



## CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2017

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Continuing a great tradition she started with her late husband **Dan Arons**, Elissa Arons will welcome Yale '63 classmates at a cocktail party following the Harvard Game in Cambridge.

The party will take place at 1010 Memorial Drive, Apt. 11E in Cambridge beginning at 4:00 PM on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Already more than 40 classmates and guests have RSVP'ed that they will attend. If you plan to attend and have not yet RSVP'ed, please e-mail Guy Struve at the e-mail address above so that we will have as accurate a head count as possible. But, if you only find at the last minute that you are able to come, please come anyway. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

From September 11 to 29, 2016, the Yale Class of 1963 British Isles Tour afforded a memorable combination of congenial companionship and far-ranging travels through England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales to its participants, who were Cynthia and **Ron Allison**, Alison and **Phil Arnold**, Jean and Stephen Bucchieri, Shirley and **Ed Carlson**, Barbara Sheridan and **Craig Cooper**, Laura and **Bill Couchman**, Janis and **Bill Curlee**, Martha and **Ed Dennis**, Lesia and **Doug Graybill**, Suzanne and **Chuck Hellar**, Annick and **John Impert**, Pat and **Jere Johnston**, Karen and **Jon Larson**, Louisa and **Nelson Levy**, Gwendolyn Hope and **Geoff Martin**, **Guy Struve**, Janice and **Brian Sweeney**, Barbara and **Fritz Thiel**, Mayda Tsaknis and **Jim Thompson**, Sandra Zieky and **Michael Wilder**, and Marilyn Sue and **Richard Worley**.

The 2016 British Isles Tour came about thanks to the creativity and extraordinary hard work of Jon Larson, aided by Ed Carlson, Ed Dennis, Doug Graybill, Jere Johnston, and Jim Thompson. Terrific photographs of the 2016 British Isles Tour, taken by Pat Johnston, can be

found on the Class Website, [www.yale63.org](http://www.yale63.org).

On September 26, 2016, following an informative briefing at the U.S. Embassy in London, the first-ever Class of 1963 dinner in the British Isles took place at the Savile Club in London, where the Tour participants were joined by Dominique and **Chuck Lubar, Boris Troyan**, and Dr. Karyne Wilner (the widow of our classmate **Jack Irwin**). At the dinner, we heard from two very interesting speakers, Antony Miller, the architect of the renovated Savile Club, and Brooks Newmark, a former Member of Parliament.

**Charles Faulhaber** has been elected as a Corresponding Member of the Real Academia Española, founded in 1726 on the model of the Académie Française. The RAE is the arbiter of correct usage of Spanish. It maintains the official dictionary of Spanish for both Spain and Latin America, the *Diccionario de la Real Academia Española*; two large lexical databases, of Spanish from its beginnings in the 12th century to 1975, and of contemporary Spanish; and the official grammar of Spanish. The RAE has 44 full members who meet every Thursday to carry out the work of the Academy. There are currently 102 Foreign Corresponding Members, who are elected by secret ballot of the 44 full members. Charles writes: "Although there is no citation, my election was undoubtedly due to the 45 years of work I've spent studying medieval Spanish literature at Berkeley after receiving my Ph.D. from Yale in 1969 and, especially, to PhiloBiblon (<http://vm136.lib.berkeley.edu/BANC/philobiblon/>), a database of the primary sources for the study of medieval Iberian culture, a project that I have directed since 1981."

Seattle-based critic **Ronald Holden** has published *Forking Seattle* (CreateSpace, 2016), a book about the local "food eco-system" from farm to table to landfill. It covers dozens of restaurants but puts them along a continuum that begins with salmon and oysters from local waters; produce, grain, dairy, and meat from local farms; grapes from local vineyards; locally processed and sold in local markets; delivered by local distributors, and so on. Then the table is cleared and the scraps head to local landfills. Ronald

says, "We don't eat in a vacuum."

**Wick Murray** (with Wayne Wei-Siang Hsieh) has published *A Savage War: A Military History of the Civil War* (Princeton & Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2016). **Guy Struve** writes: "This is a terrific book. If you only read one book about the American Civil War, make it this book. For the neophyte, the book is a lucid and compelling account of the cruel struggle. For the expert, every chapter contains new insights that will require the rethinking of previously held views."

**Charles Nelson** recounts: "I am a class orphan because I started with the Class of 1964. I don't know why I was in a hurry. My time at Yale was very stimulating and I recall certain courses, and even individual lectures, vividly. I majored in Economics and among those who influenced me in a lasting way were William Brainard, Arthur Okun, and Richard Tennant. Okun supervised my senior paper investigating whether investment advisory letters were able to pick stocks – they weren't. That was my introduction to concepts of randomness and testing hypotheses by their predictive power or lack thereof, and it engendered skepticism towards claims unsupported by empirical evidence. After graduation I returned to Wisconsin and took a job in accounting which I hated. Rejecting the concept of working 9 to 5 altogether, I enrolled in the graduate program at Madison. Happy to be back in school, I stayed there the rest of my life. A very lucky break came my way when I was offered a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago where I stayed on as an Assistant and later Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Business. This was a very exciting time at Chicago in economics, with Milton Friedman at the top of his game. One of my favorite memories is of a heated debate in his famous Money Workshop (he didn't like the term 'Macroeconomics') over a paper I had written with John P. Gould presenting evidence that the velocity of money is not as predictable as Friedman had said. It was great fun because it was totally about the evidence, never *ad hominem*, and of course we were flattered that the great man took us seriously. Among the notable economists I interacted with at Chicago were Merton Miller and Arnold Zellner, who were great mentors, Eugene Fama, Stanley Fischer, Fisher Black and Myron Scholes of options fame, and fellow Yalies Arthur Laffer and Robert Flanagan. In 1976 I accepted an offer to join the Economics faculty at the University of Washington as a full professor – those were the good old days when promotion was rapid and professors' salaries grew!

"It is remarkable good fortune to be able to spend most of your life doing things you enjoy. I

enjoyed both teaching and research, avoiding administration like the plague after a very unhappy stint as department chair. My greatest satisfaction is the group of doctoral students whose dissertation research I supervised, some thirty-plus. Most have been very successful and they were great fun to work with. And we published many papers together that are still cited.”

**Richard Stromberg** reports: “On October 1, 2016 members of the Yale track and field teams that won five straight outdoor Heptagonal Meets from 1959 to 1963 were greeted in the lobby of Payne Whitney Gymnasium by Athletics Director Tom Beckett and David Shoehalter (‘Shoe’), The Mark T. Young ’68 Director of Track and Field and Cross Country. Shoe showed us the changes that have been made to Payne Whitney, and then we bused (no more Chieppo) out to the Bowl, where Shoe showed us the indoor and outdoor track facilities before we entered the stadium and were treated to lunch in The Kenney Center atop the stands (thanks, **Jerry**). The game vs. Lehigh was not pleasing, but before dinner at Mory’s we got to meet women’s cross country captain Frances Schmiede, just back from Lehigh, where the team beat 44 other colleges and moved to 17th in the national rankings. We were also joined by Shoe and the men’s cross country captain and the men’s and women’s track and field captains, including James Randon, Yale’s first four-minute miler. Lots of reminiscing went on during and after dinner. Attending from the Class of 1963 were **Bill Flippin, Hank Hallas, Sam Streibert**, and myself.”

**Richard Teitz** has finished an assignment for USAID and the Winrock Foundation in Faranah in central Guinea (which those of us who took geography before attending Yale will remember as French Equatorial Africa, a French colony until it gained independence in 1958). Richard explains: “I was asked to oversee the creation of a new, enlarged, energized alumni association drawing on diploma holders from all agricultural institutions in Guinea. Presently there are several small alumni organizations working in rural areas of the country. We are focusing on opportunities for mentorship, internships, and career employment, especially for young graduates and women. The overarching objective is to expand the agricultural sector, to increase the percentage of GNP from agriculture, and move Guinea to a position of positive food security, where it becomes a net exporter rather than importer of agricultural products.”

**Robert E. Knight** died in Loveland, CO on August 13, 2016. Born in Alliance, NE, he graduated from Alliance High School in 1959 and from Yale College with high honors in Economics in 1963. Bob received his M.A. in 1965 and his Ph.D. in 1968 from Harvard University. He spent 13 years as a monetary economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, where he rose to be Secretary of the Board. Bob moved from Kansas City to become the fourth generation to head the Alliance National Bank

and Trust Company. He authored numerous economic articles and spoke throughout the country on banking issues. Bob was one of five Yale classmates featured in *Halftime*, a 1988 film aired on PBS about men in midlife. He headed the Bondholders Protective Committee in the bankruptcy of Executive Life Insurance Company in California. Bob was a proud eccentric who flew kites and enjoyed donning his clan kilts, Gunn and McPhee, for Scottish activities. Ever devoted to dachshunds, he contributed to cancer research at the Animal Cancer Center at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and established Duffeeland Dog Park in Sun City, AZ. He succumbed to a one-in-a-million brain disease, cortico-basal degeneration. In 1966 he married his beloved wife, Eva Youngstrom Knight, who survives to cherish a lifetime of memories.

**Geoff Noyes** writes: "We all know Bob best as one of the five subjects of our 25th Reunion PBS video, *Halftime*. From our experience there, he and I became best friends. I was with him at the end, and let me report that his dry, often acerbic and sharp political wit never left him. One of his last pronouncements to me was, 'Geoff, I will make it to November 8th!' He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Eva, by several Yale summer externs, and by countless friends."

**Robert (Bob ) Rasche** died in his Chesterfield, MO home surrounded by his family on June 2, 2016 . He suffered for 18 months with lung cancer. Following Yale graduation he completed his Economics Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. He was a research associate at MIT while working on the Federal-Reserve Board -MIT Monetary Research project. He taught Economics at Michigan State University for 27 years. retiring in 1998. Immediately following that retirement he moved to St. Louis. MO where he served as Director of Research at St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank for 11 years. He envisioned and nurtured St Louis Fed data services such as ALFRED and FRASER. He was an avid carpenter and family genealogy organizer, and loved international and domestic travel. He is survived by his wife Dottie of 52 years, a son and daughter , numerous family members, and friends.

**David Culver** recalls: "While I never met Bob during our four years at Yale, I had the good fortune to meet him about eight years ago while taking a class on banking and the Federal Reserve at Washington University's Lifelong Learning institute. The President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis was scheduled to speak to our class, but he was called away and sent Bob Rasche in his place. Bob's introduction to the class included his curriculum vitae, and that was the start of a wonderful but all

too brief relationship. Shortly after the class, I introduced Bob to several other Yale '63 classmates including **Luke Fouke** and **Fred Hanser**. Unfortunately Bob couldn't attend our 50th reunion in 2013 due to a very busy international travel schedule. Bob was a delightfully interesting, well informed, and gracious individual whose *joie de vivre* radiated in everything he said and did. He will be missed!"

**James O. Reinhardt** passed away on August 16, 2016 after a valiant battle with cancer. Jim was a resident of Epping, NH and Hobe Sound, FL. Born in Blue Island, IL, he graduated from Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights in 1959, and from Yale College in 1965. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served as Communications Officer on the USS Platte during the Vietnam War. He worked primarily as an advertising representative for the Derry News and several other local newspapers. He then moved on to partner in his wife's art and architectural rendering business. His passions included his family, reading, tennis, and supporting Democratic politics. He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Kathryn Jean Broland, and three children, Brown, Connie, and John Reinhardt.

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