



## CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES MARCH-APRIL 2018

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for our 55th Reunion, which will be held in Branford College in New Haven from midday on Thursday, May 31, 2018 through Sunday morning, June 3, 2018. This will be our first Free Reunion, with food, drink, and lodging in Branford College free of charge for all classmates, widows, and guests who attend. On-line registration for the Free Reunion (including registration for rooms in Branford College) will open on the AYA website by the end of January 2018. You will be notified by e-mail as soon as registration for the Reunion is open. Be sure not to miss this Reunion! All indications are that it will be our best Reunion ever.

Clifford ("Kip") Clark, Jr. writes: "I am retiring in August 2018, after 51 years of teaching American history and American Studies at Harvard, Amherst, and Carleton Colleges, and am looking forward to the Reunion."

Pete Doolittle is suffering from a rare form of dementia called Lewy Body. He is living in a secure care facility in Bedford, MA, where his wife, Lory Doolittle, and his children and grandchildren visit often. Pete still talks fondly about his Yale education and the friends he made while a student there. Pete had a varied and successful business career. He was a founding partner of Clearview Capital, Stamford, CT.

Bob Jensen reports: "María and I are in Cumbayá, Ecuador, near Quito, the capital. We will be here for two to three years. Our plan is to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in the church where we married. Hopefully, our three children, 13 grandchildren, and one great grandchild will come next year to celebrate. For our grandchildren, this will be the first time they have ever been to Ecuador. We also are looking forward to visiting with my classmates next year in New Haven..

Langston Snodgrass, formerly a gay therapist for the gay community in the Washington, DC area, notes with respect to the 2017 AYA Assembly regarding inclusive community discussions: "The 'Q' in GLBTQ until recently has meant 'Questioning' as to one's own sexual orientation. Reading the 'Q' in GLBTQ as 'Queer' represents a recent effort to redefine and reclaim the word from its original meaning. For our Class's generation and our children's generation and generations past, 'Queer' has been a very threatening, derogatory, offensive, and sexually abusive label. It has carried with it significant risk of defamation, ostracism, ruined careers, a half-lived life, emotional damage, physical harm, and death. 'Queer' is still very offensive and troubling to those tens of thousands today and in decades past who have suffered from its use. It is very important to remember that those who would redefine 'Q' can do so only because those who suffered as 'Queer' continued to resist. That history should not be forgotten."

Tom Wehr relates: "In 1973, at the beginning of a 30-year career in research at the National Institutes of Health, I naively set out to discover the cause of a rapid cycling type of bipolar disorder. This year, 44 years later, I published what I believe to be the answer in the journal *Molecular Psychiatry* <[www.nature.com/mp/](http://www.nature.com/mp/)>. Having retired from the NIH in 2003, this represents a kind of Indian summer in my research career and perhaps a brighter moment in the Annals of Geezerdom. My answer no doubt will be controversial: the cause appears to be the moon.

**Gary Burget, M.D.** passed away in Chicago, IL on May 31, 2017. After completing medical school in 1967 at Yale University Medical School, Dr. Burget was a plastic surgery resident at the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. He was a fellow in pediatric plastic surgery at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL. In 1994 Dr. Burget co-authored *Aesthetic Reconstruction of the Nose*, which is considered to have defined modern techniques for the subspecialty. In 2012 he published *Aesthetic Reconstruction of the Child's Nose*, which is noted as the first book to feature a large consecutive series of children as case examples. A private practitioner, Dr. Burget was also a clinical associate professor of surgery at University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and an attending surgeon at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. In 2006 Dr. Burget was named by the American Association of Plastic Surgeons as its Clinician of the Year, and he was named in 1990 and 2008 as winner of the James Barret Brown Award for the best plastic surgery paper published during the preceding calendar year. After practicing in Chicago for more than 30 years, he retired from practice in October 2016.

We have learned that **Edward A. Erikson** died on May 25, 2009 in Kilgore, TX. Ed was born on June 20, 1941 in Texarkana, TX. He earned a full scholarship to Yale, attended Southwestern University, and completed his studies at the University of Houston. Ed worked as a data processing manager and specialized in the banking industry. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Kilgore, where he belonged to the Brantley Sunday School Class. Ed enjoyed writing poetry, solving crossword puzzles, sketching and painting, as well as gardening. He loved spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren. Ed will be remembered for his unique sense of humor. He is survived by two daughters, Christine (Mike) Langford of Kilgore and Catherine Erikson of Keller; two brothers, four grandchildren, and a nephew.

Janice Mason (the widow of our classmate Ned Mason) writes: "We have ten grandchildren, and I have two sisters I travel with. I spent Thanksgiving in California with my daughter's family. I have two girls in California, one in Tulsa, OK, and one in Northbrook, IL. My sisters live in California and Georgia. My days are busy with bridge, book club, volunteering at the hospital, and meals on wheels. I won't be at your Reunion, because I have a convention to attend that weekend. Say hello to everyone for me."

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