

## Class of 1965 Class Notes July – August 2014

Those of you for whom Yale has an email address should know this, but for those whose address we still don't have, or whose junk filters are overactive, **our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is set for May 28-May 31, 2015 – mark your calendars!** And if you're worried about conflicting with Memorial Day, we're the weekend after, so no excuses for not attending. With any luck the winter of 2014-15 will be tame and spring will have been well established by the time we gather.

In the meantime, your Reunion Committee has been hard at work. You've already received an email from Ralph Protsik on behalf of the Class Book Committee. More details about the book, what we are asking from you, and how to do it should arrive via letter well before you read these notes. The Class Book will be the centerpiece of our Reunion, so please contribute your story to "Our Stories". Jeff Miller is planning a series of local/regional gatherings leading up to the reunion, and the Committee will be organizing an effort to contact as many classmates as possible to encourage attendance. The Committee still is open to ideas for events and programs, but time will soon be running short, so please contact David Roscoe (david.roscoe3@gmail.com) or me with suggestions. And please visit the class website (yale1965.org) and post some pictures.

**Peter Gross** checked in with the following: "As of May, I have been executive director of the Clearwater organization, the nonprofit founded by Pete Seeger that holds the Great Hudson River Revival Festival each year, operates the sloop Clearwater and is dedicated to protecting the environment and fostering the next generation of environmental leaders. Fun, music, sailing and an inspiring mission!"

From the list serve, **Jim Danly** called out another book by **Kent Nelson**: "Kent is probably too modest to mention it, so I will. His latest science fiction novel, *If Pigs Could Cry*, is a fun read. In days of yore a sci fi writer had to project decades if not centuries into the future to come up with mind boggling scenarios. Given the current avalanche of technological change, this week or next year is just fine. Kent's story explores one possible outcome of cloning." While on the subject of classmates' publications, a belated mention of **Kim Bingham's** book *Courageous Dissent: How Harry Bingham Defied His Government to Save Lives* describing his father's successful efforts to save Holocaust refugees. Kim posted details on the class website.

Also from the list serve, **Jim Wood** noted an article from the *Boston Globe* about **Jonathon Fanton**: "The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the Nation's oldest and most prominent honorary societies, named a new president Thursday. The Cambridge nonprofit said Jonathan F. Fanton, a former president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and of The New School in New York City, will take over as the organization's 46th president on July 1."

A final list serve lift: **John Ahrens** and **Mal Harris** appear to be among a number of beer (and whiskey) aficionados in our class. John reported he has visited no less than 56 European breweries and will be taking "my 14th tour of Europe coming up for collectors of "breweriana" or just plain beer for the Brewery Collectibles Club of America. Highlights this year are Weienstephan, Tucher, Pilsener Urquell and Budvar - along with oodles of craft microbreweries and brewpubs - especially in Prague and Vienna. We also do churches, castles, culture." The Reunion beer menu is under discussion.

**Bill Rawn** sent a brochure showing his latest architectural achievement: the US Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, IA. Bill and his eponymous Boston firm have a remarkable record of designing beautiful buildings. **John Mitchell** wrote: "Enjoyed your alumni notes as always. I'm adding my little bit by passing along that Beverly Lyons and I were married in a small ceremony on 5 February last while the nasty winter weather did its best to take away from the occasion, to no avail. We have just bought a house in Greenfield, OH and are beginning the long process of bringing it up to snuff and then consolidating our two households. After so many years of accumulating "stuff" we are now each forced to judge and cull, not as easy as it sounds." **Freedley Hunsicker** shared an article from the *Legal Intelligencer* in which he draws on his considerable expertise in labor law to argue persuasively that college football player unions are not at all likely to survive a variety of legal tests, if the issue gets that far. This is certain to take a load off the Ivy League Commissioners.

**Marshall Hoke** appears to like cold weather; he wrote: "Barbara and I are well and happy here in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. We ski, hike and canoe a lot. Right now it's cold and sunny (-40F this morning), with lots of snow. When it warms up in a few days, the cross country skiing will be great. We welcome all visitors, for a few hours or days." **Hilly Hillenmeyer's** new restaurant, City Fire in Nashville, is off to a great start. Donna and I were Hilly's guests along with several of his sons and daughters-in-law (including our son-in-law Taylor and our daughter Kelly). We spent a wonderful Easter weekend in Nashville that included watching grandchildren in two baseball games, a soccer game and two dance recitals.

**Hardy Pearce** sent this news of the loss of another classmate: "I am saddened to report that our classmate, **David G. Colwell, Jr.**, died April 1 in Seattle after a long bout with dementia. He is survived by his daughter, Shanti, and son, Jonathan. David lived in Davenport, and will be missed by all of us who remembered him so fondly."

Our Class Dinner will be held on October 31, 2014 at the Yale Club of New York City. Mark your calendars for that too.