



CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES JULY-AUGUST 2017

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SAVE THE DATES! The 55th Reunion of the Yale Class of 1963 will begin at midday on **Thursday, May 31, 2018** and will run through the morning on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**. Please mark these dates in your calendar, and be sure to save them for the 55th Reunion, which already promises to be our best Reunion yet.

The 55th Reunion will be our first **Free Reunion**. All Reunion food and drink, and lodging at the Reunion residential college, will be free of charge to everyone who attends the Reunion. The Class has been saving up for the Free Reunion for four years now, and the financial viability of the Free Reunion is now fully assured. We are doing this because we want everyone to come to the 55th Reunion – regardless of whether or not you have ever attended any of our Reunions before. Those who attended the 50th Reunion and prior Reunions know that they are a special and memorable experience – not only reuniting with old friends, but making new friends with whom you already have much in common. We want everyone to enjoy this experience, which is why we have demolished all financial disincentives to attendance.

To complement the Free Reunion, we intend to amass a pool of airline miles that can be used to obtain tickets for classmates who will be traveling long distances to attend the Reunion. If you have unused airline miles that could be used for this worthy purpose, please e-mail guy.struve@davispolk.com.

We have been lucky in recruiting an all-star leadership team for the 55th Reunion. The Reunion Co-Chairmen are **Ian Robertson** and **Eustace Theodore**, and the Chairman of the Reunion Committee is **Jon Larson**. Ian, Eustace, and Jon are looking forward to hearing your thoughts for the 55th Reunion and about how to reach out to as many classmates as possible.

Ron Allison relates: “Cynthia and I met Laura and **Bill Couchman** at their new home in Tucson, AZ for a mini-reunion of our high school and Yale. We had gone on several Yale Alumni Chorus trips with **Jere Johnston** since the 2001 Russian trek. Bill had other high school classmates there, and we enjoyed the panorama and hikes. We look forward to the 2018 Reunion!”

Carter Findley writes: “Our new arrival is Vivian Beatrice Miller-Findley, born to our son Benjamin and his wife Jennifer Miller on December 20, 2016. Ben and Jenny are both lawyers in corporate practice in Atlanta, and they and Vivi are enjoying a new house in suburban Decatur.”

Sue and **Chuck Hellar** spent February and March in Vero Beach, FL, soaking up the sun and spending time with classmates **Doug Graybill**, **Nelson Levy**, and **Bill Seawright**.

Rick Holbrook reports: “My wife Shirley and I are now the very pleased grandparents of grandson Noah Isaac, born in February, who joins his older sister Sasha in the enlarged Nina Holbrook-Alexis DeMan household. We spent most of February at their place in Yonkers where I learned I have two new roles in life: being a grandfather and an in-law. I spent much of my time listening to how one talks to an infant in French; I can converse in French, but I am forbidden to talk in that language with my American accent when Alexis speaks the real thing. Nina carries out the English side of the conversation. Sasha at 20 months has no problem grasping meaning in both languages. Shirley and I are both retired. Nowadays, we read a lot and it is great to have access to the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago down the block. A non-fiction book discussion group and a course on Jews in Russia which I conduct help keep the mind from getting musty. Still, visiting doctors to counter the effects of aging and looking at my own library tell me I am growing older. Who will want those books, especially the ones in Russian and German which Nina and Daniel, my son, do not know? It makes one pensive.”

Jeff Peierls reports: “Early last winter, with apologies to the Yale Educational Travel folks for eschewing their luxurious trips, my girlfriend, Millie, and I threw extra clothes and a Lonely Planet guide book in our backpacks and headed to Thailand to celebrate my 75th birthday (and to see how well I had recovered from six hours of open heart surgery the previous year). We roamed around the country, traveling by tuk-tuk, local buses, train, river taxis, and an amazing network of collective pickup trucks. Stayed at simple guest houses and got to mingle with much younger backpackers who put us on to some wonderful off-the-beaten-path places that even many Thai people weren’t aware of. Very encouraged to find that our bodies held up well for a full month of traveling like that. Don’t let anyone tell you that the adventures many of us had in the ’60s can’t be relived!”

David Rudenstine has published a new book, *The Age of Deference: The Supreme Court, National Security and the Constitutional Order*. David writes: “In *The Age of Deference*, I argue that the Supreme Court has betrayed its fundamental duty to preserve checks and balances, to protect important individual rights, and to uphold the rule of law by excessively deferring to the executive branch of government in legal cases that may implicate security cases. That deference went hand-in-glove with the rise of the United States as the world’s dominant power following the end of World War II, and in so doing it not only reflected but enabled the emergence of the National Security State and the Imperial Presidency. This judicial deference aimed at protecting the national security, but there is no evidence that it advanced this goal. Indeed, the available evidence suggests that deference may invite the executive to make erroneous judgments and to act unlawfully on the assumption that its conduct will not be held judicially accountable. During these last seven decades, the high court has occasionally put deference aside in a celebrated case – e.g., the Pentagon Papers case, the Steel Seizure Case – and ruled against the executive. But those are rare moments that pale by comparison to the dominant trend.”

David Schoenbrod has published a book, *DC Confidential: Inside the Five Tricks of Washington*. David explains: "You think you know why our government is broken, but you really don't. The Five Tricks are why." Senator Mike Lee writes: "This book should be required reading for anyone who believes it's still possible to reform our failing public institutions and put the federal government back to work for the American people." Howard Dean writes, "This is an alarming book, and indeed we should be alarmed."

Joseph Harold Hyde died on February 6, 2017 in Worthington, OH. He was born on April 21, 1933 in Ansonia, CT. A graduate of The Taft School and Yale University, he was an electrical engineer with the Central Intelligence Agency, Western Electric, and Lucent Technologies. He volunteered for many years with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program. A proud member of the U.S. Marine Corps, he is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Cotter Hyde; has daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and two grandchildren. Hal Hyde entered Yale in 1952. After his sophomore year, he was on leave from Yale during 1954-1961, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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