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Rich Allen

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I am finishing up the last year of my career as a research chemist - then on to retirement. I spend time keeping my 1968 Volvo 1800S (remember the car from "The Saint") in top shape. I plan to spend more time with my 5 kids and 2 grandsons, but have to travel throughout the US to do so. I also discovered golf four years ago. I still do not know if this is a blessing or a curse.

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I retired as a Teacher, School Counselor and Principal in 2007 (5 years at Robert E. Bell MS in Chappaqua and the rest in Maine). Upon retiring, I was fortunate to secure a position as an Assistant Principal at Lake Shore MS in Jacksonville, FL. where I graduated college in 1970. I have enjoyed living and working here for the past 3 years. I return to Maine for the summer vacation period to fish and escape the Florida heat and humidity. My daughter is currently working in Germany (Reading and ESOL Teacher) and will be returning in June to reside with her husband and baby (9/3/10) in Washington, DC. My son lives and works in Miami, FL. for a large corporation and loves the Beach life. My plan is to attend the upcoming reunion. I have not been back to Thornwood since 1975. It should be interesting and fun. Stay well.

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- Relocated to North Carolina in August 2007 to "semi-retire". Love my new home and Southern living!
- President of Brio Communications Associates, LLC, a freelance public relations, marketing, and editorial services business I launched in 2003 after my retirement from IBM. Combines my journalism and corporate communications careers. Web sites:
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- Co-caregiver with my brother Joe (WHS '69) to our mother Jean, who I am sure everyone remembers as "Mrs. Rella", food services director at Westlake High and Middle Schools until her retirement in 1984.
- Community Service: volunteer patient advocate at local hospital's Breast Health Center; member of board of directors of local adult day care center.
- Interests/Hobbies: gardening, travel, photography, antiques, interior decorating, arts, music, theater.

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Since responding to the reunion questionnaire 5 years ago, I retired from working 25 years in the school district. My husband, Bill & I bought a second home in an active retirement community in the Seattle area not far from where where our middle daughter lives with her husband who works for Microsoft & their 3 boys. Our youngest grandson just started kindergarten & our oldest just started his soph year at Northern Arizona U. majoring in civil engineering. His sister, our only granddaughter is a soph in high school in Phoenix .

Our son will be getting married this Spring in Alabama & then he will relocate with his wife back to Frito-Lay's headquarters near Dallas.

I love traveling & family reunions. We had a great family cruise with all 5 grandchildren to Alaska in 2008. For our 40th anniversary , Bill & I went to Italy & really enjoyed a Western Mediterranean cruise.

With my free time, I volunteer at the Thrift Shop for the Assistance League & their community programs.

Westlake was a terrific high school. Wishing all alumni & friends well.
Sincerely, Anita

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Wow 45 years seems like our 40th was just the other day. Thanks to everyone who puts these reunions together for the great job that they have been doing. It got me in touch with some old friends that I haven't been in contact with for quite a while.

So what's new for the last five years? Still enjoy working with no plans to retire at the moment. Surprisingly working in construction I haven't lost any time, even as bad as the economy has been. Work in the office as a shecker doing sheet metal shop drawings. So the work is not too strenuous.

Both my son and daughter got married in 07. Both bought houses. My son is two hours away; my daughter is 20 minutes away. Last year my daughter had a baby girl. Brielle Riley Glass. So now I am the proud grandpa. Never expected it to be so special. My wife babysits three days a week so we do get to spend a lot of time with her. She just turned 15 months and is walking. Just waiting for here to start talking. It just gets better every day. Still in Hawthorne, it's still a nice little town. Even for as much as it has changed Bob

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Legally, I became Choo White fifteen years ago, never connecting with my birth name. Since graduation my life has been extremely eclectic and interesting. I am working visual artist, estate gardener and sous chef for a private chef. I have single parented and raised five children in Maine near Acadia. (lived there for 22 years) Two of my sons are career military. (CG and USMC) I now have six grandkids. Love them! My family is scattered and I miss them. I divorced in 1991.

I returned to the Newburyport, MA area four years ago. I live in a cottage near the Parker River and The Great Salt Marsh. Parker River Wildlife Reservation is nearby. I am becoming an avid birdwatcher with great birds in this area. My profession puts a pruner on my hip. I am the gardener for five historic homes in Newburyport. I continue to work as a visual artist. Medium? Painter, print maker, garden designer, strong creative side. I enjoy dancing, spend a great deal of time in nature, walking, observing, smelling the roses. Feels like a Match.com profile? Looking forward to reunion and seeing you!