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Greetings to everyone. It's that busy time of year but I wanted to get this out to everyone as soon as I could.

FIRST of all a recap of REUNION 1998 for all who missed it. We got started on Wednesday 11 November with early arrivals. Edie was able to attend with me this year and we arrived by air about 1430 hours at the airport and got to the hospitality room about 1700. After some greetings and chit chat most went out to dinner. We were fortunate to dine with the Arruda's and Beck's at the restaurant in the Resort.

The next day most went on the Cape tour arranged by Bill Billar. I did not go but those who did really enjoyed it. The evening was spent at the hospitality room and again everyone grouping up and going somewhere for dinner.

Friday was golfer's day. Since I am not a golfer I didn't play but from what I heard they are still letting Col. Beck win. Some things never change. But then they say he is quite a golfer and beat them fair and square. The evening went as usual with all having a good time in the hospitality room.

Saturday was a busy day. We started off with the business meeting. See the enclose minutes. In the evening we had the banquet which was a buffet. Again excellent planning by Bill Billar who had help for the whole reunion from his friend June Marvin. Thanks to you June.

After a few more hours in the hospitality room we all got some sleep. Sunday morning was a leisurely good-by till the next reunion in 2000.

Not much other news to report. If you have anything please send it to me so I can include it in the next newsletter. I am sure everyone would like to hear from you and what you are doing including any unusual happenings or vacations. Also, enclosed is a copy of the current mailing list. Please look it over and if you know someone who is not on it send me the information and I will put them on it. Also, if you see a name that for some reason should not be on it let me know also. I hesitate to take a name off but some times people do not want to receive the letters and if that is the case we will oblige. If you have an EMail address send it along. I will be adding those to the data base for future reference.

Are you getting tired of reading this blah newsletter. So am I. So, as soon as Edie can find the computer she wants to buy to replace this one I plan to try to find some decent desk top publishing software to spice up this letter. If any one knows of any let me know. Remember it MUST be user friendly.

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