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HAPPY SPRING!

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, we wonder where the flowers is. Well, in Chicagoland, they're poking their heads up all over the place! Isn't it great to look out the window and not see snow?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to the following 12 classmates who made donations to help defray the cost of mailings: Roberta Shane Atlas, Clifford Dorn, Jacqueline Jones, Kathleen Lucansky, Evelyn Lyons, George Lyons, Sheldon Marcus, Curran McConville, Sandra O'Rourke, Rita Cimino Reczek, Dolores Sarocco, and Ken Todd. If your name is not here, we'd love to put it in the next newsletter. A donation of \$5 per year will be appreciated. Please send your donation to Ken Rosko at the address on page 3. Thanks in advance for your help.

NEWS FROM MIKE BAKALIS:

Mike is managing nine charter schools in Illinois and Indiana, including the Austin Business & Entrepreneurship Academy at our former high school. The students at these schools need summer employment. If anyone can help, please contact Mike at 312-492-3010 or mjbakalis@aol.com.

IN MEMORIAM:

We are sorry to report that Arthur Million died of a severe heart attack on September 20, 2006.

CRUISE NEWS:

Here's the cruise report from our roving reporters, Nancy Pasquerelli and Joyce Rosko. Talk about a 10-day party! Except for the people who came down with the Norwalk flu, a grand time was had by all. Our 22 cruisers really know how to have fun. It was party time often in the Roskos' and Kappos' upper-deck suites. (Their accommodations included free hors d'oeuvres and Champagne, which they graciously shared. Joyce Rosko LOVES Champagne!) The group found many reasons to party, and really enjoyed the surprise 70th birthday bash Anne Schulman threw for her husband in the Roskos' suite. Happy Birthday, Bob!

Exercise:

A very spirited Walker's Club, including Wanda Meyers Smith, Harry Kappos, Maureen and Chuck Larsen (who were in excellent shape from skiing), Peggy Meyer, Genny Luisi Schroeder and Nancy Baggio Pasquerelli, met each day at 8 AM to walk a couple of miles around the deck. One day they walked several miles for Breast Cancer.

Side Trip:

An exciting excursion to Curacao found Harry Kappos, Nancy Pasquerelli and Genny Schroeder in the water, holding, petting and kissing the adorable dolphins. Mike Pasquerelli took loads (the cruisers are betting about 2,060) of photos, as did his wife Nancy (close behind with 2,030). You can see many of their photos on our website: Austin1955.org. Take a look!

Men's Fashions:

Ken Rosko was seen sporting a VERY fashionable tuxedo (hubba-hubba!), and the group learned that Harry Kappos does NOT wear blue boxer underwear (they won't tell how they found out).

Won & Lost:

Maureen Larson won a lovely silver bracelet and necklace at the jewelry store, and our travel agent, Hertha Prager, did very well in the casino. We're not sure if Paulette Kappos won or lost in the casino, but she was often lost aboard ship. Fortunately, she was always found, wandering in the shops or the casino.

A Learning Experience:

Chuck Meyer presented a really interesting seminar on the origins, history and evolution of "The Calendar". The ship provided a special meeting room and everyone on board was invited to attend. Chuck is very knowledgeable on the subject, and presented the information in an easy-to-understand format. Nice job, Chuck!

Cruise Postscripts:

Although this was the first cruise for Barb Jarm Baker and her husband Tom, they loved it, and want to know when and where the next one will be. John and Wanda Smith said, "What a great cruise! The group got along so well. We enjoyed getting to know each one of you. It was fun finding out about your life after Austin. We don't know about you, but we have had a hard time adjusting to the real world--COLD weather, lots of laundry, stacks of mail, no steward making sure our every whim is served, no chocolates on our bed at night with those cute towel animals, no variety shows every night, and no ice cream parties at 11:15 p.m. We had a wonderful time. Thanks to everyone who planned it." From Anne Schulman: "I was hoping that my unexpected meeting with the southern Florida press corps had not made it to the airwaves or press. Bob and I were among the first passengers ("sickies," as we're otherwise known) to disembark. As we were walking to the taxi, Bob well ahead of me, out of the corner of my eye I saw TV cameras and reporters with microphones charging toward me. I made the mistake of stopping to see what was going on, then realized that WE were what was going on! The mikes were in front of my face before I knew it, with Bob yelling at me in the distance to come to the taxi. I honestly didn't even remember what I said, but I guess I'm now immortalized forever in print! I will tell you that whatever virus I had was not of the 24-hour variety. I thought I was over it on Bob's birthday, but it came back with a vengeance on our trip home. Yesterday was the first day that I felt completely back to normal, but all is well now. Bob and I had a fantastic time on the cruise. We were kind of the new guys in the group, but you were all so wonderful and welcoming to us. We would love to be part of another group cruise so let's continue to keep in touch."

Let's Do It Again!

Your reunion committee is thinking another cruise in the May/October 2008 timeframe might be nice. Please cast your vote for the month and destination. Options include: Scandinavia, the Mediterranean, Russia or your choice. We're open to suggestions. Please tell us yours via email or on the form on page 3.

MISSING PERSONS:

Please tell us if you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates:

JOAN GLANS	MARY AGOSTINO	GAETANO INFELISE	ROBERT CATANIA
ALICE KOUNTRELIS	ROBERT OLSEN	CAMILLE LENTINI	JANET MORITZ
TOM SCHWARTZ	MARILYN STEIN	NORMAN DEUTSCH	ZAFER ZAFEROPOULOS

MOVES AND TRAVELS:

Linda and Irwin Magad have moved into temporary quarters in Highland Park, pending completion of their new home in Mundelein. They concur with the Roskos' advice to "Start cleaning out - NOW!"

HEALTH UPDATES:

Jim Padar lost 18 inches (of his colon) on January 31. Joan McConville Leander gave up her gallbladder on March 22 (she doesn't miss it). Tom Baker could use some good wishes. This business of getting old isn't for sissies!

STAY CURRENT, LOG ON:

Log in often to www.austin1955.org to keep abreast of what's going on. The site includes a graduate list, reunion photos, school photos, class relevant articles and the latest newsletter. NEW PHOTOS HAVE BEEN POSTED. NOTE: This and future newsletters will be emailed to everyone who has email. Others will receive hard copy.

WE HOPE YOUR EASTER AND PASSOVER HOLIDAYS WERE PLEASANT AND PEACEFUL!!

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NEWS, MEMORIES AND CHANGES

GOT NEWS?

We want to hear from **YOU!** This is YOUR newsletter. Photos and items of general class or historical interest for the website should be directed to AustinWebmaster@comcast.net. If you have any news (special trips, births, deaths, anniversaries, moves, etc.) or memories of your days at Austin to share, please email Kaye Aurigemma (kaurige@comcast.net) or Nancy Pasquerelli (npasq@comcast.net). If you don't have email, send this form.

Please let us know if your information has changed. Email to reunion@austin1955.org or mail this form to Ken Rosko, Austin Class of 1955, 3233 West Grand Avenue – Suite 103, Waukegan, IL 60085-2234.

NAME (1st, maiden, last): _____

NEW STREET ADDRESS: _____

NEW CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE NEWS WITH YOUR AUSTIN CLASSMATES. WHAT'S THE OCCASION? WHERE DID YOU GO? WHAT DID YOU DO? WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

WHEN/WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON THE NEXT CRUISE?

NAME: _____

EVENT: _____

REMARKS: _____

