

Class of 1965 Class Notes - November – December 2014

Momentum is building as we count down to the 50th Reunion, May 28-31, 2015. Hopefully you will all suppress your innate tendency to procrastinate and follow **Ralph Protsik's** exhortations on the Class Survey and essays for the Class Book. Ralph offered the following note to spur you on: "Favorite movie all-time? Preferred physical activity and hobby? Most read magazines? Libation of choice? Percentage of our class who have worked for themselves? Started a company? Been fired (and how many times)? Number of affairs in a lifetime (whoever it was who said "205," please announce yourself)? Women (or men) you have loved? More dog or cat lovers? If heaven exists, and you are fortunate enough to make it there, what would you like to hear God say to you when you arrive?"

Schenck, Woodward, and Protsik have seen the early returns from the Class Survey section of the Class Book, and even if they have no way of knowing who answered what, they've seen the aggregated results on these and dozens of other questions from the initial batch of 240 respondents—on family, relationships, health, career, financial, political, and Yale. So don't be left out. Go to yale65.reuniontechnologies.com, sign up or in, and invest the 10-15 minutes it will take to complete the Survey.

And while there, please update your bio, submit your essay, write a remembrance or two of a fallen classmate, and share your creative works. Those who write an Essay will be eligible for a very special award, to be presented at the Reunion—the "Dark and Stormy Night" Prize to the individual who comes up with the best opening line. Deadline is November 15."

A brief update from **George Dillon**: "Married Dr. Jun Xu in 2013; he has retired from the University of Washington; the couple reside in Kent, Washington with their black Labrador mix Shade." Speaking of Kent, I offer my sincere apologies to **Kent Reinker** and **Kent Nelson** for misattributing Kent Reinker's book *If Pigs Could Cry* to Kent Nelson in the July/August notes. Since Kent Nelson caught the error, and I didn't hear from Kent Reinker, here's an update on Kent Nelson's latest: "My new book of short stories, *The Spirit Bird*, winner of the Drue Heinz Literature Prize (as you reported last issue) will be out in September." If Kent Reinker will get in touch with me, I will gladly make amends by featuring his work in the next class notes.

Ellen Colby emailed me this sad news: "I have the sad task of reporting the death of **Richard A Colby**, class of 1965. Richard passed away peacefully in hospice, on Sunday, August 10, 2014. He was surrounded by family at the time of his death. He is survived by two brothers, Robert and Christopher, son Jonathan, and wife Ellen of 40 years. We all miss him."

Chris Cooke reported that "*Politico Magazine* lists 50 "thinkers, doers and dreamers who really matter in this age of gridlock and dysfunction," and sharing spot number 28 on the list is our own **Dave Hawkins**". David's reply: "*Politico* does this every year for publicity. Gets them at least 50 subscribers, I guess." **Landon (Bunky) Carter** and his wife, Diane Covington-Carter, have announced a new book: *The Awakened Relationship*.

Donna and I have seen a number of classmates this summer. Our roommate group held another of our regular "Big Chill" gatherings in July, hosted by **Perrin** and Peggy **Quarles** in Crested Butte, CO. Among those who braved the high altitude were: **Jim** and Susan **Acquistapace**, **Steve Rockmore** and Linda Waterman, **Steve Payne**, **David** and Linda **Schaff**, and **Bob**

Rounsavall. In July we made our annual visit to the 1000 Islands joined by the Quarles, **Peter Desjardins**, and **John** and Ellen Hume **Shattuck**. John continues to be active in his role as president and rector of Central European University in Budapest. **Heaton Robertson** rounded out the summer visits by flying to Easton, MD in his new plane for an overnight visit. **Felix von Moschzisker** was scheduled to join Heaton but had to cancel at the last minute.

Steve Clark is among a number of swimmers, divers and water polo players from our class (including **Frank Rice**, **Ed Townsend**, **Fay Brown**, **Dick Wolff**, **Tim Kennedy**, **Jon Homuth**, **Gordon Bear**, **Walker Buckner**, and **Mal Harris**) working with other “aquatic alumni” to support the new Yale pool. The project has been approved by President Salovey. The pool where we witnessed our classmates’ many triumphs is due for a major upgrade, including a new competition pool to enable Yale to host the Ivy League Championships once again. If you’re interested in supporting this effort, contact Steve at sancho.mudflower@comcast.net .

A final exhortation: put the 50th Reunion dates in your calendars, make your travel plans (hotel rooms in New Haven will be released in November), fill out the questionnaire, write your essays, make a contribution to our Class Gift, and reach out to classmates to encourage them to join us in New Haven next May.