer, Brian Burke, Glenora Diggs, Cynthia Oliver, Carol Meng, Peter Orbanowski, Helen Buhr, Cindy Day.

Huntin Yank



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I called the Yank in Crested Butte and he was happy to be found, although he doesn't have a computer. Would be glad to receive whatever snail mail materials can be sent to:

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Janie's coming to visit me for a few days after the birthday party - and since I was planning to take her to Crested Butte for a day anyway, I told Yank I'd give him a call when we know exactly when and maybe he can meet us for lunch. He hadn't known about the birthday party - I should have been more persistent earlier - as it turns out he's going back east to visit his mom on the 12th. Maybe some of his old buddies in CT will want to get in touch and catch up with him then... Better late than never, I suppose.

New Kids on the Block



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Today, Mike Higgins forwarded an eMail from Susie Higgins (I think that's the "missus" but if I am wrong, I will hear from Mike). And then again after last week's surprise of Sherry Thomas a.k.a Hoover, maybe Susie's a GHS'er as well. But I digress... Susie's eMail:

Hey Bruce

Getting ready for Ivan? I just was looking at the calendar...let me know again when you are coming...Mike will be down for the reunion picnic on the 3rd, but then heading back up to Maine on the 4th...we're also going to be in Nova Scotia from 10/11 thru 10/16...I hope you don't live too close to the coast.....if so, you're probably not there.

Hi Ms. Shoe

I guess I will miss you guys next month. It looks like I will not have power or water for about another three weeks. Ivan did a great job. National Guard is providing water, ice and food. A friend let me use a generator for a while so I can send this email.

I am about 40 miles north of Mobile in the farm land. Slightly over 2000 people in the County were I live. We are not a priority I guess. I will email next time I get a chance to travel north. Please give my mailing address to the reunion committee if you get a chance. I did not get any notice of the last one.

Birthday Bash at the Beach

Yes it is almost here and we are busily doing all sorts of "provendering" to set our house in order for the big party. George Devol has taken the bull and its horns and several other delicacies and set them all to a menu that is being gathered in all the corners of Connecticut. It will prove to be a really great party for all those who will be able to attend. Later in this newsletter we will sum up the "last minute preparations and emergency plans, should you each find a lucky ticket in the lottery or a rich uncle declares you his sole heir, we can make accommodations for you.



"This next one is a hard-rockin', kick-ass, take-no-prisoners tune we wrote about turning sixty."

Webbster n Button



Red Star Emergency Services Team

The American Humane Red Star Emergency Services Team came to ACHS to pick up their fellow volunteer Meredith Shields, Animal Care Manager for ACHS, on their way to help the animal and human victims of Ivan. Meredith and her team members, Kerry, Ginger, and Dan, showed us their emergency vehicles, equipped with food for the animals affected by Ivan, and posed for pictures with our staff and one of our adopted ACHS

dogs, Rocco-Stanley Silvestri. The team was on their way to Pensacola and then to follow Ivan in hopes to help with the destruction the storm had left behind. We appreciate the time the busy volunteers spent with our staff and wish them the best in their selfless efforts to help communities in need.

Meredith Shields, the Animal Care Coordinator of the Alachua County Humane Society, faced hurricane Charley head on to help the families and animals devastated by the storm. The team of ACHS all pulled together to cover Meredith's many responsibilities to support her in her selfless efforts to help others in need. We are very proud of Meredith's work and asked her to share her experiences in Punta Gorda with the residents of Alachua County.



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On Friday the 13th of August, Hurricane Charley slammed into Charlotte Harbor with 145 mph winds and continued across the state of Florida, exiting through Daytona. The scope of the devastation affected millions of people, from loss of electricity to the total destruction of homes and even loss of employment. Also affected were the animals: pets, livestock and wildlife.

Responders from across the country arrived in Charlotte County within hours to provide assistance to the victims of Charley. I was lucky enough to be one of those responders, providing assistance and comfort to both the people and the animals whose lives had been affected by this natural disaster.

Members of the American Humane Association, the Humane Society of the United States, Florida's Disaster Animal Response Teams, the Humane Society of Sumter County and numerous other organizations arrived in Punta Gorda, ready to lend a hand. One of the initial tasks was to organize the incoming donations of animal food and supplies, and coordinate the distribution of those supplies to those in need. We used donated trailers to store the huge amounts of feed for dogs, cats, horses, cattle, birds, rabbits and every other imaginable species. Some responders loaded their vehicles with supplies and ventured out into the community, going house to house with donations, while others remained at our staging area to assist the hundreds of people who came to us looking for food, litter and other supplies for their animals.

We also had approximately 500 animals come through our facility. Some were strays lost during the storm. Many others were brought to us by their owners who had lost their homes and were seeking temporary shelter for their animals until they could hopefully get back on their feet. Displaced wildlife brought to our center for care included baby squirrels and raccoons. All animals were examined by a rotating staff of volunteer veterinarians and then transferred to Suncoast Humane Society in Englewood.

Several responders also rode with Charlotte County Animal Control, rescuing strays and performing home checks on animals that had been left behind by evacuated individuals.

The citizens that we met were so grateful for the assistance provided to them and their animals, many of them trying to pay for the food they picked up or simply hugging us with tears in their eyes. I heard many times

from these people that material things can be replaced but they were thankful that their families, including their animals, were alive and well.

R.S.V.P.



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Hey this is Sheila Rice Evans here and I am so very disappointed I will not be with you guys for your big reunion. It sounds like so much fun and I HATE that I cannot come but know I am there partying and talking with y'all and will see you next time.

Will There Be Another Recollections



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Thanks so much Bob, for all of your great work on the newsletter. It has been fun catching up on some old friends and past times. I have been in touch with John Abercrombie, Bill Christiansen, and George Staby and hope to make contact with Mike Peluso, Richard Hafker and a few others in the near future. I was saddened to learn that Peter Henley died. He had a wonderful sense of humor and seemed to enjoy tweaking the system. Does anyone know how Henry Sabanski died?

The Recollections issue was a suggestion of Ron Brander during one of our earliest issues of the newsletter... It was greatly received by many of the other classmates that were a part of the "eMail" group at that time... about 60 persons. Now that the group has grown to almost 200 persons... I believe it may be time for another look back in time, to see if we have information about some of the ones that were not recognized during the early issues. I will post the question of Henry Sabanski as well as Bob Frye and several others, as well as ask for "recollections" of the new group.

Initially, when we ran this idea back in July of last year... there were a few, who thought that it was "being unkind" by asking others to respond in a non-obituary approach to those that have gone "before"... saying that it had taken a Morbid tone... but the response was great. I believe (and still do) that the Recollections issues are a sincere and strong part of the "subculture" of as "Greenwich 1962" war children that went to war and the moneyed masses that helped their children to avoid the war. I would imagine... Henry may be a casualty of the Vietnam Era.

Party On

The Beach Bash and the Night before at JoAnn's Tom-E-Toes in Wilton CT are the Social Events of the Season. We even encouraged the Sound Beach Volunteer Fire Department to throw us a Parade in honor of our collective birthdays. So what's going on? It's a Party... We have had the best response yet to any singular reunion event since we left old GHS. The final numbers are quite impressive, we are bordering on 100 persons and as there are many singles in the group... and married classmates... we have a large percentage of GHS 62

alum in the turnout. The farthest distance appears to be the Hoovers from California, but there are many others from respectable distances, in Jane Benjamin Sheen (St. Thomas VI) and Nancy Schmidt Lambert (Somerset CO). So the doors are open. Should you happen to be in the neighborhood, we can be reached "inside" the Park (Tod's Point) at any of the following Cell Phone numbers:

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| Kathie Temple Azoff | 1.914.490.8398 |
| Ginny Theis | 1.203.219.1825 |
| George Devol | 1.203.979.1958 |
| John McLane | 1.203.856.1831 |
| Bob McMillan | 1.914.523.7441 |

It is reputed to be a very "iffy" cell area and the reception varies with the "wind"... so if you arrive at the gate and "beg" they will probably let you enter and return with proof of permission. We will assist in any way we can.

So feel free to join us

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Tod's Point Clambake Area

\$25.00/per person