



CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES MAY - JUNE 2019

Don Abbott reports: “On December 20, 2018, we made a very happy move to North Andover, MA, barely six miles from our former home. We now live at Edgewood, a wonderful, welcoming LifeCare Community entering its 23rd year. Our new address is 575 Osgood Street, Apt. 1404, North Andover, MA 01845, 978-918-7109. We feel so fortunate to be able to make this transition while we are still together, healthy, active, and independent. Our apartment has already become our nest, well-lit by western light and with a terrific space for Betsy’s quilt art studio. And because of Edgewood’s very familiar location, we continue to be connected to many of the communities that sustain us – family, friends, artist networks and former colleagues, Phillips Academy, Boston, Wareham, and Monhegan. In the words of the poet John Paul Lederach, we remain ‘grounded, grateful, and grace-filled.’”

Paul Field writes: “I had a long, lovely career in advertising, including leading the team that created *Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk*, which after some years morphed into consulting with small and medium sized ad agencies all across North America. Great fun, but I thought I’d retired in 2016. A month ago a local 50-person all digital ad agency reached out to me, and I have been consulting with them several days a week. While I have been clear about my limited knowledge of digital, I am having great fun helping them learn to manage an agency and to understand marketing in a little more depth.”

John Impert held a book reading of his book *Painters of the Northwest: Impressionism to Modernism* at the home of Ann Rea in La Jolla, CA. Ann was married to Roger Craig ’62, whom she met in the Junior Year in France program. John recalls: “Roger became a good friend of mine in 1959-1960, when we were members of the Conservative Party in the Yale Political

Union, and when we were instrumental in forming a new centrist party that we called the Constitutional Union Party (after the eponymous 19th century American political party).”

Ron Sampson paid his annual January visit to **Norm Etherington** and spouse Peggy Brock in Adelaide, Australia, as usual between spending a week in Perth and going on to the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne. Norm and Peggy now have a new and sun-filled home, architected by their son and located across the lane from their previous Victorian abode. While they are retired from academic positions at the University of Western Australia, both have continued to publish in recent years, and Norm is planning a second volume on South African history. After the Open, Ron – also as usual – proceeded up to the coastal resort town of Noosa Heads, Queensland, for seven weeks with 22 books (in hard copy) as company before a final few days in Sydney and a return to a snow-free Boston. Norm Etherington adds: “Peggy and I always look forward to Ron’s return, as sure a harbinger of Australian summer as the return of a migratory bird from Siberia. He always has news of mutual friends, as well as his own particular take on global and US politics.”

Carlton R. Chickering passed away on December 5, 201 at Waterbury Hospital, CT. He was the husband of Phyllis (Cowley) Chickering. Carlton graduated from Danbury High School as a National Merit Scholar and went on to Yale, graduating in 1963. He joined UniRoyal Chemical upon graduation from Yale and worked there until he retired. He also met his wife of 50 years at UniRoyal. Carlton was diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes at the age of 13. He carefully watched his diet and followed his insulin regimen closely. Fortunately for Carlton, his wife, Phyllis, carefully monitored their diets and eating habits so that he could live a full life. Phyllis is a walking encyclopedia of carb counting.

Jim Courtright (with input from **Val Dusek** and **Jack Plotkin**) remembers Carlton as follows: “In the nearly 60 years I knew Chick Chickering, I have always felt the warmth of his

friendship. This began with living in the same entryway in Durfee when I discovered that we had similar interests ranging from science to high school track. Also, like many of us, he worked a Bursary job. There was a lot to share. Chick was the mastermind behind the perhaps still unequaled grand senior suite for five of '63. He met challenges with his own combination of acceptance, humor, and criticism. He managed the difficult courses in Chemistry, and found time to enjoy and to win recognition with his classic car. Above all he treasured the Yale experience, from its outstanding professors, to its students, to its traditions, and importantly to the Class of 1963, serving both as Chair of Agents for the YAF and as a member of the Class Council. His chuckles were his hallmark and were appropriate for the moment and the occasion. In later years, whenever I visited Yale, there was always a time for a fine dinner, for laughter, and for friendship. In the end, diabetes, in its insidious way, destroyed his memory and later took our friend.. We managed a few saddening visits these last several years and we still hold dear those earlier days with Chick at Yale that meant much to us and to him.”

Dick Heppner remembers: “Chick was my roommate for three years and my friend for life. We shared both enjoyable times and serious discussions as we matured together at Yale. He showed me how to be a good friend. He loved to sing, debate, and work on classic cars. I particularly admired how stoically he coped with his juvenile diabetes. He didn’t allow that deadly condition to restrict his social life or academic pursuits. That he survived for more than 60 years with juvenile diabetes may be attributed to his meticulous diet and insulin management. I will be eternally grateful to Chick for assuring me that Carol, my wife of 52 years, was the right match for me. Times spent with him are some of my most pleasant memories of Yale.”

Jennifer (“Jendy”) A. Dennis of La Jolla, CA, the daughter of Martha and **Ed Dennis**, passed away peacefully at age 43 with her family by her side on February 1, 2019, after a long

and valiant battle with cancer. Jendy was a Psychology major at Yale University, where she received her B.A. in 1998. She discovered how much she enjoyed combining logical thinking with problem solving, and identified computer science as a field in which she could put this combination into practice. She earned a second bachelor's degree in Computer Science at UC San Diego's Jacobs School of Engineering in 2003. Jendy worked as a software engineer at various San Diego companies including Nokia, Cubic, Verimatrix, and L3 Technologies. Eight years ago, she moved to Information Technology Services at UC San Diego, where she designed web and data systems for the university, including the web-based admissions and financial aid systems for the expanding undergraduate population. An avid supporter of the arts, Jendy loved theater, contemporary art, and music, both classical and rap. She frequented La Jolla Music Society and UCSD ArtPower concerts, and was a devotee of the La Jolla Playhouse. She also belonged to and supported the Spotlight Club of inewsource, an investigative journalism not-for-profit. In every activity in which Jendy participated, she combined persistence and integrity with intelligence, common sense, humility, and a passion for team participation. However, she will be remembered most for her thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity, which left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Terry Throop writes: "My wife, Kate Alling Throop, 75, passed away in January 2019 following a long illness. Those who lived in Davenport may remember Kate, who attended Brown, as a frequent visitor in 1962 and 1963. She could often be found playing bridge in the courtyard with **Jack Irwin**, **Ed Smick**, and my roommates, **Dick Seamans**, **Joe Wikler**, and **Rod Weekes**. After graduation, Kate was a leader in several civic and environmental organizations in Marin County (CA). We were reconnected in 1988 after our 25th reunion by Maddy Wikler, Joe's wife. We moved to Rochester NY and married in 1989. In our 30 years together, Kate was a tireless volunteer and professional organizer, in her adopted faith,

Unitarianism Universalism. She'll be lovingly remembered by those whose lives she touched in the many places we lived before finally arriving in Cayucos, CA where we've lived on an avocado ranch since 1998."

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