

About 60 of us packed into the Davilion Grille in Boca Raton for a JHS Hit 'n Run Reunion





Barry Asrelsky, from the class of '72 , with his wife, Barbara, was an early arrival. Elizabeth Stark Perez, who also graduated that year, was there earlier than any of us, because she and her husband, John, own the popular Pavilion Grille. Have to give Liz a shout-out for the great job she did setting us up with our own area at the bar and then a private room to continue the party. By the way, next time you're there, try the calamari with a sweet chili sauce. Too good.



Here's a nice mix of years: From left to right, Cherie West Berk ('70), Randye Ringler ('73, although she graduated a year early), Cheryl Goldenberg ('72), Meredith Cohen Roseman ('74), and classmate Michele Stanton, who reverted back to her nickname, Miki, for the night. Miki and Mere both live in Florida; Cheryl divides her time between Boca Raton and Long Island; and Cherie and her husband had just spent a week in Mexico with their grandkids.



Here's Mere again, with her husband, David Roseman. Later this year the couple, who live in Cooper City, Florida, celebrtate their forty-fifth anniversary. Congrats, kids!



Four Floridians from the class of 1975: Jeffrey Arkin, Abby Goldstein Feilich, Richard Krasner, and Karen Waters Waas. Jeff is the latest to call the Sunshine State home, having moved from Pennsylvania to Boynton Beach last September.



From the class of 1972, Leslie Schwab, Wendy Foxmyn, and Melanie Siegel Dolan. This was Les's first reunion; he's lived in Florida since 1985, and currently resides in Vero Beach. Yes, that's the'72 *Imperator* yearbook he's holding.



Three very close friends: Ivy Neuman Katowitz ('74), Frann Tillman ('75), and Karen Schlanger Smilen ('74). All of them live in Boca.



Bob Fortgang ('71) and wife Mary joined us in Florida for the second year in a row. Bob, a psychologist, lives in New Hampshire but comes down to Florida in the winter.

Fun Facts Abour Fild R I D A ?

- State bird: Louie the Alligator (at right).
- Most common occupations:
 (1) podiatrist
- (2) attorney, to sue the podiatrist (see above) for medical malpractice.
- Average height above sea level: 6 feet. Sorry, 5 feet, 11 inches; whoops, 5 feet, 10 Inches ...





Peter Goodgold, from the class of 1969, always looks like he's having a good time. That's classmate Robin Jacobson Walsh with him. Robin went to college at the University of Miami, while Peter went out west to San Francisco Art Institute.





The class of '72 had the biggest turnout at the Hit 'n' Run Reunion, with twelve folks total. In the photo at left are Arnold Tropper, Jay Brenner and his wife, Patty, and Michael Lewis. On the other side are John Doogan, Caren Kushner Gottesman, Cheryl Goldenberg, and Marna Ludwig Moseson (in a most smashing dress, it must be noted). John and Caren have lived in Florida for a long time, while Michael and Marna are fairly recent full-time residents. And Arnie, Cheryl, and the Brenners are down there part-time.



Obligatory crowd shot at the bar in the main room at the Pavilion Grille.





You could find all sorts of relationships at the big party: friends, acquaintances, siblings, spouses, and, in this case, neighbors. West Birchwoodite Richard Krasner ('75) lived right behind Michael Stebel ('71), with Beth, his wife. By the way, Michael's eighty-eightyear-old mom, who looks a-m-a-z-i-n-g, still lives in their home on Otsego Place, at the corner of Saratoga Drive.

And below, Jericho couple Meryl Ross Fischer and Danny Fischer, both from the class of 1970, meet up with '72's Jay Brenner.





As you can see above and in the photo next door, the class of 1975 was well represented. Here are Jodi Mattes Fox, Stuart Rader, and Jeff Arkin, the latter of whom was taking off for three weeks in Israel several days after the reunion.

Abby Goldstein Feilich and Karen Waters Waas, both from the class of '75, with Michelle Penver Esposito. Michelle graduated in 1977, but, she says, was immediately adopted by the older class.









We had pairs of sisters, like Caren Kushner Gottesman ('72) and Phyllis Kushner Riordan ('76) ...



... and (below) '76's Janis Friedlander Silverstein (who is married to Lloyd Silverstein from the JHS class of 1973), and Chicagoan Elyse Friedlander Degen ('74), shown flanking '75's Frann Tillman.



And we also had cousins-three, in fact: Sheri Goldstein ('79), Abby Goldstein Feilich ('74), and Meryl Ross Fischer ('70), with husband Danny.



Fun Facts About FLOREDAS



Meet the Sunshine State's Junior Senator, Rick Scott!

In the 1990s, Rick Scott was CEO of the largest for-profit health care outfit in the United States, Columbia/HCA. After the company was investigated for fraud by the FBI, IRS, and other US agencies, Scott was forced to resign. Columbia/HCA admitted to having defrauded the federal government out of hundreds of millions of dollars in false claims involving kickbacks, fraudulently billing Medicare, and bribes. In his deposition, its ex-CEO pled the Fifth Amendment seventy-five times and claimed not to have known about the widespread corruption that occurred for years on his watch. The company paid \$2 billion in fines, which, at the time, was the largest fraud settlement in US history.

In 2010 the good people of Florida decided that this was exactly the kind of honesty and responsible oversight they desperately needed in a governor, and elected Scott not once but twice, and then promoted him to the US Senate in 2018. Guess the status of being the state with the politician to most resemble Bat-Boy of tabloid-newspaper fame is just too irresistible!







Seeing as how Fran Cohen ('74) came all the way from Idaho, we really wanted to get her picture. But we couldn't get her attention: "Fran! Hey, Fran! Over here, Fran!"

But at last, success (below): That's Fran, second from right, with classmates Beth Mulnick Barbakoff, Paul Pellicoro, and Karen Schlanger Smilen. The man at far left isn't from Jericho and, in fact, had never heard of Jericho. As you would expect, proprietor Liz Stark had him roughly escorted out the door and thrown to the sidewalk. Bravo!







Three stunning solo shots: (left) Michelle Penver Esposito ('77), Jill Scheyer Golden ('67), and Marjorie Miller Porter ('79). Jill, the sister of Anita Scheyer Grossman ('69), is a realtor in South Florida, while Marjorie is the kid sister of the class of 1972's David Miller. She lives in Summit, New Jersey, with her husband, Andrew Porter, also a Jericho grad.

Michelle, in case you didn't know, was born in England, as was her older sister, Beverly Crawley Bernstein ('74), who came to the last year's Hit 'n' Run Reunion. Only in the last few years did they learn that they had *three* half-sisters back in England, which they'd left, with their mother, in 1965. The five sisters—Michelle, Beverly, Charise Cornell, Sharon Puddick, and Sandra Axtell-Brookes—all met for the first time in 2016, in England. (They've since learned of a *sixth* sister.) A remarkable story,



This cell phone photo of Janis Friedlander Silverstein ('76) holding up Ellen Miller-Feinsot ('75, sister of Marjorie and David) on her cell phone gives me a great idea for the upcoming "Gathering of the Tribes 8: 20/20 Hindsight Reunion" on June 6 at the Homestead in Oyster Bay. Everyone gets assigned a "fone friend": a JHS-er who can't be at the big party.

When you get there, you Face Time your fone friend and wear your cell phone around your neck, allowing him or her to see and hear everything that you do and converse via long distance. It'll be like carrying around a papoose on your chest. Let's prove to the Millennials that Boomers aren't a bunch of luddites averse to the new technology and that we can be every bit as "hep" as they are, the lousy little punks.

Like Jim Dooley, Pitchman for Tropicana Orange Juice, Used to Say, "Come on Down! To Florida!"





Friends for something like fifty-four years (yikes!), Philip Bashe ('72) and Barry Asrelsky ('72). Barry's wife, Barbara, is originally from Massachusetts. They couple live in Boynton Beach and have a whole bunch of grandkids.



From the class of 1970, Cheryl Penn Mizrahi and 1971's Bob Fortgang. Cheryl, a Realtor, had just come from a business appointment, so she already had her own name tag. You gotta love people who come prepared.





Great shot: from west to east are Abby Goldstein Feilich ('75), Michelle Penver Esposito ('77), Marjorie Miller Porter ('79), Jodi Mattes Fox ('75), Karen Waters Waas ('75), Janis Friedlander Silverstein ('76), and Frann Tillman ('75).

Fun Facts About F L O R I D A ?

The Sunshine State Has the BEST Mug Shots in the Entire USA, Hands Down! * Plus, Those Orange Prison Jumpsuits Add the Perfect Splash of Tropical Color! Let's See Iowa Try to Match That!







Jill Koenig-Allen ('77), Sheri Goldstein ('79), and Jill Scheyer Golden. Does everyone look amazing, or what?



A trio from 1972: Philip Bashe, happily sandwiched between Cheryl Goldenberg and Marna Ludwig Moseson.



Traveling clockwise around the table from bottom left: Sheri Goldstein ('79), Frann Tillman ('75, standing), Abby Goldstein Feilich ('75), Michelle Penver Esposito ('77), Marjorie Miller Porter ('79), Jodi Mattes Fox ('75), and Karen Waters Waas '75).



An (almost) all-'72 table: Melanie Siegel Dolan, John Doogan, Elizabeth Stark Perez (standing), Arnold Tropper, Phyllis Kushner Riordan ('76), Caren Kushner Gottesman, Stuart Rader ('75), Cheryl Goldernberg (standing), Jay Brenner, and Marna Ludwig Moseson.



Standing are Randye Ringler ('73), Cherie West Berk ('70), Cheryl Penn Mizrahi ('70), and Danny Fischer ('70). Seated, from right to left are Meryl Ross Fischer ('70), Sharon Honig Citrin Goldstein ('70), and her husband, Paul Goldstein.

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"Florida Man ..."

When You See These Two Words in a Headline, You KNOW You Are in for an Exceptional, Batshit-Crazy Story! Some Selected Highlights ...

Florida Man Attempts to Smoke Crack in ICU, Almost Burns Down Hospital *Northwest Florida Daily News:* "A 54-year-old man was arrested on Christmas Eve after allegedly taking crack cocaine into the Intensive Care Unit at North Okaloosa Medical Center to share with a patient there."

Florida Man Flashes Buttocks at IHOP After Impersonating a Police Officer To Get Free Food

International Business Times: "Matt Skytta, 55, entered the IHOP around 1 a.m. Friday and told a server who asked if he had money, 'No, but I am a cop, and I get food for free,' according to a police report obtained by the Orlando Sentinel. He then threatened to beat up the IHOP server and shouted, 'Hey, buddy!' before dropping his pants and exposing his buttocks to the IHOP employee, according to the Sentinel."

Florida Man Bites off Neighbor's Ear Because He Wouldn't Give Him a Cigarette

CBS 12: "I was helping a friend out, and someone decided they wanted to take a chunk out of my ear,' said John Ott, the man who says he was bitten. 'This all started because I wouldn't give him a cigarette. He comes up, puts me in a bear hug, and next thing I know he's biting my ear.' Ott tells CBS 12 News his 'biting' neighbor yells threats across the street continuously. Ott plans to file for a restraining order."

Florida Man Claims Wife Was Kidnapped by Holograms

Huffington Post: "The man, whose name has not been released, was 'extremely agitated' and holding a baseball bat when officials arrived. He told them that 'the men' abducted his wife and that 'they used holograms to project signals on the walls to get him to do what they wanted and to communicate with each other,' according to a sheriff's report. The responding deputy located the woman in question, who was at a nearby mobile home with the man's aunt. The aunt told investigators that the woman was drunk and that no one had chased her."

Florida Man Escapes Adult Novelty Store with \$300 Jenna Jameson Doll In Tow

The Smoking Gun: "The suspect walked up to the counter of the Inner Secrets shop in Vero Beach and asked worker Cathryn Morales 'some questions about the doll.' Following the perp's question time, he 'grabbed the doll off the counter and ran out of the store' without paying for the product. While the Jenna Jameson doll is not further described by investigators, it appears likely that the stolen item was the 'Jenna Jameson Extreme Doll,' a battery-powered model in the likeness of the 39-year-old porn star, with a 'vibrating ultrasoft mouth,' as well a other features."

Florida Man Steals 850 Pairs of Underwear from Victoria's Secret

NBC Miami: "'In November 2013, [Espinosa] stole three hundred pieces of Dream Angels women's underwear,' [a judge] said, reading from a report on the case. Espinosa said he has no money in the bank and has lived in South Florida his whole life. 'Thank you,' the judge told Espinosa as he concluded the hearing. 'Don't come back to Victoria's Secret.'"

Florida Man Sets Apartment Complex on Fire After Manager Told Him to Stop Masturbating in Front of Windows

Tampa Bay Times: "He set the blaze, according to police, to get back at the management of the apartment complex, whom he felt had treated him unjustly. His reason: They had recently told him to stop masturbating in front of his open windows and front door, according to police. He was arrested on a charge of first-degree arson and held in the Orient Road Jail without bail."

Florida Man Attempts to Leave Store with Chainsaw Stuffed down His Pants

*New Port Richey Patch: "*The incident in question unfolded before the video cameras at Treasure Coast Lawn Equipment in Port St. Lucie. The daring shoplifter is seen on video stuffing the ill-gotten goods down the front of his shorts and covering up his stash with his shirt. The man then waltzed out of the store, got on a bicycle, and rode away. Police caught up with the man about 30 minutes later when he attempted to return it to the store after having a change of heart, *TC Palm* reported."

Below: Documented *proof* that Americans of different political persuasions can still get along! It's true! Wendy Foxmyn and Michael Lewis, both from the class of '72, have had their respectful differences on Facebook, but when you get together with someone that you grew up with, it doesn't matter whether they're a Democrat, Republic, Libertarian, or cannibal! (Okay, maybe the "likes-to-eat-people" thing might be a little difficult to overlook. But never say never!)







It was great to see Wendy (with Philip Bashe), who lives in Massachusetts but was down in Jupiter, Florida, visiting her mom. Despite having to catch an early flight back north the next morning, she made it to her first reunion in ten years, and we're glad she did.

On an unrelated subject, at every reunion, someone asks Phil the same question. This time it was Michael Lewis: "What's up with the suit?" After all, these are casual gatherings, and *nobody* wears a suit in Florida—even the governor sports a thong to important meetings and events. So it's a valid question.

The answer is simple: I've worked at home since 1986, which means that I spend 90 percent of my life in my business attire of sweatpants, shorts, bathing suits, rock T-shirts, and fuzzy bathrobes. Now and then, I like to go out in public resembling a semi-respectable adult, and reunions are one such outlet. For me, it's like Halloween, and this is my costume. Around our house, it's a big deal, too: "Oh, look! Dad is wearing his big-boy long pants! How cute! Take a picture!" As if I were a toddler wearing pants for the first time.

Just wanted to clear that up.

Darting Shots



Melanie Siegel Dolan, John Doogan, and Arnold Tropper, all from '72. Melanie moved to The Villages a few years ago and seems to have started a trend. Deb McLaughlin Cionek and Toni Molina Romas, also from the class of '72, and their husbands have since left New York for The Villages too. And did you know that John is one of eleven children? The interesting things you learn at a reunion!



From the class of '74, Karen Schanger Smilen, Michele Stanton, and Meredith Cohen Roseman.



Sisters Phyllis Kushner Riordan ('76) and Caren Kushner Gottesman ('72) and Marna Ludwig Moseson ('72).



Jeffrey Arkin ('75) and Michelle Penver Esposito ('77).

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Florida man takes out frustrations by smashing ATM with hatchet—perfectly rational behavior.



The Stebels (Michael and Beth) and the Asrelskys (Barry and Barbara).



Barry and Barbara again, with Leslie Schwab ('72).



1972 grads Wendy Foxmyn, Elizabeth Stark Perez, and Melanie Siegel Dolan.



Danny Fischer and Meryl Ross Fischer ('70), Cherie West Berk ('70), Sharon Honig Citrin Goldstein ('70), Randye Ringler ('73). In back you can see Leslie Schwab ('72) chatting with Stuart Rader ('75).



Above: Abby Goldstein Feilich ('75) surrounded by cousin Sheri Goldstein ('79) and Janis Friedlander Silverstein ('76), and at right with classmate Frann Tillman.







What Would've Been Could've Been,

and Should've Been

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Perched in front are Michele **Stanton and Meredith Cohen** Roseman, both from the class of '74. Standing, we have lvy Neuman Katowitz ('74), Frann Tillman ('75), Elyse Friedlander Degen ('74), Karen Schlanger Smilen ('74), Marjorie Miller Porter ('79), Jodi Mattes Fox ('75), Janis Friedlander Silverstein ('76), Karen Waters Waas ('75), Abby Goldstein Feilich ('75), Michelle Penver Esposito ('77), and at the end, getting a contact estrogen high, Philip Bashe ('72).





And don't forget: **Coming up in** three months, the **"Gathering** of the Tribes 8 -**20/20 Hindsight Reunion**"?