

Dear Sally:

Thanks for thinking of me and especially your personal note. I have looked at the reunion schedule...I will try to stop and say hello either Friday at Brennan's or later on Sunday at the town park. I will be bowling Friday for a while and golfing on Sunday.

I retired from Clarence in 1991 after 33 years of teaching...It is amazing how time does fly. There are only a handful of teachers still teaching that I know after 13 years -an amazing turnover. I turned 70 this past March 7th and that was a little unnerving...turning 50 and 60 was alright but 70! It just doesn't seem I should be there already. Although retired I, like Ron Sutherland am not really "retired." But my activity is a little different. My title is coordinator at Bitterman's Automotive Center in East Amherst and I deal with managers at local car dealerships. It is different but interesting. I also teach approx. 20 private students at my apartment in Swormsville (East Amherst). I retired from playing professionally quite a few years ago and have become a tournament-level bowler. I started bowling when I retired and decided to see how well I could compete. I bowl in 3 leagues during the year, averaging 216, and bowl various tournaments on weekends. Additionally, I have competed 2-3 times a year in High Roller tournaments for Seniors in Las Vegas. I have been in over 20 tournaments there the past 7 years....

You see, when you get older it is not easy to still compete on the basketball court so bowling offers a great challenge, competing against some of the best bowlers locally and from all-around the country in Vegas. It is great fun...I have had 3 300 games and 3 299 games, and you always try to get the next one.

I enjoy my golf in the summer...it was one of 3 varsity sports I played at Fredonia State. My children are all doing very well...Jack is a vice-president of a large food supply company in Rochester, married and has a beautiful 2 year old daughter, Chloe Grace. Scott is a lawyer with the W.R. Grace Co. in Maryland. My daughter Jill is married, living in Fargo, ND. She and husband Shane have two children, Noah (4) and Abigail Kate (1). So it is fun to visit my "kids" and their grandchildren.

Class reunions are a wonderful time...I know everybody will have a great time. My hometown is Batavia and I attended our 50th high school class reunion in 2001. We had classmates that came from everywhere...Hawaii and New Zealand were the furthest. After a few minutes it is just like old times. So enjoy the weekend and renew friendships.

Best wishes,

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