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President's Letter:

Happy Spring Everyone!

This time of year growth is all around us; the snow is finally gone and flower shoots pierce through the ground, blossoming into vibrant open flowers.

For the past 6 months winter was more than just a season for me. Going through a job transition I too took to dormancy in the cold winter months. Curled up in my home by myself, blocking out the outside world. Looking back now I can see myself growing even in the midst of feeling downcast and alone. To the naked eye there was nothing happening, just like a tulip bulb amongst the frost there's a stillness. But slowly with God's ever so perfect timing, all the small instances of growth patiently combined and I finally poked my head out of the ground to see the world around me.

Since the beginning of spring I have been slowly progressing. One small accomplishment after another. Building up my confidence to take on the world, one conversation after another. One interview at a time, proving why I am a great employee and a great person.

Being in the job market has opened my eyes to the greatness and potential God sees in me but also showed me where my weaknesses lie. Though the road has been tough and the road ahead isn't going to be any easier, I thank God for my season of dormancy and for my new-found spring.

May all of you search yourselves for growth and celebrate that growth. God is always molding us and mending us, making us more and more in His image. There will always be something we want to improve on so congratulate yourself on the progression you've made from the past year, the past month or the past day. Witness your growth, thank God for your growth and share with the world the way God has you growing.

Emily Lamy

Reunion Report:

Due to many people being sick last month, we had a small reunion, (preceded by an impromptu coordinator selection committee meeting) rather than having a talk, we all shared what was on our minds. We ended with an exciting game of After Hours Wax Museum Guard. (will definitely be playing that game again in the future!) Hope to see you at this month's reunion at Emily Lamy's house.

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

May Reunion:

Saturday, May 7, 7:00pm
114 Peck Road
Torrington CT (Park across the street-
at the pediatrician's parking lot)

August Tag Sale/Picnic

Saturday, August 20 8:30 – 3:30
1st Congregational Church of Torrington
835 Riverside Ave, Torrington CT

June Reunion:

Saturday, June 4, 7:00 pm
Covenant Church of Thomaston
64 Grove Street, Thomaston

Prayer Requests:

Pray for Jill (Guerrera) Grant's 3yr old daughter, Elizabeth, as she goes through treatments for Leukemia. (Pray for the family as well!!)

Pray for #5 **Men's Kairos Inside** weekend in Australia, May 6-9.

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our '**prayistas**':

Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.netor 482-0172)
Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.comor 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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