

Class of 1965 Class Notes – September – October 2014

It's hard to believe our 50th is fast approaching – we know that '64 had theirs because our hard working reunion committee of **Carl Farrington**, **Bob Leich** and **David Roscoe** went to observe and learn from '64's success. They came back with lots of good ideas, no arrests and no serious injuries. A tough job, but these men are up to the challenge.

You (whose email addresses we have – another nudge to those who haven't provided theirs) will have received a July 4th email from **Ralph Protsik** on behalf of the class book committee. Knowing that spam filters often delete important emails, Ralph has asked that I repeat the highlights of that message: Click on the website link (yale65.reuniontechnologies.com), click on First-time Login/Sign up, you will see the first screen page attached to this email (First-time Sign Up #1), click on the appropriate tab on this page, you will see the second screen page attached to this email (First-time Sign Up #2), enter your Yale ID number (located in the YAA letter you received in June or on your Yale Alumni Magazine), create your unique username and password, log on, follow the directions. Remember that the Survey must be done in one sitting. With everything else you can revise as often and as much as you want. Other reunion highlights, including some pre-reunion events, will be forthcoming soon.

Chris Cooke sent the following: “Thought I'd send a short item for your next column. In April classmates **Hardy Brereton**, **Ken Beers** and Chris Cooke gathered in New Haven with several hundred singers from other classes for the 75th reunion of the Society of Orpheus & Bacchus. Beyond that, however, in true SOB fashion, these three can't remember anything that happened at the reunion.

Donna and I were in Los Angeles in early July for a wedding and had lunch with **Marshall Bell** and his wife Milena Canonero. Marshall is shooting a TV series in which, rather than being killed off, he has been promoted to acting director of the FBI. We also had a surprise visit in St. Michaels from **Bob Rounsavall**, who was combining getting in some flying hours with riding the excellent bike lanes in our neighborhood. Bob kindly let our Hillenmeyer grandchildren sit in his plane for photo opportunities.

Bob Leich emailed a reflection on **Hartwig Moss**: “I saw in the "YAM" that our fraternity brother Hartwig Moss had passed away in January. I didn't keep up with "Harpo" over the years but prior to our 45th Reunion in 2005 we had a long telephone catch up. I was planning to call him later this year to work on him about the upcoming 50th but alas, that is not to be. Just another example as to why one should do things when they can and not... "put it off until later." The two of us coached a New Haven inner city basketball team one year composed of 13-15 year old black kids, stopping on the way back to the Yale campus at one of the many nightclubs in that area”. This prompts a comment on the effort underway, led by **Doug McPheters**, to collect remembrances of the classmates we've lost over the years. Anyone who wants to help Doug, or contribute a remembrance, please contact him at mcpheters@att.net.

Fred Roberts sent an article from the Harvard Gazette on **Henry Hacker**. The article had a presumptuous byline, typical of Harvard taking credit for Yale graduates: “*This is one in a series of profiles showcasing some of Harvard's stellar graduates.*” “Hacker, now 71, also collected a bachelor's degree at Yale University and a J.D. at Cornell. Now he is getting his third sheepskin,

a master of liberal arts (A.L.M.) in museum studies from the [Harvard Extension School](#). In 2008, after 40 years in or near New York, and with his three children grown, Hacker partly retired and moved to Cambridge, easing a transition back to the classroom. Back then, he asked himself, “What would I do if I don’t go to school? I don’t play golf.”

Bob Hammond forwarded a New York Times article on Judge **Barrington** (Danny) **Parker**’s recent decision on Argentina’s debt. The implications for sovereign debt and international finance are a little above my level, but I liked the way the Times characterized the Judge’s decision: “from the way Judge Parker would put it. “We believe,” he wrote, “that the interest — widely shared in the financial community — in maintaining New York’s status as one of the foremost commercial centers is advanced by requiring debtors, including foreign debtors, to pay their debts.”

It saddens me greatly to report the loss of another classmate, especially so close to the 50th. **Rod Drake** died on June 24th after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Rod is survived by his wife Jacqueline and sons Philip and Stephan. A memorial service was held on July 2 in New York, attended by a large number of Yale classmates. Rod was one of the “Blind Nine”; a group of roommates with whom many of you are or were acquainted. The remaining eight were all in attendance, serving as ushers and delivering a touching combined eulogy: **Sid Bass, Alan Corey, Mike Dominick, Clint Kendrick, Dennis Holahan, Seth Hoyt, Barry Preston, and Jonathon Ingham**. The Chapel at the The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church was filled to overflowing. Rod’s son Philip has provided a video of the service which will be posted on the class website.

Class Dinner October 31, 2014 at the Yale Club of New York City.