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CLASS OF 1966

Diane (Brain) Connelly is enjoying retirement, living in Schaumburg, IL and traveling in the winter. She has 4 grandsons.

Roger La Roussa is retired 5 years and working part time at the Allstate Arena. He has been married 36 years to **June (Popp)** and they reside in Norridge, IL. They are the proud parents of twin boys and grandparents of Angelina (3).

CLASS OF 1967

Barbara (Dummier) Baehr lives in Inverness, IL with her husband, Rich. She is a Crisis Interventionist in the local school district. They have 3 grown children, Ryan, Jennifer and Jillian.

Janice (Kirsch) Schmalz writes: "I have been living in Colorado Springs, Colorado for about 12 years. I work at an animal hospital that handles large and small animals (dogs, cats, horse, bovine, llamas, alpacas, goats and an occasional rabbit.) I'm divorced and have been for 12 years. My two sons also moved out here and are enjoying life in the Rockies. Although now the tables have turned, when I go out I hear "where are you going? Who-are you going with? When will you be home"? Gee, it wasn't too long ago those were my lines. I keep in touch with: **Bonnie (Ritchie) Fox** (class of 6/65), **Mike Pope, Beth (Drake) Gates, Toni (Tracy) Zulaski** (who also lives in Colorado), **Dominic Adorno** (class of 66), plus of course various cousins on the Rodway side of the family (Lenore, June, Sharon, Susan, etc.) all SHS Alumni.

I have recently received several e-mails about getting a 40th reunion together. Being 1200 miles away makes it a little difficult. But I sure wish those people would all get together and contact the alumni association. Back in about the 1970's I was class governor and the reunion chairperson, so I know there is a lot of knowledge there for the asking.

We also need a class governor. It is a lot of fun and you meet the nicest people. So if anyone is out there that is interested....?

If anyone would like to contact me they can e-mail me at jayrufus13@aol.com. I would like to hear from them."

CLASS OF 1968

Some of the class of "68" got together on April 29th to wish **John "Dutch" DeGroot** well, before he was deported to the Middle East, with his Air Force Unit. His favorite "watering-hole", Colletti's Restaurant, which is on the northwest side of Chicago, was the meeting place. After having a relaxing dinner, they headed to the bar, where they spent the evening reminiscing and catching up on current events. Throughout the evening different friends of Dutch and employee's of the restaurant came up to wish him well. Colletti's own version of Tony Bennett gave Dutch a farewell on behalf of all present. Rounding up the usual suspects, the line-up was Dutch and his wife, Jan, **Linda (Jokiel)** and John Rizzotto (a special thanks for them coming all the way in from Galena), **Jodie Naughton, Marie LaRusso, Bonnie (Berdnick) Brown** and her husband, Dave, **Linda Stynoski, Regina (Rissell) Lucas** and her husband, Luke, **Sylvia (Sarma) Salna** and **Linda (Reeves) Pawelek** and her husband, Casey. "It was nice seeing everyone and we all had a good time." Our thoughts and prayers are with Dutch and his unit as they are deployed to the Middle East

Malian (Soleske) Gilbert of Bayonet, FL writes: "Thanks to the guys at the newsletter. Because of you, I was able to contact my high school "buddy" whom I had been trying to contact since I bought my computer about 7 yrs ago." **Linda (Reeves) Pawelek**, of Wilmington, IL, and Malian have renewed their friendship and speak quite often. "Come to find out she was also trying to contact me! One more thing - Linda - GET A COMPUTER. These long distance calls are killin' me." Some day soon I hope to make the trek to Chicago and join her for lunch."

Our condolence to the family and friends of **James Beecroft**, he passed away 4/3/06. He had a very successful stained glass business and art studio on the N.W. side for many years.

CLASS OF 1969

Marego (Kanelos) Wanaski sent us her new address in Chicago, IL.

Gary Ottaviano and his wife, Karen, reside in Elgin, IL and traveled to Italy to visit their oldest daughter, Lindsey, who was studying in Rome this semester.

Roberta (Meyers) Weber also resides in Elgin, IL. She has worked for American Airline for 16 years and enjoys biking, dancing and lots of relaxing on beaches. She has 2 children, 1 of which is a Major in the Air Force, flying C17's and the other is a software repairer. Roberta also has 2 grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1970

Nina (Lord) Morford, her husband Harry, and their daughter Rachael, moved last March to Lakeville, MN from Flower Mound, TX. They are enjoying being back in the Midwest again. In September they will be married for 35 years and are celebrating by taking a Mediterranean cruise.

CLASS OF 1971

GOVERNOR: Stanley Rozewski (847) 361-9060

We welcome new members **Richard Placek** of Chicago, IL and **Stanley Rozewski** of Chicago, IL.

CLASS OF 1972

Judy (Richmond) Pacanowski retired from the University of Illinois at Chicago in January, 2006. She held numerous positions during her 30 years in the College of Business Administration, with her final being Executive Director for Academic Administration. She now has more time for working in the family business, BP Cabinetry, and for snowmobiling and fishing at their home in northern Wisconsin. Judy is a member of the board of directors of Women on Snow, a women's snowmobiling group and on the advisory board of Leadership Illinois.

Corene Pope sent us her new address in Chicago, IL. She wants to say hello to all her friends from Steinmetz and can't wait to see everyone at the next reunion. She would love to hear from classmates. Corene has an eighth grader graduating in June, Asia Marie, who will be attending Hirsch High School (she wants to be a lawyer). At the last reunion Corene won for the most grandchildren, at the time she had 14. Well, she now has 16...grandson, Christmas Alexander Pope is 2 years old and his sister, Krislyn Sinise Pope is 1 years old. Sadly, Clive Pitts, husband of **Judy (Gilboy) Pitts**, informed us of her sudden death of a heart attack in her home in Streamwood, IL on 5/11/06