

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1963



WEB SITE COLLECTION

As we read and speak their names . . .

As we look at their pictures . . .

They are all reborn.

Dedicated to Georgia (Gochal) and Ernie Temple:

They were the soul of *The Class of 1963*.

Assembled by Mark Baldwin – the Webmeister – April 2016

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50th Reunion . . . A Grand Success!!!



(See Reunion 2013 Page)

Welcome . . .

To the HOME PAGE of the *South Plainfield Class of 1963* and listen to us toot our horns!

We weren't a large class . . . only some 168 of us. We were the last class before the Baby Boomers. In fact we were only the seventh class to have graduated at South Plainfield, all previous ones having gone to North Plainfield High School (hence the origin of that great rivalry). We were separated from North Plainfield in the 1956/57 school year.

But we were still a class of *firsts*. We were there for the launching of the first Earth satellites and the ensuing *knowledge explosion* in the U.S. educational system. In 8th grade (1958-59) began the *first Advanced Math Class* by taking *Algebra* that year. In 9th grade (1959-60) we began the *first Advanced Science Class* by taking *Biology* that year.

In sports we were the *first South Plainfield Football Team* to defeat both Highland Park and North Plainfield teams in our Freshman Year in 1959. And though we lost to North Plainfield as Seniors, we still sported an 8-1 season . . . the best to that time. We were also the nucleus class in both the new *Wrestling* and *Track & Field Teams* in our 10th Grade Year in 1960, won the first school track medals and set the standards for which all subsequent athletes could strive. And let us not forget the great *South Plainfield Basketball Dynasty* of that era in which the *Class of 1963* proudly played its part!

We saw the Cold War begin and we saw it end. We fought in the Vietnam War and we saw men walk on the Moon. We saw Presidents assassinated and Berlin Wall fall. We saw both blacks and women liberated and marched to make it happen. We saw Democrats become Republicans and Republicans become Democrats.

We saw the Internet happen and we saw the second U.S. President in the history of our Nation beat the 'rap' of impeachment!

And you know what??? We thumbed our noses at Y2K . . . and won! As we expected, the 21st Century entered with a 'bang' . . . of fireworks! And some of us are now waiting to get to that Space Station before we pass on our legacy! But will the Clintons *ever* get out of our lives????!!

We knew John Goodson.

Yes, the World Trade Center tragedy happened on 9-11-2001. WHAT a different world we are now living in. And what about genome mapping and the future of the human race?

What a Generation . . . and What's Next!?

"What's Next?" was the war against terrorism. We began it in Afghanistan in 2001, moved on to Iraq in 2003 and weren't too sure what to do with it thereafter.

In 2006 and the war continued on. Lot's of Americans dead, but many, many more Iraqi's dead. A real Hell hole. A real battle ground against evil. What do we do? Let us pray that good intentions will win out in the end and a peaceful Global World will emerge at the end of it all. Naive? I hope not!

Another "What's next" is 'movin' on.' Life goes on, with or without others. We do what we have to do and we 'make choices' (catch phrase for 2002!). And I think we've ALL done that . . . in our own way. In the summer of 2003 we met for our 40th Reunion and continued the movement. Life without old friends is sad, but at the same time life is wonderful! Are we starting to act 'old'?! Or are we all accepting 'life' as it is? Have you given up the marathons and are satisfied with just staying in shape? Frankly, I like the 'me' that I am right now more than at any time before. I think I'm as good as I've ever been! At least that's what I keep telling myself!

2005 marked our 60th year on this good Earth. A lot of us are moving into semi-retirement now that we're eligible for early Social Security, but who can retire *completely*?

2008 . . . the wars drag on . . . a new election is looming with some promise of change. A black man, a white man and a woman. Who would have guessed back when we were in high school? We've lived through a lot, haven't we?! But not until you've attended the 45th Reunion at Ernie and Georgia's house in the Poconos on September 6th!

And what a 45th Reunion it was! *Tropical Storm Hanna* tried to stop it, but we would have none of it and the party went on. A few were missing, yes. But we're all ready for the 50th in 2013!

History just keeps following our class, doesn't it? A black President! Once again, who would have guessed back in 1963 when we graduated that this could be possible? Many of us who were associated with the South in those years can remember black people being denied access to diners and having to sit in the back of buses. Many of us participated in the protests of the era. Many of us fought along side of them in Vietnam in the first really integrated Army. But, truthfully, who would have guessed in 2008?!

Who would have guessed a World-Wide Recession the likes of which hasn't been seen since the 1930s? It happened in late 2008 just as we were in Retirement Mode, too, didn't it? Sure enough there are a lot of new opinions about allowing retirees to invest their Social Security in the Stock Market now! But this, too, shall pass and there should be some good years afterwards to replenish and to build up reserves for the next time.

Yes, we're all getting older and we've lost many of our classmates. Teachers, too. The passing of Tony Cotoia in November of 2009 provides an opportunity to recognize the effect our teachers have had on our lives. There are those who have passed already like John Goodson and Ellis Williams. But many others who are still living have likewise been influential. This is certainly a time to pull out our Class Yearbook and review the pictures of our teachers from 1963 and to remember how they have influenced our lives and made us the people we are today.

A national Health Care Program? Believe it or not!

National bankruptcy? Believe it or not! You'll be asked to decide in 2012. But at least we're finally out of Iraq in 2011.

January of 2013 and 23 of us celebrated our 50th Reunion Anniversary aboard the Royal Caribbean ship *Jewel of the Seas*. We're still kickin' and planning for the next one!

January 20, 2017 - and now we have Donald Trump. Life goes on, doesn't it?! We hope so.

January 20, 2021 - Trump is out and Biden is in. We should all realize how close our nation came to chaos. This was an historic period in the life of our nation.

What will life be like from now on in America? With a woman sharing power at the top, let us hope for a new era of more reasonable and enlightened leadership in our country. And how about the worst medical pandemic in a century with COVID-19?

**Yes, we are the Class of 1963 . . .
and We're Proud of it!**

Welcome to our Web Site, and please browse through it for both historical reminiscences and present activities. We still have a lot to offer, and we welcome your inquiries.

Want A Copy?

"All good things must come to an end" - so they say. And so it will be that eventually this *Class of 1963* web site will be terminated for reasons of either the discontinuance of a domain name, or of the end of a web site hosting subscription or of the passing of the Webmeister! This termination is not planned for the near future, but ultimately it *must* come. *Things happen!* You should know, however, that it is my desire that the site and its historical data continue on. It is my intention to distribute copies of this site in both digital and printed formats to the South Plainfield High School library as well as to other appropriate public libraries. By providing a digital copy it is my hope that these libraries will incorporate the book into their own on-line libraries for reference by all. And once they do that, it is my expectation that *Google* will locate those books and within a month we'll be back on-line! I am in the process of doing this as I write in April of 2016.

For those of you who may be either historically oriented or just plain nostalgic, you should know that I am making a copy of this web site available for FREE in PDF format to anyone who is interested. It is a large document, however, in the vicinity of 14.6 mgbs. It can be downloaded to you very quickly if you send your e-mail address to:

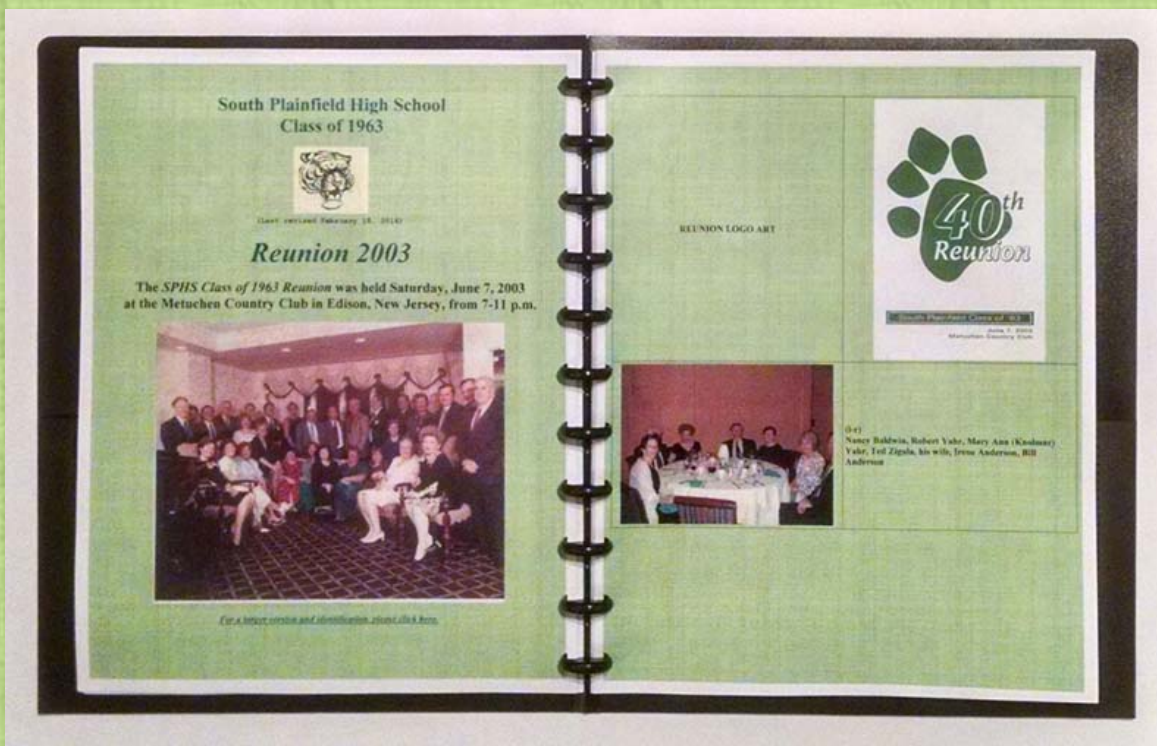
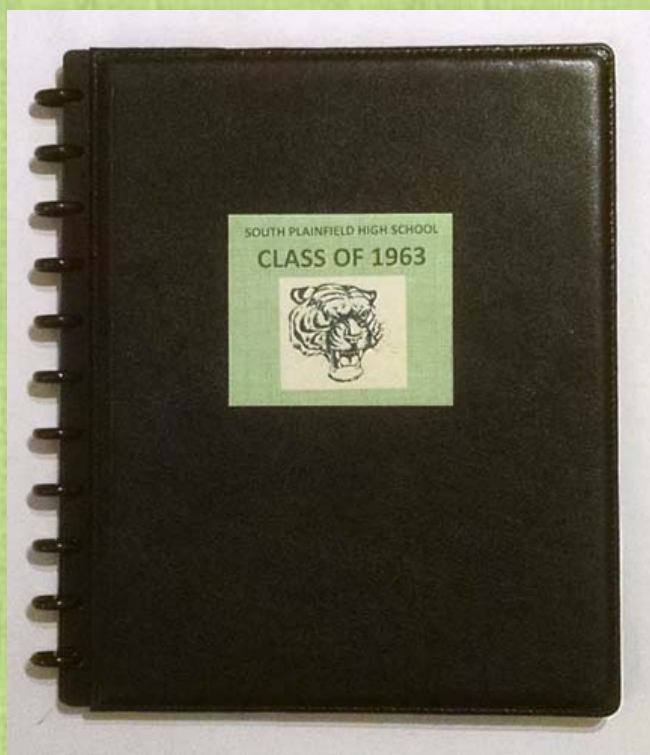
mbaldwin@collabre.com

Or send me a letter or call at:

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1-908-735-7662 (H) / 1-908-507-0011 (C)**

One further option is available to those of you who may be 'computer challenged', shall we say, and can't do this yourself. I am able to print out this web site on paper and assemble it into book form. This is, in fact, how I plan to distribute it to libraries along with a CD upon which will be the site files. These books will not be mass-produced: I shall assemble them manually, one at a time at my own expense and effort. However, if anyone would prefer to receive a hard copy version of this web site in both book and CD form, I shall make it available in two versions: a hard leather *Staples ARC* or a soft vinyl cover. The

soft cover version will be \$55.00, which will include shipping. The hard leather *Staples ARC* cover will be \$74.50 including shipping. I am still assembling the book, but this is what it will look like - approximately 104 pages, printed on two sides:



And one final note: because the web site, the PDF version and even the printed copies of the site are created in digital format, as long as the site exists it can be easily updated. So anyone who requests a copy will be entitled to a free periodic update over the years as long as the web site exists. This is particularly significant in view of the upcoming 2016 presidential election: I think that we'll be adding another 'first experience' for our class!

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South Plainfield High School

Class of 1963



NOSTALGIA

(Last Revised March 28, 2016)

This Nostalgia page is provided for anyone who has some pictures or comments reminding us all of our days growing up in South Plainfield.

If you want to publish pictures or announcements here, just mail in your information to:

Georgia Temple
411 May Avenue
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

or *e-mail* them below with attachments. If you have JPEG format pictures, it would be a great help to the *Web Meister*!

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WHAT WE WANTED TO BE!
Tape recording by math teacher Mr. Burrows
during our 8th Grade in 1959.

(It is long and of varying quality. But it is all there.)

Play the tape

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Miss Geary's 4th Grade Class at Grant School - Class of 1955

**Okay, guys, this is a classic! Miss Geary's 4th Grade Class in Grant School in 1955.
Sorry that you guys from Sacred Heart haven't been included yet, but if anyone has pictures
from other classes,
please, send them on to Georgia (Gochal) Temple or Mark Baldwin whose addresses are
listed below!**



**First row on right: Billy Birelle, Bobbi Jean Ruth, Mark Baldwin, Carlos (Ramos?), Edward Cramer
Second row from right: Janet Strassel, Trudy (Policki?), Pat Cobb, Alice Leahy, Terry Wojack, Leo Grabowski
Third row from right: Tommy Allison, Mary Jane Torrenti, Craig Adams, Victor Rinalis, Carl Weideman, Danny Colanjalo
Fourth row from right: Floyd ?, Doreen Hoehler, Silvia Skienskus, Frank Schaffter, Bucky (Tony) Raczkowski
Fifth row from right: Eileen Monk, Richard Blair, Doug Scratchley
Against wall: Edward Micali, Sandra ?, Harriet Bullows, Gloria Nugent, Nicolas Reckus**

Miss Brodzik's 4th Grade Class at Roosevelt School - Class of 1955

From Carolyn Anderson Clarke we have another classic! Miss Brodzik's 4th Grade Class at Roosevelt School in 1955.

**We are very much interested in identifications of all the classmates in the picture.
Send them to Georgia (Gochal) Temple or Mark Baldwin
at their e-mail address at the bottom of the page.**



First row from right: Joan Lear, ?, ?, Clyde Neville, ?, ?

Second row from right: ?, ?, ?, Timothy Brandsberg(?), ?, ?

Third row from right: Frank Kavanaugh(?), Judy Monroe(?), ?, ?, ?, ?

Fourth row from right: ?, Ella Cisson, Carolyn Andersen(?), ?, ?, Lee Kliner

Rear of room: Ms. Brodzik

I understand that a Jane Zimmerman is in the picture as well . . . I need help!!

Mrs. Koenig's 4th Grade Class at Roosevelt School - Class of 1955

From Jo-Anne (Danek) Cirafesi-Kane. Mrs. Koenig's 4th Grade Class at Roosevelt School in 1955.

**We are very much interested in identifications of all the classmates in the picture.
Send them to Georgia (Gochal) Temple or Mark Baldwin
at their e-mail address at the bottom of the page.**



First row from left: Jo-Anne Danek, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?

Second row from left: ?, ?, ?, ?, Bill Anderson (praying for recess), ?

Third row from left: William Cisson, Patty Lake?, ?, ?, ?, ?

Fourth row from left: Joanne Leo?, ?, ?, ?, ?

Standing: Mrs. Koenig

Others in the class, but unidentified: Casimir Anunas, Barbara Wielichoski, David Church, Cecilia Squaro, Maryanne Macy and Joanne Leo.

Mrs. Flood's 4th Grade Class at Grant School - Class of 1955

From Maryann (Klymshyn) Barrek. As with the other pictures, we need identifications.
If you see someone who is currently identified with a "?," please forward the name to
Georgia (Gochal) Temple or Mark Baldwin from the e-mail addresses below.



First row on left: Betty Lou Garzillo, Edgar Bennett, Robert Hunter?, Sally DeCaprio, Tanya Camile, Donald Smith

Second row from left: ?, Richard McBride, Ernie Temple, Rod Kellogg, George Conover, Lorraine Cervan, ?

Third row from left: Richard Paresso, Steve Rapatski, Barbara Minnick, Dorothy Herbst, John Zimmerman, Franklyn Wyckoff, Bill Stevens?

Fourth row from left: Bobby Braddock, ?, Joe Novak, Michael Kish, Maryann Klymshyn, ?, ?, Loretta?

Standing in read from left: Mrs. Flood, Janet Holmstrom, Barbara Sabino, Carl Jess

***AND CHECK THIS OUT
FROM CAROLYN ANDERSEN CLARKE!***



How did John Drosdick get in there with all of the girls?

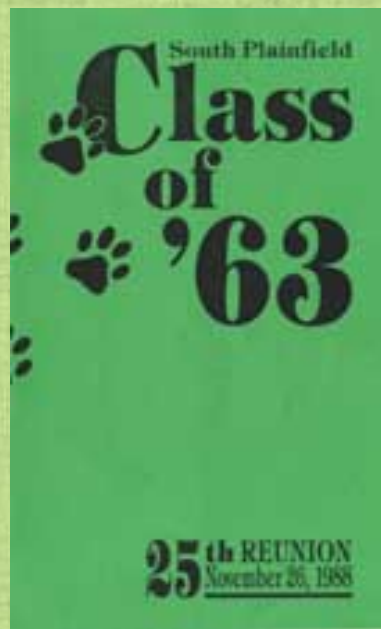
I see John Drosdick, Carolyn Andersen, Joanne Leo, Joanne Pecora (has she even changed??) . . .

(Back row - l-r: Frank Kavanaugh, Nancy Terry, Joanne Leo, Raymond Lang, ?, Patricia Lake)

**(Front row - l-r: ?, Virginia Herbst, Jo-Ann Pecora, John Drosdick, Joanne Danek, MaryAnn Derozak,
Carolyn Andersen)**

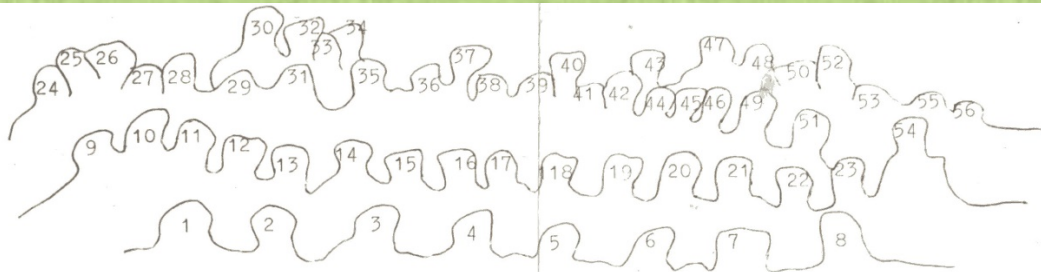
Third Grade - Willis School. Mrs. Kriney - teacher and principal.

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These are the Reunion book covers for the last four reunions.

20th Reunion of 1983

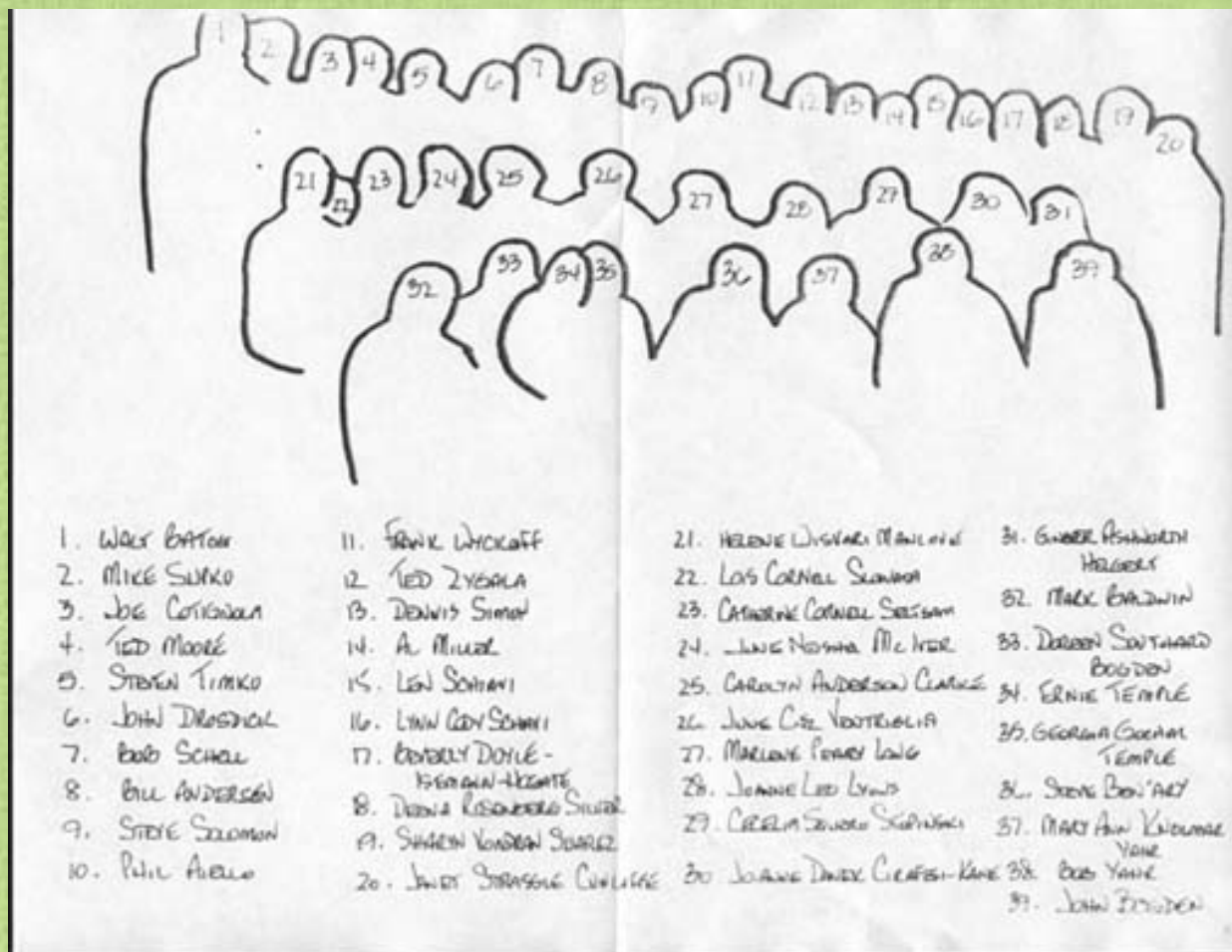


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| 1. Mark Baldwin | 20. Sandra West Rachel | 39. Marjorie Kazo Gromek |
| 2. Bill Anderson | 21. Jill Schanz Kaechele | 40. Frank Colvin |
| 3. John Drosdick | 22. Ginger Ashworth Helgert | 41. Jo-Anne Danek Cirafesi |
| 4. Peter Lavoie | 23. Bobbie-Jean Rooth Nagai | 42. Diane Pesta Moshier |
| 5. Jim Kotelsky | 24. Mary Jane Torrenti Austin | 43. Lee Kliner |
| 6. Ted Zygala | 25. John Bogden | 44. Arlene Palmblad Diamond |
| 7. Jim McGarry | 26. Ted Moore | 45. Irene Krajewski Fabry |
| 8. Ed Micali | 27. Janet Holmstrom Tekley | 46. Nancy Higgins Johnson |
| 9. Judy Munro Holz | 28. Donald Smith | 47. Albert Miller |
| 10. Georgia Gochal Temple | 29. Doreen Southard Bogden | 48. Steven Solomon |
| 11. Ernie Temple | 30. Robert Ward | 49. Catherine Cornell Seltsam |
| 12. Janet Strassle Cunliffe | 31. Jim Linger | 50. Frank Wyckoff |
| 13. Jo Ann Pecora Faulkner | 32. Sharyn Vondran Suarez | 51. Lois Cornell Slowata |
| 14. June Cisz Ventriglia | 33. Mary Ann Knolmar Yahr | 52. Phil Aiello |
| 15. Marlene Pearly Lang | 34. Robert Yahr | 53. Steven Timko |
| 16. Barbara Wellichoski Grausso | 35. Donna Mitchell Williams | 54. (Kathleen) Adaire Strubel |
| 17. Kathryn Giordano Spisso | 36. Lorraine Cerven Cochrane | Gustafson |
| 18. Joanne Leo Lyons | 37. Tim Brandsberg | 55. Joe Cotignola |
| 19. Maryann Klymshyn Barrek | 38. Drusilla Drake Ayers | 56. Yoshito Nagai |

1983

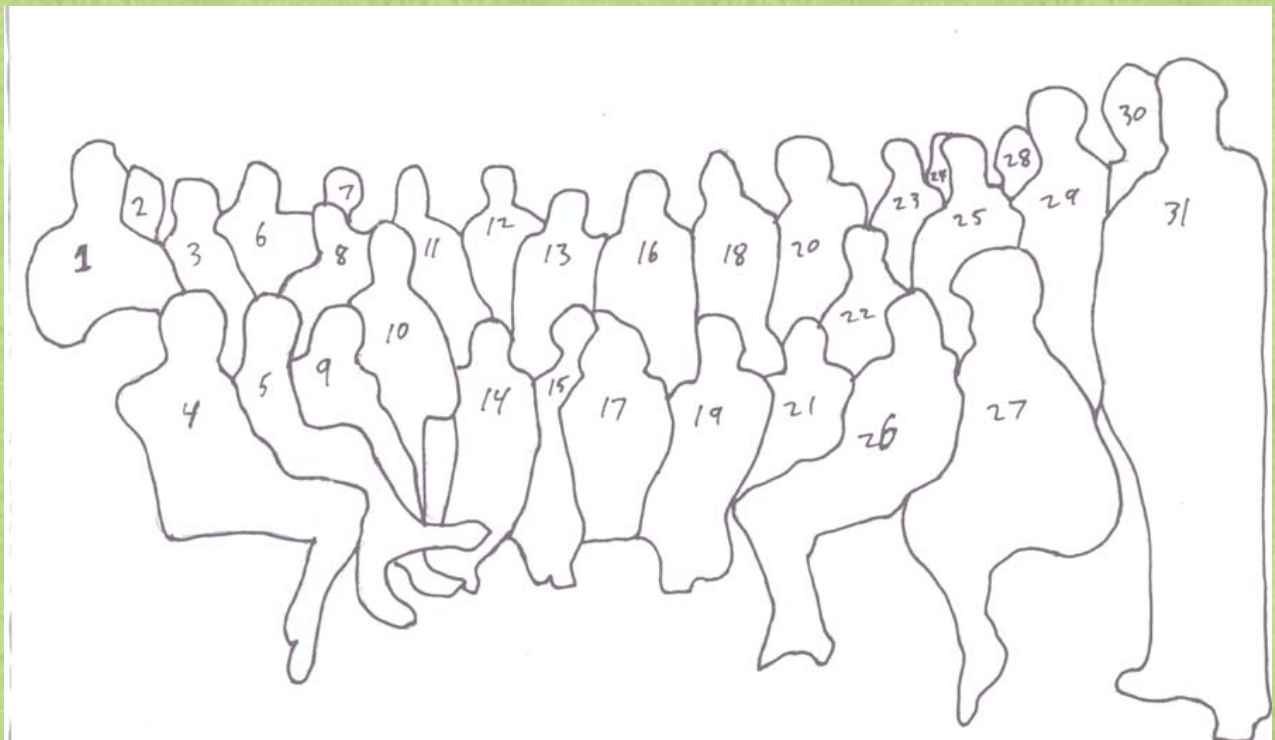
**The 25th Reunion was held on Saturday, November 2, 1983,
at the Monday Afternoon Club in Plainfield.**

35th Reunion of 1998



The 35th Reunion was held on Saturday, June 13, 1998,
at Caffè Piancone (formerly *Medici's*) in South Plainfield.

40th Reunion of 2003



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| 1 – Ted Zigala | 12 – Jill Schanz Kaetchele | 23 – Frank Wyckoff |
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| 11 – Steve Timpko | 22 – Mrs. Lubsen | |

The 40th Reunion was held Saturday, June 7, 2003,
at the Metuchen Country Club in Edison, New Jersey.

**HEY! REMEMBER THE GREAT
AL MILLER BAND FROM
THE 20TH YEAR REUNION IN 1983????!!**

(Al says, if you didn't know, that
this one's him!)



FOND MEMORIES!



**Our class leaders and our beautiful queen . . .
but what a group of escorts . . .
straight from the '50's!**

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Music & Lyrics by:
Judith A. Feltham & Daniel A. Spisso
Class of 1958

Hail to thee, South Plainfield High;
Cheer our guiding light.
Wave the emerald banner high;
The symbol of our might.
Hear us, Tigers, when we cry;
Stand for truth and right.
Raise your voices to the sky;
Stand for truth and right.
Raise your voices to the sky;
Cheer the Green and White.
Praise to thee, South Plainfield High;
Loyalty be thine.
May thy mem'ry never die
Though far our paths may wind.
Tigers sever not the tie,
Which our hearts doth bind.
Raise your voices to the sky;
Cheer the Green and White.
Raise your voices to the sky;
Cheer the Green and White.

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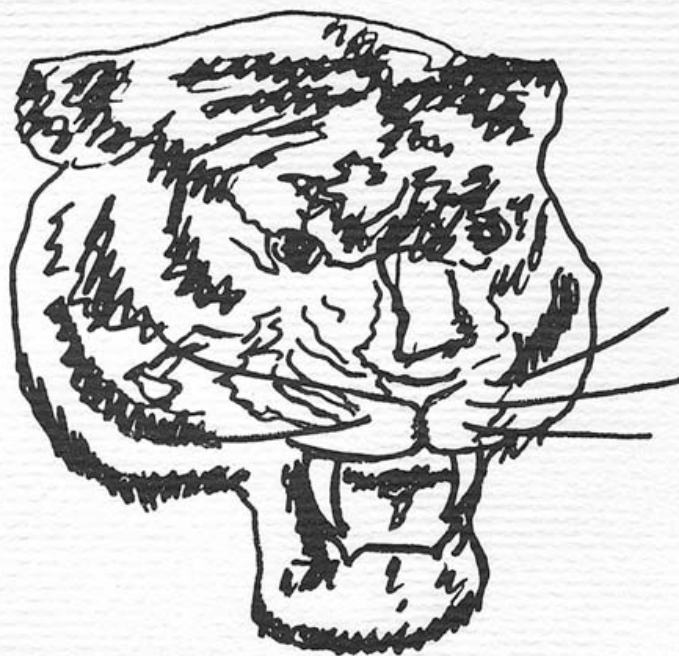
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25th Reunion 1988 . . .

September 26, 1988

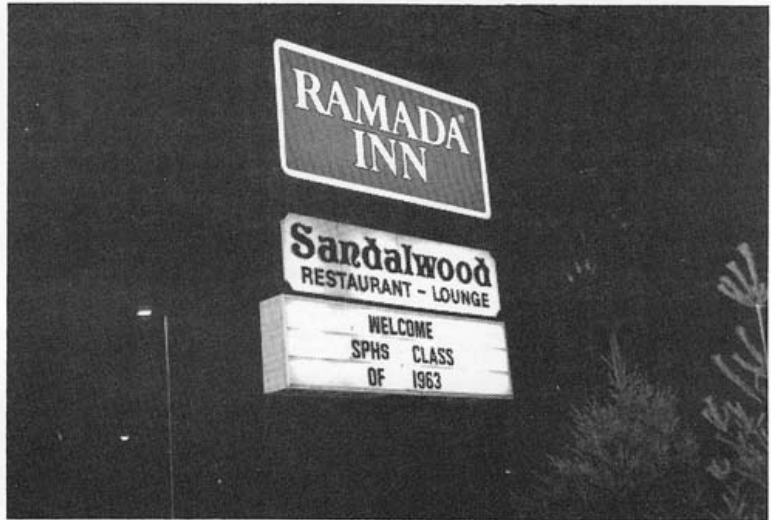
*The 25th Reunion of the South Plainfield High School Class of 1963
was held on September 26, 1988, at the Ramada Inn, Sandalwood Restaurant.*

*A special reunion booklet specialty company was hired to do
all of the photography and to produce the booklet which follows.*



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1988
SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY



OUR FIRST GRAND PARENTS JOE &
CECELIA (SQUERO) STOPINSKI BEING
INTRODUCED BY GEORGIA GOLHAL TEMPLE





June Neishel McIver, Deena Rosenberg Silver,
Luisa Guerrero Perkins, Jill Schanz Kaechele,
Doreen Southard Bogdan &
Ginger Ashworth Helgert

Donna Kotelsky, Gelsomina & Pete Lavoie, Patricia
Kalinowski Mick & Irene Karjelski Fabry



Dennis & Arlene Simon, Linda & Ed Micali, Ernie
Temple, Michele Shadis & Andy Lagin

"GETTING WARMED UP"

Arlene Palmblad Diamond, Laraine Zanat Blessing,
Dave Blessing, Beverly Stefico, Thomas Diamond,
Joe & Cecelia (Squero) Stopinski &
Sandra Bolesta Hasson.



Georgia Gochal Temple, Frank & Joanne (Leo)
Lyons, Betty Lois (Garzillo) Fregans, Ernie Temple,
Mary Carole Wruslevski Bannon, John Bannon &
Walter Fregans.

Dan & June (Cisz) Ventriglia, Robert & Mary Ann
(Knolmar) Yahr, John & June (Neishel) McIver &
Walter & Marlene (Pearly) Lang.





Patricia Kalinowski Mick, Deena Rosenberg
Silver & Tony & Ginger (Ashworth) Helgert



John & June (Neishel) Mclver



Charles & Wisa (Guerrero) Perkins, Ernie & Georgia
(Gochal) Temple, June (Neishel) Mclver, Jill
(Schanz) Kaechele & Ginger (Ashworth) Helgert

Michelle Shadis, Andy Lagin, Jim & Donna
Kotelsky, Irene Krajewski Fabry, Peter &
Gelsomina Lavoie



Ted & Teresa Zygala, Bill & Irene Anderson, James
& Doreen (Hoehler) Wallace, Mark &
Nancy Baldwin

Lois Cornell Slowata, Michael & Jo Ann (Pecora)
Faulkner, Donald & Kathy Smith, Kathy Cornell
Seltsam & John Slowata.





MUSIC BY IMAGES

DEFINITELY NOT THE CAFETERIA!



Albert Miller, Linda Micali, Dennis & Arlene Simon,
Maurene Miller, Ed Micali, Lynn Cody
& Len Schiavi.



Ernie & Kathy (Giordano) Spisso, Ronald &
Barbara (Wielichoski) Grausso, Carole Spisso
Yurinko, Nancy Higgins Johnson.

Charles & Luisa (Guerrero) Perkins, Patricia
Kalinowski Mick, Deena Rosenberg Silver, Chris
Kaechele, Ginger Ashworth Helgert, Jill Schanz
Kaechele & Tony Helgert.



Bill & Irene Anderson

Tony & Ginger (Ashworth)
Helgert

Mark & Nancy Baldwin



John & Doreen (Southard)
Bogden

Sandra Bolesta Hasson

Bill & Lorraine (Cerven)
Cochrane



Dan & June (Cisz) Ventriglia

Len & Lynn (Cody) Schiavi

Frank & Karen Colvin



Robert & Jo-Anne (Danek)
Cirafesi

Walter & Betty-Lou (Garzillo)
Fregans

Ernie & Kathy (Giordano)
Spisso





Georgia Gochal Temple

Luisa Guerrero Perkins

Nancy Higgins Johnson



James & Doreen (Hoehler)
Wallace

Mustafa & Janet (Holmstrom)
Tekley

Patricia Kalinowski Mick



Robert & Mary Ann (Knolmar)
Yahr

Jim & Donna Kotelsky

Irene Krajewski Fabry



Andy Lagin & Michelle Shadis

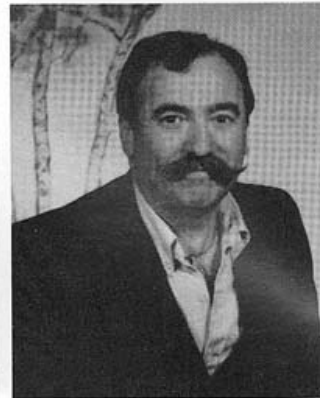
Peter & Gelsomina Lavoie

Frank & Joanne (Leo) Lyons

Jim & Susan Linger

David & Sally Longinotti

Edward Micali



Albert & Maureen Miller

Gordon & Judy (Munro) Holz

John & June (Neishel)
McIver



Tom & Karen Oakes

Thomas & Arlene (Palmblad)
Diamond

Marlene Pearly Lang



Jo-Ann Pecora Faulkner

Deena Rosenberg Silver

Chris & Jill (Schanz)
Kaechele





Dennis & Arlene Simon



Donald & Kathy Smith



Carol Spisso Yurinko



Joe & Cecelia (Squero)
Stupinski



Bev Stefko



Ernie Temple



Carl & Kil Cha Weidemann



Ronald & Barbara
(Wielichoski) Grausso



John & Mary Carole
(Wrubleuski) Bannon



Dave & Lorraine (Zanat)
Blessing



Ted Zygala



Carolyn Andersen Clarke



Carl & Kil Cha Weidemann, Jim & Sue Linger



HERE'S HOW YOU MAKE A MANHATTAN

Len & Lynn (Cody) Schiavi, Ernie & Georgia (Gochal)
Temple & Albert Miller.



Jim & Donna Kotelsky, Gelomina Lavoie

Maurene Miller, Ed & Linda Micali



Pages 14 and 15 contain the addresses of our classmates and have been withheld for security and privacy reasons. If you have a desire to obtain an address, contact Ernie Temple at kudan9@msn.com.



THE MORNING AFTER



A QUICK BREAKFAST



SEE YOU IN 98 ???



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Reunion 2003

**The *SPHS Class of 1963 Reunion* was held Saturday, June 7, 2003
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REUNION LOGO ART



South Plainfield Class of '63

June 7, 2003
Metuchen Country Club



(l-r)

Nancy Baldwin, Robert Yahr, Mary Ann (Knolmar) Yahr, Ted Zigala, his wife, Irene Anderson, Bill Anderson

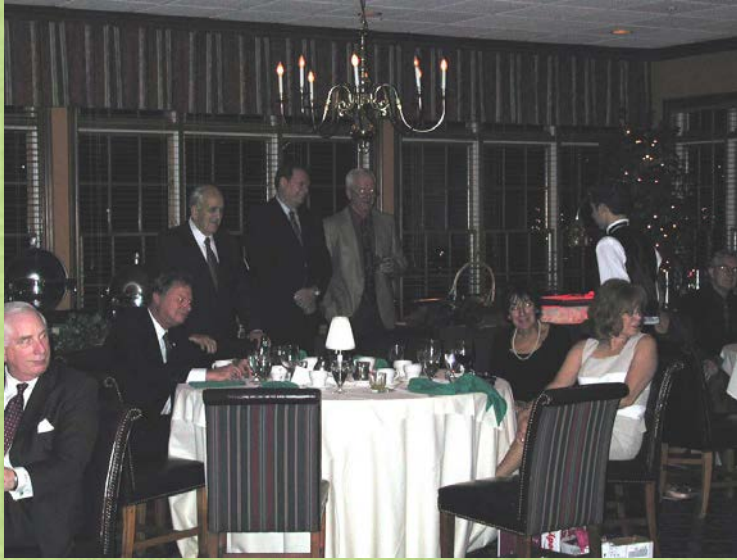
**(l-r)
spouse, Ginger (Ashworth), spouse, classmate, Yosh,
Bobbie Jean (Ruth), Jill (Schantz) Kachele, John
Bogden, Doreen (Southern) Bogden.**



**(l-r)
Coach Mike DeCarlo, Coach Tony Cotoia, Ernie
Temple, Steve Timko, Georgia (Gochal) Temple, Frank
Wyckoff, spouse.**

**Welcome Table and, in rear, computers showing
PowerPoint Presentations (which are available for free
by contacting Mark Baldwin.)**





(l-r)
Michael (spouse of JoAnn Pecora), Steve Timko, Coach
Mike DeCarlo, Frank Wyckoff, Ernie Temple, Jill
(Schantz) Katchele, Georgia (Gochal) Temple.

Coach Michael DeCarlo.



(l-r)
Coach Tony Cotoia and Steve Timko.

(l-r)
Bob Yahr, Mary Ann (Knolmar) Yahr, JoAnn (Pecora).



(l-r)
Bob Schell, Steve BenAry, John Bogden.

(l-r)
**Michael (spouse to JoAnn (Pecora))
and Janet (Strassle Wood).**





(l-r)
Lois (Cornell) and husband.



(l-r)
spouse to Bob Schell, spouse, spouse???



(l-r)
Ginger (Ashworth) and Georgia (Gochal) Temple.
Notice that all of the women are dancing together. Just like in High School!!!

(l-r)
Spouse (to Ginger (Ashworth)?), Steve Timko, Ginger
(Ashworth), spouse, classmate?



(l-r)
Jill (Schantz) Kachele (?), Bob Schell, Steve BenAry,
Bill Anderson.

(l-r)
Tom Oaks and Mike Supko.





(l-r)
spouse? and Janet (Strassle) Wood.

Our DJ!!



A Gift Certificate to Pancone's Restaurant was given to Georgia and Ernie Temple for their 40 years of service to the Class in keeping the Reunion together. Also a certificate of thanks and a photo album for all class members to forward pictures (4x6") to be kept as an official register of classmates as they appear in 2003. This applies to ALL class members, not just those in attendance at the Reunion Banquet.

Mark Baldwin was given a genuine Cuban cigar and a bottle of "Temple's Karate School" Merlot for his efforts with the web site and art for the Reunion.

It was a very friendly meeting which moved on after the event to the home of John and Doreen Bogden. Breakfast was hosted the next morning by Janet Strassle.

The question was asked about how many were interested in a gala 50th Golden Reunion, but the vote was inconclusive. But if I know Ernie Temple, start saving your money. Because if there IS a "next" one, it may be in the Bahamas!!!

There will be more on this event in the days to come. Unfortunately, because of the darkness of the room, half of my pictures were bad. I am anticipating those of you who attended the Reunion and took pictures to forward them for publication. Likewise, please forward individual pictures of yourselves and families. Once

the Memorial Album is filled up, a PowerPoint slide program will be created and made available to all who are interested.

Also, anyone interested in the current CD which has four Presentations on it, please contact Mark Baldwin (see Webmeister below). All I ask is \$1.00 for postage and handling. The Presentations are: 1998 Reunion, Memorabilia (pictures from the web site), Grads Today (a few current pictures of classmates) and John Goodson's Memorial Service.

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45th Reunion 2008 at Lake Temple (Alpine Lake)!

September 8, 2008

Hi folks,

Well, we all made it back in one piece. It was a great to host the 3 day event for our 45th year Class reunion for the Class of 63. I keep saying it's the last one I'm doing, but especially now that Tom Oakes has "volunteered" to do the next one in Florida, I'll help him buy the wine!! Georgia says I've had more farewell tours than Cher when it comes to throwing reunions!

A lot of thanks goes out first off to Frank Wyckoff, Tom Oakes, Mark Baldwin (hosting his own web site), Chrise Wyckoff, Karen Oakes and to those of you who have made it a fun event, regardless of the fact that we had a storm hitting the area.

We started off Friday evening with a dinner at the Meadowbrook Inn, Tannersville, hosted by Frank Wyckoff. Great meal, great company! We then headed back to our lake house and had a bonfire down at the lake doing wine and marshmallow s'mores! Different. The weather was clear and no sight of a storm brewing, except for Mark Baldwin's hourly reports of doom and gloom. Little did Mark know, that rain brings out the party fever and we had a ball the next day, ask his wife, Nancy. We got soaked setting up everything, but good wine somehow smoothes everything out. People started showing up and then the caterer brought in a great meal for us. We topped the night off with a local singer who absolutely wowed everyone in the room singing all of our old favorites! Plus, we still have a number of us who can still dance up a storm!

Wyckoff's, Bogdan's and Oakes' were able to spend the night at our place and we had a nice breakfast Sunday morning and said our goodbyes until next time. I am proud that Georgia and I were able to host these events over the years. It is something we enjoyed doing and we can only hope that it provided good memories for you. One person said why continue, we're only getting older now. Well, now might just be the time to keep it going. I've seen our personalities change as we get older and see the maturity of good people simply getting better with age. Our little class of '63 is made up of some special people who possess some unique talents. If you have the

opportunity to attend the next one, whether it be local or not, do yourself a favor, make the effort. It will be well worth it my friends.

For Georgia and I,

All the best.

Ernie

908-754-0033 home

570-629-6629 cabin

www.alpinelake.org

What Happens at the Lake Stays at the Lake!!!

So, at least, claims the sign hanging in the living room of Georgia & Ernie's home at Alpine Lake in the Pocono Mountains at Henryville, Pennsylvania! The weather wasn't as good as the two fall scenes below depict, but we braved the rains of *Tropical Storm Hanna* and with a little relocating to their home and the installation of some make-shift canvas umbrellas over their back deck, the event came off without a hitch. We had some rain, but no wind. With about 30 people in attendance we partied from late morning until after midnight. And those who rented lodging in the area were there for a sunny and comfortable morning breakfast.





Below are some quick photos which I have processed. Those of you who were in attendance who have better pictures are encouraged to forward them to me in JPEG format for inclusion here on the site. We will be getting pictures of the Friday night bonfire and Sunday breakfast group as well in the days to come. Please point out any errors in naming people!

**Thank you,
Mark Baldwin**



**Pat Mandato Karliss, Ted Zygala,
Teresa Zygala, Joanne Pecora Faulkner,
Charlie Gromek, Marge Kazo Gromek**

**Joanne Pecora Faulkner,
Ginger Ashworth Helgert, Ted Zygala,
Teresa Zygala, Charlie & Marge Gromek
(in front with backs to camera)**



Our Host - Ernie Temple!

**Marjorie Kazo Gromek, Charlie Gromek,
Joanne Pecora Faulkner (her head!),
Michael Faulkner.**





**Ted Zygala, Teresa Zygala,
Karen Oakes.**

**Nancy Baldwin, Pat Mandato Karliss,
Walter Fregans, Marge Kazo Gromek,
Betty Lou Garzillo Fregans, Joanne Howe.**



**John Bogden and Michael Faulkner
(husband to Joanne Pecora Faulkner).**

**Frank Wyckoff, Steve Benary,
Chrise Wyckoff, Doreen Bogden,
Georgia Temple, Tom Oakes.**



**Same picture as above, except with Ernie.
This one best kept at long distance!**

**Marge Kazo Gromek, Charlie Gromek,
Joanne Pecora Falkner.**





**Adele Benary, Ted Zygala, Teresa Zygala,
Karen Oakes, Georgia Temple,
Chrise Wyckoff, Frank Wyckoff.**

**Ted Zygala, Teresa Zygala, Karen Oakes,
Adele Benary, Georgia Temple.**



**Chrise Wyckoff, Frank Wyckoff,
Charlie Gromek, Joanne Pecora Faulkner,
Marge Kazo Gromek, Michael Faulkner,
Pat Mandato Karliss,
Joanne Howe (blond head).**

Walter Fregans, Steve Benary, Tom Oakes.



**Joanne Danek Kane,
Georgia Gochal Temple.**



**Ted Zygala, David Kane,
Joanne Danek Kane.**





**Pat Mandato-Karliss, Nancy Baldwin,
Georgia Gochal Temple.
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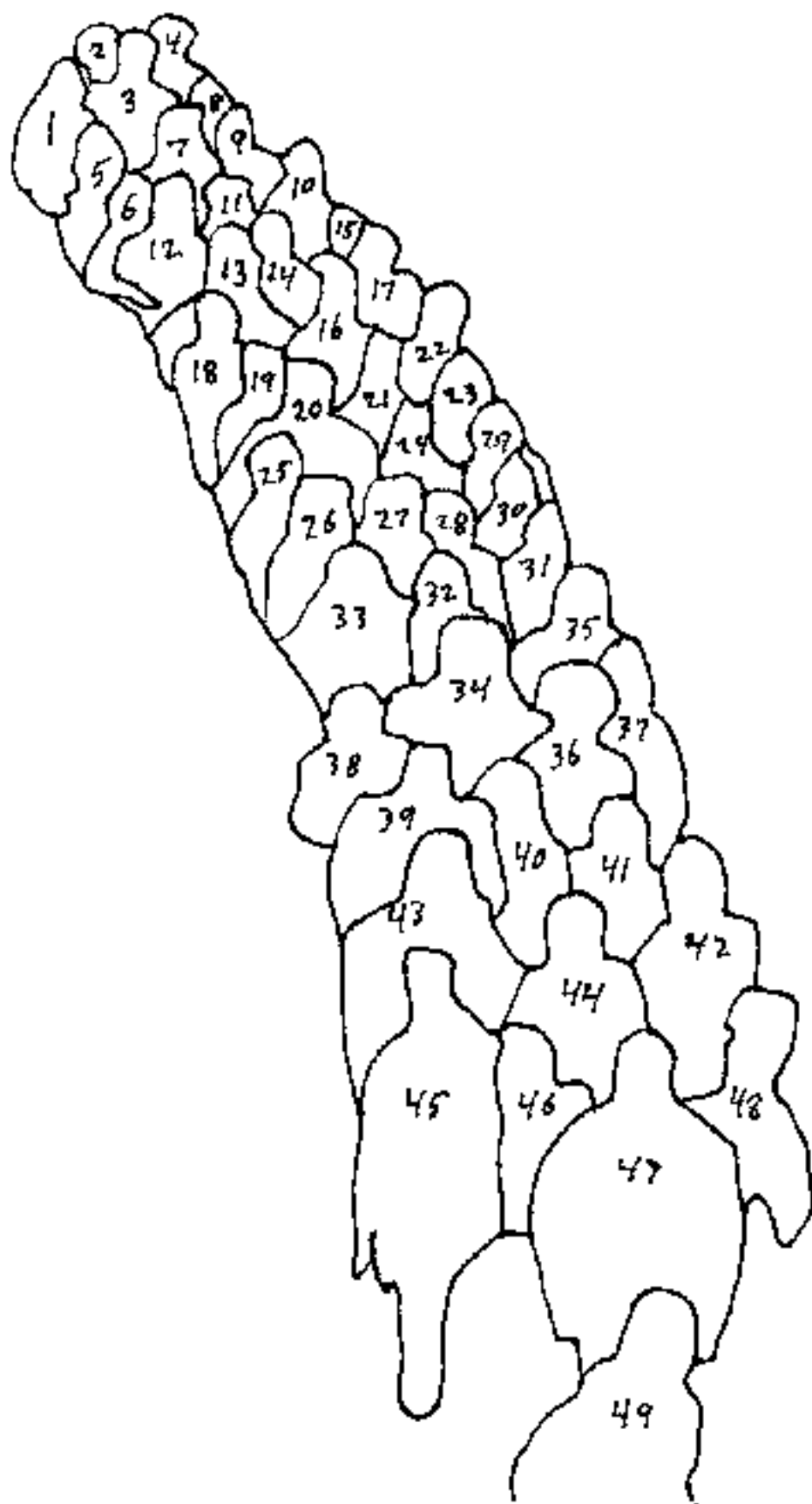
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***50th Reunion 2013 . . .
WHAT A TRIP!!!***



Class Members with Spouses



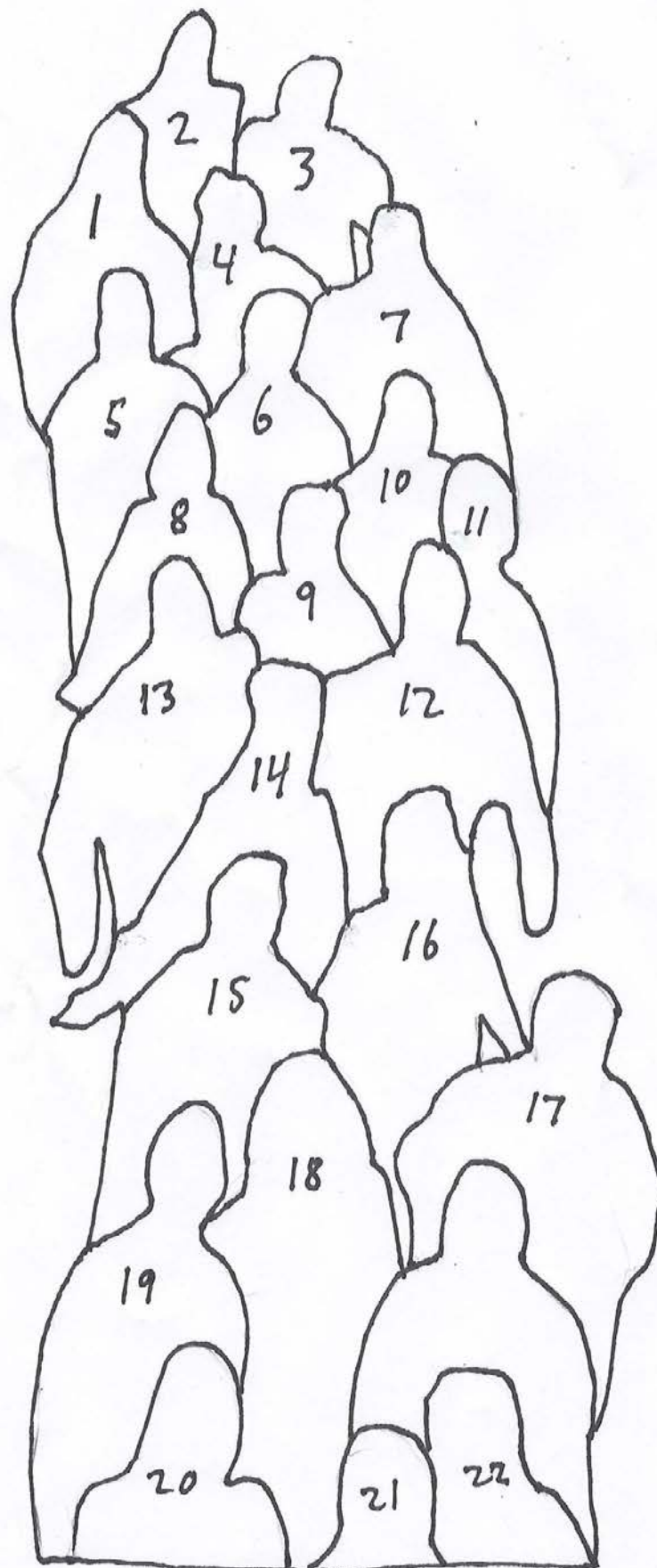
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| 2 - Mary Madamba | 27 - Christine |
| 3 - Wayne Bowden | 28 - Al Miller |
| 4 - Orlando Madamba | 29 - Joanne Howe |
| 5 - Carolyn Boyle | 30 - Helene (Wisvari) Manlove |
| 6 - Barbara Cvetko | 31 - Denis Skora |
| 7 - Tom Boyle | 32 - Beverly (Doyle) Hogate |
| 8 - Maryann Vail | 33 - Frank Hogate |
| 9 - Rusty Vail | 34 - Len Schiavi |
| 10 - Jack Gear | 35 - Drusilla (Drake) Skora |
| 11 - Carol Gear | 36 - Lynn (Cody) Schiavi |
| 12 - Jerry Cvetko | 37 - Sally Tesoro |
| 13 - Cecelia Stopinski | 38 - Andrew Lagin |
| 14 - Betty Lou (Garzillo) Fregans | 39 - Tom Oakes |
| 15 - Mary Carole (Wrublewski) Bannon? | 40 - Georgia (Gochal) Temple |
| 16 - John Drosdick | 41 - Pat (Mandato) Karliss |
| 17 - Walt Fregans | 42 - Frank Wyckoff |
| 18 - Ginger (Ashworth) Helgert | 43 - Jim Rollins |
| 19 - Janet (Strassle) Wood | 44 - Mark Baldwin |
| 20 - Ted Zygala | 45 - Jill (Kaechele) Rollins |
| 21 - Larry Silver | 46 - Vicki Lagin |
| 22 - Tony Helgert | 47 - Ernie Temple |
| 23 - Deena (Rosenberg) Silver | 48 - Gail (Naylor) Bottone |
| 24 - Dave Blessing | 49 - Maureen Miller |
| 25 - Theresa Zygala | |



Class Members Only (version 1)



Class Members Only (version 2)



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| 1 - Cecelia Stopinski | 12 - John Drosdick |
| 2 - Mary Carole (Wrublewski) Bannon | 13 - Len Schiavi |
| 3 - Mark Baldwin | 14 - Lynn (Cody) Schiavi |
| 4 - Betty Lou (Garzillo) Fregans | 15 - Al Miller |
| 5 - Beverly (Doyle) Hogate | 16 - Deena (Rosenberg) Silver |
| 6 - Christine | 17 - Tom Oakes |
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| 9 - Ginger (Ashworth) Helgert | 20 - Frank Wyckoff |
| 10 - Joanne Howe | 21 - Ernie Temple |
| 11 - Ted Zygala | 22 - Janet (Strassle) Wood Cunliffe |

A Note From Ernie . . .

SPHS CRUISE HAS DOCKED

Just a short note regarding our outstanding reunion. It was an honor and a pleasure to put this trip together for you. The time that we spent together, not only talking about the ol' days, but also talking about what is important to us now was truly invaluable. We formed deeper friendships and in some cases, new friendships, over the course of one week that will hopefully last for many years. From all that I have heard from you, it sounds like you want to continue getting together. I will make that happen in three years from now, whether it is another cruise or a land trip, i.e. Italy, Paris or one of the Islands. Apparently no one wants to wait for another five years!

Be well,

Ernie

February 6, 2013 -

For the time being we shall preserve the ship's deck layout with the pictures and music which you were all so willing to share with us all. You can access these pages here:

[Cruise Itinerary](#)
[Deck Layout and Occupants](#)

And Here is What We All Did!!!

Pictures by:

[Pat Karliss](#)

[Ernie Temple](#)

[Laraine \(Zanat\) & Dave](#)

[Blessing Al Miller](#)

[Mark Baldwin](#)

[John Drosdick](#)

[Jim Glassman](#)

Testimonials

I hope you enjoyed it all and will remember it forever!

Mark Baldwin

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50th Reunion 2013 . . . What We Did!



CRUISE ITINERARY - Monday, January 14 to Saturday, January 19, 2013



Jan 14 – Tampa, Florida – leave at 4:30 p.m.
Jan 15 – Cruising
Jan 16 – George Town, Grand Cayman Island, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – lots to do.
Jan 17 – Cozumel, Mexico – arrive at 9:00 a.m., leave at 6:00 p.m. – swimming and touring on land
Jan 18 – Cruise to Florida
Jan 19 – Arrive at Tampa, Florida – 7:00 a.m.



The cruise was a 6 day/5 night cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean line ship JEWEL OF THE SEAS. It began on the afternoon of Monday, January 14th, 2013, and made its way leisurely around the Caribbean stopping for a day at George Town on Grand Cayman Island; a day at Cozumel, Mexico; and finally returned, after a final day and two nights of cruising, Saturday, January 19th back in Tampa, Florida.



The Jewel of the Seas was, essentially, a floating city. Available to us were restaurants, shopping, swimming, exercising, spas, games, a casino, theaters, WIFI, live entertainment and even . . . are you ready? . . . Shuffle Board! It was a time to renew our friendships with our classmates, reminisce about the "glory days", blow our diets or even just relax on a deck chair and read as we watched the Caribbean pass by.



"It's all about the ship!" - Ernie

The ports-of-call were at two popular vacation-spots: Cozumel and Grand Cayman Island. Activities like swimming, shopping, touring are available during our 8 to 9 hour stops.



George Town, Grand Cayman Island



Cozumel

So there you are folks. It was a fun trip, and a great opportunity
to rekindle old friendships.

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Pictures by Pat (Mandato) Karliss

Cruise Reunion Cocktail Party



Wake of the ship and visiting the Cayman Islands





Cozumel, Mexico, and Gator Cake on Last Night of Cruise



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Pictures by Ernie Temple

First Day Pictures - Boarding the Ship







Second Day - Class Party









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Pictures by Laraine (Zanat) & Dave Blessing



Dave Blessing and Janet (Strassle) Wood



Sailing into the Sunset





Mark & Nancy Baldwin and Jim Glassman and Cookie (?)

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Pictures by Al Miller



The Magnificent Centurim in the center of the ship



Beverly (Doyle) Hogate, Lynn (Cody) Schiavi, Karen Oakes, Ginger (Ashworth) Helgert



Ernie Temple and Al & Maureen Miller



Tom & Karen Oakes and Lynn & Len Schiavi

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Pictures by Nancy & Mark Baldwin



Nancy & Mark at Dinner



Jewel of the Seas logo over top deck pool



Caribbean Sunset and planned community in Cayman Islands



Inlaid tile on stairway in planned community depicting levels of sea life



Tortuga Rum Company and dead coral in Hell, Cayman Islands



Free Range chickens in Cayman Islands and clear water in Cozumel in morning



Snorkeling in morning on Cozumel with calm waters, Jewel of the Seas in background



Winds pick up in Cozumel in afternoon and continue on Friday at sea

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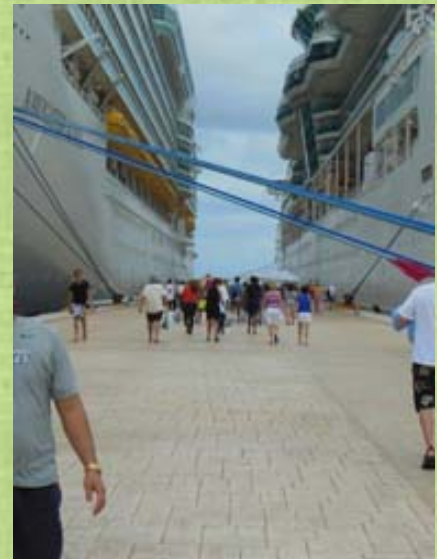
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Pictures by John Drosdick



Class Group Shot



The Ship and Sunsets



Heading Out!



Party Night





Dance Night







Cozumel





Last Night



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Pictures by Jim & Gloria Glassman



*Nancy & Mark Baldwin in front of the Tortuga Rum Company store
in George Towns in the Cayman Islands*

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TESTIMONIALS



Ernie & Georgia - 2010

Ernie,

You are the greatest!! The reunion was wonderful. It was a privilege to be part of such a dynamic and friendly class. Hopefully in three years even more of our classmates will be able to participate.

Love to all,

Deena

All of you are the greatest! The cruise reunion was the best of the best! Ernie, you covered all the bases helping make this a very special milestone in our lives. We hope to see you all in three years.

Vicky and Andy

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to thank everyone for helping to make this such a great experience for Chrise and me. It was terrific catching up with so many of my old friends/classmates. It's a source of personal pride to know that I was a member of the greatest graduating class from SPHS.

Special thanks to Ernie and Georgia, for all their hard work organizing and coordinating this amazing trip. I hadn't realized how much I missed everyone...I can't wait for the next trip.

See you all soon,

Frank (Butch)

ps...let's hope the success of this trip will help convince more of our classmates to join us

Karen and I had a great time. Even though Karen is not an official 63 Tiger nothing we have done was ever better. Ernie is the official President and Georgia is absolutely the first Lady (Tiger). Thank you for the great and wonderful experience of renewing our formative years. Nothing can top this... we can try. let's all get together sooner rather than later. My clock is ticking, how about yours?

Thanks Ernie, thanks everyone.

Tom & Karen Oakes

Hi to all,

Tony and I want to thank Ernie and Georgia for putting together such a wonderful reunion. It was just wonderful seeing all of my friends again, and truly so proud to be a part of our great class of 1963. I am looking forward to our next one which I know will be even bigger and and with more classmates attending. Keep well till we meet again.

Love to all,

Ginger

Echoing the sentiments of everyone who enjoyed an amazing reunion. Enormous appreciation to Ernie and Georgia for making it happen. Transitioning from the world of '63 to the reality of 400 smiling kidlettes tomorrow will be a challenge, but certainly cherish the renewal of old friendships and

some stellar new ones. Thanks to everyone for making our cruise a week to remember. *All my bags are packed and I'm ready to go...*

Cheers,

Jill

Great trip Ernie!

I wasn't too sure when you first got it started a year ago, but my wife, Nancy, *loved* it. As she said: "I really love your classmates. It's amazing how active and vital they are . . . not boring like you!" Born in Raleigh, NC, Nancy came from a traveling household and only spent one year at the school she graduated from in Ohio. So she has adopted SPHS Class of '63 as her official class!

Again, great job Ernie. In spite of your politics, you're *my* vote for President too!

Mark Baldwin

Thanks Ernie and Georgia for all your hard work. We had a great time and since we must have fallen off the list for the past 25 years we really appreciate being back in the SPHS folds. Looking forward to hearing more about "next time."

Laraine & Dave Blessing

Thanks Ernie and Georgia for a wonderful trip. Looking forward to the next one.

Joanne Howe

Denis and I would like to thank Ernie and Georgia for all the work you put in to making this reunion such a fantastic success. It was great to rekindle friendships and see where 50 years has taken everyone. We are certainly looking forward to the next opportunity to get together!

Drusilla (Dru) (Drake) Skora

And does anyone know where June McIver is?!

I am retiring as of 9/6/2012. Please contact Lisa Trotta @
trotta@kennedykrieger.org

Thank you
June

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