

## Class of 1965 Class Notes March-April 2014

The recent Artic Vortex forces me back to commenting on the weather; however, Donna and I dodged the deep freeze in Florida, spending time with **Bob** and Mary **Rounsavall**. We had a brief encounter with **Bill** and Terry **Parsons** who had just arrived to escape the cold. **David Roscoe** had the same idea: "On a whim, Linda and I booked a bucket-list flight to Key West for a 5-day weekend. Dinner tonight with **Jon Ingham** and Lynn was a bonus".

Tony Lavelly, Class Secretary for '64, and brother of classmate Jay, kindly sent the following: "**Jay Lavelly** celebrated his 70th birthday with a family reunion in Santa Monica last December. Together with his brother, Tony '64, they belted out a pretty good rendition of "The Whiffenpoof Song." **Andy Graham** emailed birthday greetings, too." There shouldn't many more 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays for our class, unless we had some child prodigies among us.

**Earl Potter** sent the following: **Jim Butler Jeff Jennings, John Miller** and I all attended the first ever Yale Lightweight Crew Reunion in October. This wildly fun event featured numerous alumni-rowed boats, including a 60's fogey eight anchored by the four of us! **Bruce Alexander** was detained at President Salovey's installation, but joined us for the Mory's takeover afterwards.

We are on course for a repeat at the 50th. Coach Andy Card will provide support and **Bill Lake** and **Bunk Carter** have already agreed to join us. Please ask anyone interested in attending agreed to get in touch. We promise really cool shirts!

Deborah and I have been having a great adventure with our Five & Dime company. We just signed a lease for our 10th store in St Augustine, opening next summer.

We had a visit to our Santa Fe store by Foodie darling Anthony Bordain, who slandered our "world famous Frito Pie" to our great delight as the entire state of New Mexico took offense and the dispute went viral-ending up on YouTube, the London Daily Mail, the Manila Times and 3 or 4 hundred other locations".

**Dan Bergfeld** filed this report on our annual Class Hockey Dinner: "Eleven members of our class assembled on December 7<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the cuisine and camaraderie of Mory's, and to watch an exciting Yale v. Harvard hockey game. **Dan Bergfeld, Pete** and Anne **Conze, Bob Dunlop, Nick** and Gigi **Guthrie, Dick** and Nancy **Hoey, Chris Kinney, Jeff** and Suzanne **Miller, Steve** and Vickie **Morris, Christian Murck, Marne Obernauer, and Barry** and Kristine **Stott** attended the event. The dinner was marked by lively conversation and even some singing, thanks to Kristine Stott. The hockey was fast-paced and anxiety-provoking, as Yale trailed most of the game. A late third period goal enabled our hockey Blues to come away with a tie, capping off an entertaining evening for our 6Y5ers".

**Jeff Miller** attended the 2013 AYA Assembly for the class in November. His report: 'In honor of New Haven's 375th anniversary, many of the programs focused on the city's past, present and future. In a plenary lecture, our own **Bruce Alexander** reported on "New Haven Today." Also emphasized was the AYA's increasing involvement with volunteer and service activities, such as Yale Day of Service, the Yale Alumni Service Corps the Yale Veterans Association and the Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange. An excellent College Class Leadership symposium on

changes to the Yale Alumni Magazine website and tips on using social media for connecting with classmates concluded the Assembly. Over 800 delegates, the largest group ever, attended this year's Assembly.”

Barbara Converse, **Allan Converse's** widow sent the following much appreciated note: “I was just able to sit down and read the most recent Alumni magazine. I am so glad that I did! Lots of good info and a good laugh at reading that **Dan Bergfeld** shanghaied a mystery woman at the beach to attend the wedding with him. Allan would have roared! I think some things never change.

I was also so interested to see that **Karl Schonborn's** book is out. I'll be looking for it as Allan had a severe cleft lip and palate at birth and endured 17 surgeries growing up - refusing the last and 18th as he was just sick of it! Karl had contacted me shortly after Allan's death, looking for any info I had on his growing up, relationship with his mother, etc. I sent him what info I knew and a funny story Allan had relayed to me. I'll be curious to see if any of it made the book.

Some good news from this front is that Allan's son, Alex (Yale '94) and his wife Amy welcomed twins, November 28. The first grandchildren and we are all thrilled. Daniel Allan and Mallory Moore Converse joined us on Thanksgiving morning and we were all so very thankful”. Another plug for **Karl Schonborn's** book from Karl: “Journalists and Amazon reviewers are giving it five stars, saying "it can't be put down" and pointing out its subtle humor”.

Olin College of Engineering announced that **George Milne** “has been named to the Board of Trustees at Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering. Prior to his current position with Radius Ventures, for more than thirty years Milne served in various executive capacities at Pfizer, Inc.”

I got an apologetic late notice from the Federal Bar Council that the Hon. **Barrington (Danny) Parker** US Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, was the 2013 recipient of the Council's highest honor, the Learned Hand Award for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence. “In presenting the Learned Hand Award to Judge Parker, Federal Bar Council President Robert J. Anello said, “It is particularly apt on this Law Day that we are together to acknowledge and celebrate a judge who in his judicial career—both on the District Court and on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals—has so thoughtfully stood for protecting the rule of law and insuring proportionality in justice.” Danny joins a long list of judicial luminaries including John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and Antonin Scalia. Congratulations, Your Honor.

**Michael C. Lawrence's** sister, June Rickard, let us know that Michael died on November 12, 2013: “He was a 1965 graduate from Morse College. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1971, he received his MBA from Wharton. After graduation, he moved to Clearwater FL where he and his wife Nancy owned and operated the Ace Liquor Stores chain”. I have Ms. Rickard's email address for anyone wishing to contact her or the family.

**Dar Gillette** reported: “Here attached is a photo (check the class website) from last summer of **Ken Bardach**, me and **John Todd** at a beach in Maine. John and I live in Maine on the same peninsula. Ken and his fiancé, Karen Lefebvre, were visiting from NYC”.

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion: Pictures are slowly being posted to the new website (yale1965.org) and pictures from prior reunions would be excellent additions to **Bob Leich**'s postings from the 20<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup>. We've been getting helpful tips from '64 and will be attending their 50<sup>th</sup> to see how older people handle the event.