

Class of 1965 Class Notes May – June 2014

Hopefully we have seen the last of the winter of great discontent and won't be faced with an equally bad summer. **David Hawkins** has kept the list serve well informed on the role of climate change in the endless snow and cold. One positive note is that being snowbound has prompted many of you to send updates.

Michael Cole reported in from Cleveland: "I retired at the end of July after a highly enjoyable 11 year run as chief development officer for the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA). A week after leaving CIA, I returned to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland to help with a major endowment and building initiative. The other big news of the year was the addition of a beautiful new granddaughter – our second. One other highlight worthy of mention was a wonderful mini-reunion this past June in Morristown, NJ with **Steve Guss** and his wife Tony, plus **Steve** and **Marcia Ullman** and **Bob** and **Joanne Stein**."

Peter Cummings staked out what might be a contest for the 50th: "Peter Cummings claims the crown, headdress, possibly the fedora, ahead of, or behind **Bob Heil** (depending on your mindset), since he logs in at being retired 24 years while I retired in 1989, totaling 25 years. So possibly I am the first in the class except for those who never worked at all." Any challengers?

The literary accomplishments of our classmates keep mounting. The University of Pittsburgh press announced that **Kent Nelson** has been named the 2014 winner of the Drue Heinz Literature Prize, one of the nation's most prestigious awards for a book of short fiction: "Nelson's manuscript, *The Spirit Bird: Short Stories*, was selected by esteemed author David Guterson (*Snow Falling on Cedars*) from a field of 350 entries. The collection will be published by the University of Pittsburgh Press this fall. "*The Spirit Bird* indicates a seasoned talent at work," Guterson said. "It's the work of an author whose passionate immersion in life is evident on every page."

Speaking of accomplishments, **John Strauch** reported that he has achieved the rank of Grand Life Master, the highest rank awarded by the American Contract Bridge League. There are 311 Grand Life Masters in the USA. And **John Carberry** filed the following: "My wife, Peggy Watkins, and I are celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary in February. Son Sean is an NPR correspondent in Kabul, and daughter Megan is a senior vet tech for a practice in Parker, CO".

Dennis Mack reported via the list serve on another of **David Hawkins'** talents, having attended a concert in January by the Russian Chamber Chorus, of which David is a member: "Robert and I just returned home from the concert. We were not disappointed. It was a wonderful concert that really energized the audience. They clearly did not want to see you leave. Nor did we. We bought one of the CDs on leaving, because the group is so good."

Bruce Smathers sent a note on the death of **Edward Falck**, who died last August in Bangkok. Ed was also a classmate of Bruce's at St. Albans School (STA): "Ed Falck and **Mehdi Ali** (also STA '61) were roommates of mine on the Freshman Campus. Ed was a very caring individual, an excellent sense of humor, a good student and seemed well adjusted at the time, although all of us were socially retarded. We drifted apart as we were assigned to

different colleges our sophomore year and I lost complete contact after graduation. Later we learned that he was in Bangkok during the Vietnam War and chose to stay there after the war. Our STA class lost contact with Ed just as our Yale class.”

We lost another classmate in January. The New Orleans Times-Picayune reported that **Hartwig Moss III** died on January 11, 2014: “He was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. His entire business career was in the property and casualty insurance field and he was CEO and chairman of the board of Hartwig Moss Insurance agency. He is survived by his wife Nancy Robinson Moss, two daughters and a son.” I was very fond of Hartwig when we were at Yale, but like many of us, our paths didn’t cross after graduation. Anyone who can provide more about Hartwig, please contact me.

In the spirit of trying to write more than I can about departed classmates, **Bob Dodds** kindly provided more about **John Quinn**, who died last year: “After graduating from Yale, John attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School, graduating in 1968. His career was a mixture of the investment world and academics. Subsequent to his law degree, John got four additional higher degrees, including a Ph.D. in juridical science. In 1996, he returned to his native Rapid City, South Dakota, partially retired from the investment business, and entered academia. He taught courses in law and history at numerous colleges and universities in and around Rapid City. From 2006 until his death, John was a senior professor and administrator at national American university, headquartered in Rapid City. He was the author of four books which were extensions of his business and scholarly pursuits. John is survived by his wife Monika, two sons, John (Y’92) and William, and two grandchildren.”

I also received a note about **Roger Goettche** from Herb Hennessy (’54 MA/MAT) which I couldn’t include until now due to space limits: “During the period of time that Roger was swimming at Yale, I was a special assistant to Harry Burke, Freshman Swim Coach and Bob Kiphuth, varsity Swim Coach, and assisted in teaching the Body Building Sports Conditioning Classes, which required attendance by the swim team. Although I got to know all the outstanding swimmers during their years at Yale, Roger stood out due to his great personality. Always a smile, a laugh, or a humorous story. It was a pleasure to be with him. After Yale, he graduated from Columbia Medical School and then completed his internship at Harvard University. Roger had a large practice (Clinical Psychology) due to his pleasing personality and upbeat demeanor. Notes of belated sympathy can be addressed to Roger’s wife Rosemary at PO Box 2031, Clinton, CT 06413. Roger is also survived by three grown daughters.”

50th Reunion: Everyone for whom we have an email address should have received one from **Ralph Protsik** on behalf of the Class Book Committee. If you didn’t receive one, we either don’t have your email (please send it to Ralph ralph@bsgtv.com) or your junk filter swallowed it. We’re asking for volunteers to help with the Class Book and encouraging you to start thinking about telling your story in 1000 words. Let me or Ralph know if you need more information.

