

**Class of 1973 Thirty-Fifth Reunion Report
October 3 and 4, 2008**

As usual, it was like herding cats to get the Class of '73 to do anything together! But seven of us managed to participate in various parts of the reunion, although we were never actually in the same place all at once (hence the two class pictures). On Friday evening we gathered at Mimi and Al's for dinner, and on Saturday evening we met at a little restaurant called Maxi's in Little Italy. There we brought out our Class of '73 yearbooks, went through every page, looked at every picture, and shared what we remembered or knew about the past and present of each person in our class, as well as all the teachers depicted therein.

Henry Bloom is still here: he is in solo private practice of family medicine in Cleveland Heights, and continues to enjoy singing in a local early music group. He wrote a letter about "families as a focus of MRSA," published in JAMA in June, which he would love for people to read and contemplate. His older son Isaac married last year and lives in Minneapolis; both Isaac and his wife are working hard for the upcoming election in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida. Henry's wife Marilyn is a psychologist. Their son Benjamin is a sophomore at McGill, where he studies mechanical engineering; enjoys skiing, soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee; and cut a jazz CD this summer as a double bassist.

Meredith Dobyns no longer practices child psychiatry; she is working at the state mental hospital and the county jail in Columbus, Ohio. She has cut back, and is enjoying working half-time. Her daughter Nina lives in South Euclid with her significant other, happily taking care of their 5 cats. Son Colin is the Army in Afghanistan, where he is thriving and enjoying his work.

Mike Karnasiewicz is a neurosurgeon in private practice near Danbury, Connecticut, where he is in a group of 13 physicians. He has been married for 39 years to Sally (who was commemorated in our yearbook as a Child Life worker at Metro!). They have been blessed with a daughter Sarah, who is an editor of Saveur (a culinary magazine) and a son Will, who is at Georgetown University. Mike contributed many happy memories of our med school Class of '73 basketball team, which apparently was nameless until Henry (on October 5, 2008) dubbed them "The Basket Cases."

Mimi Lam is a nephrologist at Metro, continues to teach and learn from the wonderful medical students at Case, and serves as interim organist for Saint Ann Church in Cleveland Heights. Her husband Al Connors is a pulmonologist and critical care doc at Metro; daughter Lisa received a master's in social work from Case last year, and son Chris is majoring in oboe performance at New England Conservatory in Boston. The Connors family lives in Shaker with their 2 dogs and 3 cats.

Bob McVicker retired from the practice of cardiothoracic surgery (in Columbus, Ohio) three years ago this month, and is perfecting his ability to play. He fulfilled a dream that he had had for decades by finally getting his pilot's license. He also enjoys fly fishing.

His wife Barb has achieved a national reputation by writing a book called Stuck in the Middle, born of experiences caring for her aging parents and inspired by the stories of many people she interviewed who were doing the same. Their daughter Darby edited the book, son Ryan served as Webmaster, and Bob provided support for this difficult and emotional endeavor.

Jim and Cindy Moses live in a semi-rural area in Canal Winchester, Ohio, not too far from Columbus. Jim practices ophthalmology, subspecializing in oculoplastic surgery, and Cindy works for the Municipal Court in Columbus. They have a bichon puppy and some chickens, and their property is home to a variety of birds and other animals. They also have fruit trees and enjoy creating scrumptious desserts from their apples and pears. Jim and Cindy have been married for 16 years; Jim also has two wonderful daughters, Brenda (age 34) and Megan (32).

Alf Pinchak, who is an anesthesiologist, missed the reunion events, but did call at 10 pm on Friday to say that he couldn't come to dinner because he was still at work helping to prepare posters for the upcoming anesthesiology meetings in Orlando. He and his wife Mary have raised 5 biological kids and 4 adopted kids; they still have one more daughter in high school (the rest are grown, and Mary is currently in St. Louis helping out with a brand-new grandchild).

Yona Victor was widowed in 1991 and retired from the practice of internal medicine in 1997 due to rheumatoid arthritis. On 9/11/01, she began training as a chaplain and worked on-call at the Children's Hospital in Denver for five years. She currently is in her "third career," teaching basic science at the School of Nursing of Platt College in Aurora, Colorado. Her 25 year old daughter Ellen, is a realtor in Denver, and her 34 year old stepdaughter Anna is working as a respiratory therapist and applying to pharmacy school.

Jane Barry missed the reunion, but sent a newsy letter in which she mentioned that she left her radiology practice and currently is doing locums. Her daughter Charlotte is a senior at the University of Washington. Jane lives on a lake north of Seattle and reports that she just took her second fly fishing lesson. She recalls, "Amos will remember how much my dad liked to fish. He used to get me up at 4 AM to go fly fishing, but I haven't done it since about age 7."

.... *Mimi Lam*