



**CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES MARCH-APRIL 2017**

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On November 19, 2016, following a dramatic and thoroughly enjoyable 21-14 Yale victory over a heavily favored Harvard team, the Class celebrated with an equally enjoyable post-game cocktail party hosted by Elissa Arons in her Cambridge apartment. Present were Faith Moore and **David Barry**, Rosemary and **Norm Dawley**, Jane Harmon and **Bob Dickie**, **Carter Findley**, Anne and **David Gergen**, Erika and **Hank Higdon**, Mary and **Erik Jensen**, **Jerry Kenney**, Pam and **Mike LaFond**, Claudia Halstead and **Even Ludlow**, Emily and **Bob Myers**, Lucille Batal and **Avi Nelson**, Linda Nighswander and **Lea Pendleton**, Carole and **Fred Pritzker**, Chris and **Stan Riveles**, **Jon Rose**, Anne and **Richard Rosenfeld**, Nancy and **Herb Rosenthal**, Seymour and **Cameron Smith**, **Guy Struve**, Gay and **Walt Sturgeon**, and **Karyne Wilner, Psy.D.** (Jack Irwin's widow). Also at The Game were **Harry Brants**, **Barrett Morgan Patrick O'Brien**, **Chris Reaske**, and **Ron Sampson**.

At the same time that Yale was celebrating its defeat of Harvard on the football field, it also was winning the annual Yale vs. Harvard Alumni Fund Participation Challenge. Held during the ten days leading up to The Game, the purpose of the six-year-old challenge is to encourage alumni to make gifts, new pledges, and pledge payments. This year, the final tally was Yale 4,250 vs. Harvard 4,013. Most significantly, the Class of 1963 brought in the most gifts of any Yale College class, including the youngest classes with almost twice as many eligible participants.

Congratulations to our Class Agents, and all who participated!

**Tony Elson** reports: “In January 2017, a third book of mine entitled *The Global Financial Crisis in Retrospect: Evolution, Resolution and Lessons for Prevention* was published by Palgrave Macmillan. This book completes a trilogy on global finance and development that I began in 2009 dealing with the evolution and reform of the international financial architecture, the comparative development of East Asia and Latin America, and the global financial crisis of 2008-2009. These issues and themes each represent professional interests that I developed while working at the International Monetary Fund and that I have been teaching about for more than a decade at Duke and Johns Hopkins Universities. In particular, my fascination with the global financial crisis can be traced to my close involvement in financial crises in the 1980s and 1990s in Latin America and East Asia while working at the IMF. Writing is a craft that I only began around ten years ago and has been a source of great professional and intellectual satisfaction. I do not know yet what my next book will be about.”

**Paul Field** writes: “I happily closed my full-time marketing career a few months ago, and am now doing a few consulting projects and speaking engagements.”

**Phil Johnson’s** wife, Margaret McMillen, reports: “Unfortunately, Phil’s health has declined because of a neurological disease to the point that he now resides in an assisted living facility in Williamsburg, VA. Classmates wishing to send a message to Phil can send an e-mail to [pajmamcm@aol.com](mailto:pajmamcm@aol.com).”

**Jim Kennedy** writes: “I recently received some attention here at The Boeing

Company for completing my 50th year of service as an engineer.”

**Frank Nelson** reports: “On September 30, 2016, in a burst of hope over logic, I married Jeanne B. Driscoll of New York City in a small ceremony in a judge’s chambers with our children in attendance.”

Chris and **Stan Riveles** have gotten to know **Mike Koenig's** son Davison in their hometown of Taos, NM. Davison and his wife Susan Folwell recently relocated there, and he reached out to Stan at Mike’s recommendation. Davison is a specialist in Southwestern art; he has recently become Executive Director and Curator at the newly created Couse-Sharp Museum. Susan Folwell is a talented and renowned Santa Clara potter, following in a native American family of potters. Davison organized a fascinating exhibit at the museum that paired vintage with contemporary native American pottery that included pieces by his wife. Davison is also helping Stan with his efforts to rehabilitate the D. H. Lawrence Ranch near Taos.

**Gurney Williams** writes: “Linda Payne Williams, my young-at-heart wife of 49 years, died peacefully under hospice care on November 16, 2016, after a long bout with primary progressive aphasia. This rare form of dementia, diagnosed in 2005, slowly eroded her ability to write and speak. She put those talents to use after college (Hollins ’65) as a staff member at Yale University Press, a reporter for *Newsday*, and a professional fundraiser. *Where the Light Gets In*, a 2016 memoir by our eldest daughter Kimberly Williams-Paisley, is a tribute to Linda as best friend and partner for me and cheerleading mom for her children, Kim, Jay, and Ashley. She was an exuberant Whiffenpoof groupie at almost every reunion since graduation. And we Whiffs will always recall her characteristic smile and laughter during funny songs, assuring us that

we could still be heard, evidence of a spirit that no one who knew her will forget.”

**Christopher Wilson Bramley** passed away on October 5, 2016 in Westborough, MA, following a six-month battle with leukemia. He was surrounded by his loving family. Chris was a long-time resident of Westborough, and a graduate of Lawrence Academy, Yale University, and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He spent his long professional career in the banking industry. He rose to the senior executive level, holding positions as Chief Executive Officer of Shawmut Community Bank, Safety Fund National Bank, and TD Banknorth Massachusetts. A director of numerous professional organizations, including the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Chris served as President of the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation. Over the course of three decades, Chris was a leader and supporter of the Boy Scouts of America at both the local and council levels. He served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations. Throughout his life, Chris loved his time on the golf course, and was an exceptionally accomplished golfer. A devoted family man, Chris also loved hiking, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 52 years, Charlotte (Price) Bramley, his children Christopher, Jr., Candice (Silverberg), Craig, and Curtis, and several grandchildren.

**Roger Malcolm Laub** died on November 4, 2015 in Columbus, OH. He is survived by his wife, Karen Wade Laub, and his son, Aaron Malcolm Laub. Roger earned a Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Kansas, and a master’s degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He was a gifted college teacher and later a pastor. Roger and Karen converted to Catholicism. **Dick Moser** writes: “Roger was a

gentle soul, bright, idiosyncratic, and supremely literate. I know of no one else who, when angry with a roommate, would strike out with, ‘You have the physiognomy of a worm!’” **Rick Willis** recalls Roger Laub as follows: “We roomed together sophomore year, having met as freshmen in the scholarship-job stews of Timothy Dwight’s dining hall. He returned to Nebraska at the midpoint of our sophomore year, completed his degree at Omaha University, entered seminary in his mid-forties, and was ultimately ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, which vocation he plied until his death. He was a singular man (I know we all are, but he more than most), with an unusually vivid and articulate personality. He did more good in our world than most.”

**Robert Livingston** passed away peacefully at home in Tucson, AZ surrounded by loved ones on September 8, 2016. Dr. Livingston was a Professor of Medicine since 2008 at the University of Arizona, where his clinical and research specialty was breast cancer. Prior to moving to Tucson, he was Professor of Medicine and Chief of Solid Tumor Oncology at the University of Washington for 24 years. He also served as Chairman of the Lung and Breast Committees for the Southwest Oncology Group, a national cancer research organization, helping to design clinical trials that improved the care and treatment of many cancer patients, while contributing to more than 400 clinical research papers. Bob will be warmly remembered as a caring clinician, innovative researcher, and dedicated teacher. Literally thousands of Bob’s grateful patients, former students, research colleagues, fellow faculty, and friends worldwide will mourn his loss, but will continue to reap the rewards of his generosity and spirit. Bob received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma and his oncology training from the National Cancer Research Institutes, Bethesda, MD, where he was

lucky enough to meet his beloved wife, Shirley. He is survived by his adoring wife of 42 years, devoted children and grandchildren.

**Steve Steiner** relates: “At the recent session of the United Nations General Assembly, and with the participation of Dr. Sushma Palmer, a moving ceremony was held by the global Community of Democracies honoring our late classmate Ambassador **Mark Palmer**. The occasion was the presentation by the CD Governing Council and Freedom House of the sixth annual Mark Palmer Prize for the Advancement of Democracy to two outstanding diplomats: former Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan Deborah Lyons, for her courageous work in empowering women and promoting gender equality in that conflict-torn society, and Organization of American States Secretary General Luis Almagro, for his steadfast leadership across the region in holding authoritarian governments to account and supporting beleaguered civil society activists.”

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