

Class of 1965 Class Notes – January – February 2014

Since the 50th Reunion has been officially “kicked off” let me begin by thanking everyone who helped get us ready to go, all of whom are listed on the letter you received in October. You’ll also have received notice that the new website www.yale1965.org is up and running (do not go to www.yale65.org). The old site suffered from neglect, so please start posting notes and pictures, but also keep sending me material for this column. For those who don’t keep every issue of the YAM, past class notes are also on the site.

We had a near record crowd at the Class Dinner on October 25. **David Martin** shared his thoughts and observations on war and its effects on our young servicemen and women from firsthand experience as the CBS National Security Correspondent. Dave also filed this note: “Highlight of the year for the Martin family was the marriage of our daughter Rachel to Mike Salveris. Mike is Australian, so his side of the family all came along way to be with us in Rhinecliff, NY. We only felt a little bit guilty about the carbon footprint”.

The class dues letter always generates notes (and hopefully dues). More on **Jon Ingham’s** new house: “Am building a house nestled in an arboretum in the middle of Old Town Key West. All I hear are tropical parrots and macaws and all I see is flora. This is a wonderful community and I am enjoying the companionship of a lovely artist, who some of my classmates have had the privilege to meet.” **Chris Kinney**: “We had dinner with **Charlie Stone** last night and he said he was singing his 50th solo with The Yale Russian Chorus this fall”. **Bob Heil** reported: “I have been retired for 24 years (I think I was the first in the class.) -- take a look at my website, if you are curious as to some of the things that are keeping me busy and happy www.robertheil.com”.

Dick Ruffin is “living in Virginia’s horse country. The PSO (Piedmont Symphony) endures my presence in the 2nd violin section. As gentleman farmer, engaged citizen, and amateur investor life is fairly full, though with space to support the work being done by Initiatives for Change. Randy and would gladly welcome classmates”. **Pope Barrow** is “doing a bit of sailing in my retirement. The winter of 2013-14 I will be in the Exumas. I have just finished a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. I managed to sail to and around the Azores then to Panama and the Caribbean. I’m starting to wear out on the long ocean trips at age 70”.

Landon Carter has been racking up the victories in single sculls: “After winning gold medals at the Henley Masters Regatta in England in July and the World Master's Games in Italy in August, Landon achieved his third goal of winning the Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge on October 19th”. As previewed in the last notes, **Carl Schonborn’s** book *Cleft Heart* hit the stands on October 15, and is available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. **John Leo** has established The John R. Leo Fund which awards financial support for LGBT veterans from all branches of US armed forces, and whose concentration is in the humanities. Awards consider a range of student-oriented possibilities.

Tony Vanderwarker is also in print: “With seven unpublished novels wasting away on my hard drive, I was delighted when my friend John Grisham took me under his wing and taught me the secrets of thriller writing. It was a wild two-year ride with the master storyteller, full of ups and downs, the crazy roller coaster ride of the creative process. But in the end I got two books out of it. The first, *Writing With The Master*, about the experience of writing with Grisham, is being released February 4th along with the novel I wrote with him, *Sleeping Dogs*. My agent calls

Writing, "funniest and most compelling book ever written about writing" and believe me, he's been around. The novel's pretty interesting also, a thriller about lost nukes and an old pilot who knows the location where he jettisoned it during the Cold War. So I'll be on the road next year promoting both books. Hope I'll run into some classmates on the way".

John Shank reports: "Jen and I are busy enjoying retirement. How did I have time for a job? Our volunteer work building the Ice Age National Scenic Trail has been enjoyable and rewarding. By building, I mean clearing corridor and swinging a pick mattock to cut tread. However, my most rewarding volunteer experience was working as an untrained volunteer on the Search and Rescue team that found Micah True in the Gila Wilderness. A long, fascinating story I will be glad to regale any classmate with at our reunion. What struck me the most was the outpouring of volunteer effort to find a stranger to all but the ultra-marathoner".

Sandy Liu writes: "Penny (Yale MAT '65) and I moved to Tampa 2 years ago after 27 years in CT and are enjoying retirement. On a trip to Europe we met **Rolf Gehlhaar** (MC '65) who has lived in Europe most of his life after Yale. Rolf is now Professor in Experimental Music at Coventry University and is living in London with his wife, Nouritza Matossian, an actress and a writer. Rolf has for the last several years been working on ways to help disabled people perform music. He received national attention in the UK for his work when an orchestra of disabled musicians performed at the closing ceremonies of the Paralympic Games. Hope to make it to our 50th".

Bruce Smathers has been involved in several activities relating to his father, whose 100th anniversary of his birth will be on November 14th, 2013. "The Miami PBS Station is producing a documentary: *George A. Smathers – Friend of Presidents* to be presented on November 9th. The George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida also will be hosting a roundtable discussion with Senator **Bill Nelson** and various professors who have done original research on George Smathers. We are also producing a Library website on my father, and I am writing a book on the 1950 campaign, but those will wait for another class note".

I'm sorry to report that **Richard Jacunski** passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2013 in Barnegat, NJ. Richard is survived by his wife Joyce Dul-Jacunski of Barnegat, three daughters and six grandchildren.