

Class of 1965 Class – January – February 2015

Our 50th Reunion continues to take on form and substance, thanks to an increasing number of you who've pitched in to help. Special thanks to **Doug McPheters** and the team he assembled to prepare remembrances on all our departed classmates, and to **Dennis Mack** who is leading the effort to find missing classmates. These notes have to go to the YAM before the November 15 final deadline for Class Book submissions. All of us working on the Reunion, and especially **Ralph Protsik, Bob Woodward, and John Schenck** and his Class Book captains, are hopeful that everyone who wants their story in the Class Book and has procrastinated, floods the reunion website with last minute essays. **Jeff Miller** has begun actively planning regional get togethers to spark interest in the Reunion. Other classes have found this a good way to build excitement and attendance. If you're interested in helping plan one for your area, contact Jeff at jeffrey.c.miller@gmail.com. Jeff has also set our annual Hockey Dinner in New Haven for February 6, 2015, Yale vs. Harvard.

To recap where Reunion plans stand: New Haven hotel information came to you in early November via postcard, our reunion HQ will be Davenport College, the Class Book deadline has come and gone, the official kickoff letter went out from our co-chairs in November, and you'll be receiving your registration package in March. So now it's up to you to attend, and to help boost attendance. **Bob Leich, Steve Rockmore** and **Joel Papernik** are hard at work on a plan to reach everyone, especially those of you who haven't attended many or any reunions. So, call your roommates, your teammates, your fraternity mates, your senior society mates, your residential college mates, and encourage them to attend.

John Shattuck spoke to a record crowd of nearly 100 classmates and guests at our 2014 Class Dinner on October 31 at the Yale Club of New York City. John and his wife Ellen Hume came all the way from Budapest. John's topic was "How Hot the New Cold War? Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe" and he opened in the spirit of Halloween by wearing a Vladimir Putin mask. The rest of John's talk about Mr. Putin was considerably more serious, with little hope that Putin will moderate his aggressive posture and confrontational attitude. Our class pollster, **David Roscoe**, conducted another of his dinner surveys, asking which party we thought would take control of the Senate and the House. Political preference notwithstanding, the results predicted the actual outcome with very high reliability.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Yale Bowl, Yale has selected 67 players as "all-era" from 1914 to the present. It should not surprise any of you that **Chuck Mercein** was one of the all-era players announced on October 6. Thanks to **Jim DeAngelis** and **Tim Merrill** for alerting me to this well-deserved honor for Chuck.

Kent Reinker has officially forgiven me for the error I reported in the last notes: mixing him up with **Kent Nelson**. In his note of forgiveness, Kent (Reinker) took me up on my offer to feature his work: "If you do put something in the next class notes, please mention that I use a nom de plume, Alain Gunn, for my sci-fi/thrillers. I have a mystery, *The Honey Bee*, coming out in a couple weeks, and I use the nom de plume A K Gunn for mysteries and other non-thrillers." I must say that the nom de plumes will make keeping our class authors straight even more challenging. Kent is also one of our class musicians who have been revealing their musical interests and activities on the list serve.

I'm sorry to report that we've lost two more classmates. **John Garabedian** passed away on September 22, 2014 in Kansas City, MO. Following on his work with the Yale Daily News, John was hired by the New York Post and then was recruited by Newsweek Magazine. He was their youngest editor, and was noted for his interviews of notables of the time, including: Jackie Kennedy, Judy Garland, Abbie Hoffman, Timothy Leary, Malcolm X and Ray Charles. He authored three books dealing with drugs and Eastern religions. After leaving Newsweek, John moved back to Kansas City, where he spent 26 years with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He retired in 2013 after 8 years as an editor of The Military Review. John's obituary states that his favorite quote was, "It Is What It is!". He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Danna K. Howard Garabedian, 3 step-children, and 2 grandchildren,

Luke Haran passed away on October 7, 2014 in Basking Ridge, NJ after a courageous battle with cancer. After Yale, Luke got an MBA at Stanford and joined Lehman Brothers in New York. In 1974 he joined Merrill Lynch where he served as Managing Director and Head of Latin American Investment Banking. Luke was a partner at Prospect Street Investment Management, President of Serfin Securities S.A. and Managing Director of Citicorp Cross Border Finance Group. He served on the boards of trustees of the Berkshire School, the New Hampton School, NH, and the Student Partnership Alliance in NJ. Luke is survived by his wife, Lynda of Basking Ridge and son, Devin of New York City, two brothers, one sister, and seven nieces and nephews.

Reminder: Annual Hockey Dinner February 6, Yale vs. Harvard.