



CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES MAY-JUNE, 2014

There will be a Class of 1963 Mini-Reunion in Philadelphia, PA on Thursday through Sunday, April 24-27, 2014. The Mini-Reunion Committee, led by Charlie Dilks, has put together a very interesting and educational program for the Philadelphia Mini-Reunion, which will give us a behind-the-scenes perspective on the City of Brotherly Love that not many visitors are privileged to receive. By careful budgeting, and with contributions from several “class angels”, the Mini-Reunion Committee has been able to establish a very attractive price of \$675 per person (exclusive of hotel accommodations). In addition, 40 hotel rooms have been set aside at a special price in the Ritz Carlton Hotel in downtown Philadelphia. These specially priced rooms are available on a first come/first served basis until March 25, 2014. To register electronically for the Mini-Reunion, go to <http://tinyurl.com/63philly>. To reserve one of the specially-priced rooms at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, call the hotel directly at (215) 523-8000 or call the central reservations line at (800) 241-3333 and reference the event name (Yale Class of 1963) and the program dates (4/24-27/2014). To make your reservations on-line, go to <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Philadelphia/Reservations/Default.htm>, enter check-in and departure dates (4/24-27/2014), under “Special Rates” click on “Group Code” and enter the group code YAGYAGA, then click on “Continue” and follow directions to complete the reservation.

An exhibition at the Grolier Club in New York City (60th Street just west of Park Avenue) on “Theodore Low De Vinne, Dean of Printers”, co-curated by **Michael Koenig**, opened on February 19, 2014 and will run until late April 2014. De Vinne’s passion for the art and history of the book earned him the title “Dean of American Printers.” He was a founding member of the Grolier Club, and his De Vinne Press of New York City was responsible for most of the important Grolier Club works published during his lifetime. He was also a leader in his profession (particularly in the development and adoption of new printing technology), a committed scholar in the history of printing, and an accomplished author of works on the origins and history of printing. It was De Vinne who established that it was the invention of the adjustable type mold that constituted the invention of printing in the Western sense, and that Gutenberg was the inventor. He received an honorary degree from Yale in 1901.

Jud Calkins retired from active law practice in 1999, by design in order to greet the new millennium. Jud’s law license stays current but his livelihood is investment real estate, accumulated over time, which he manages from home, a semiretirement that satisfies multiple needs and desires. Jud celebrates 21 years of marriage to Pilar *nee* Fuentes of Chile (chance meeting at a singles dance!). Their son, Rexford Cesar, now 12, is a budding song and dance man, having starred in the summer St. Louis Municipal Opera. Jud and his family spend time with their extended family in Chile, where they have real estate holdings as well. They spent the 2013 Christmas (in summer!) there with a side excursion to lonely Easter Island, part of Chile far west in the Pacific, where they learned of the Rapa Nui and the extraordinary figures they carved from compacted volcanic ash and transported to island shores. Jud devotes much time currently to the presidency of a giant condo complex where they have realty holdings. He has travelled to Northern Ireland, New Brunswick, and sites domestic in recent years on a family history quest, and is now ready to follow his former journalistic bent and write up the

findings. Pilar has become proficient in fashioning costume jewelry, including extraordinary purses from pop tops off soda cans. Jud is a St. Louis senior Olympian in the football throw (gold medalist) and the power walk, and reports that he grows closer each year to his classmates in '63.

Phil Stevens is in communication with Nigeria's National Commission on Museums and Monuments regarding plans for the Phillips Stevens Centre for Esie Studies, proposed by the king and dignitaries of the town of Esie in Nigeria, who honored Phil with a chieftaincy title in December 2012. Esie is the site of the famous and mysterious Stone Images of Esie. Phil's 1978 book about them remains the definitive work. Finally, Phil hopes, more work will be done toward uncovering the origin of these sculptures.

Richard R. Jacunski died on September 24, 2013 at Southern Ocean Medical Center in Barnegat, NJ. Dick Jacunski and his twin brother Bob (who died in 2011) entered Yale with our Class in 1959. As Dick wrote in our 50th Reunion Class Book, he and his brother Bob were "blessed and honored to play end on undefeated 1959 Freshman Football and undefeated 1960 Yale Football teams." Dick took a leave of absence after his knee was broken in a football practice accident, returning in 1963 and graduating in 1965. Dick earned his MBA with honors at Seton Hall University, and worked as a business broker and as a negotiations engineer in Sales Marketing for Westinghouse in Newark, NJ. Dick is survived by his wife, Joyce Dul-Jacunski; three daughters, Johanna Weinberg, Elizabeth Purcell, and Barbara Nina; and six grandchildren.

Hank Hallas remembers Dick and his brother as follows: "When I first met Dick and Bob at our first Freshman Football practice I had the first of several 'what the hell am I doing here' moments during my speckled football career. We always referred to them as 'the Twins', and none of the other ends were very good at telling them apart. The Twins were the quintessential Yale Football ends. They were tough, they were fast, they knew the Yale system, and they could catch. They also played hard every snap, never complained, and were always gentlemen. The one liability, which most of us didn't consider as such, was that their father was the Yale End Coach. Truth be known, I never saw any favoritism issued to either man. It wasn't until after graduation that I began to reflect on the burden on the Twins to have a Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame father as a coach. My primary recollection of both Dick and Bob is the outstanding football skill they possessed and their dedication of effort while maintaining a gentlemanly approach to their fellow ends. I salute them both."

Ian Robertson recalls: "Richard Jacunski (RJ) and his brother Bob had distinguished high school football careers in New Haven. In after years, RJ, in an obituary for his brother, mentioned that Bob had been an All New England end. Typically, RJ did not mention that he too had been named All New England. It was my privilege to 'compete' with RJ for playing time at left end. During our Freshman Football season, RJ and Dillon Hoey were the starting ends. Although most of us played in every game, RJ was clearly the superior athlete. In 1960, RJ did particularly well in preseason camp, but not well enough to crack the starting lineup of a stellar end squad. The 1960 season was the stuff of dreams. It was Yale's last unbeaten untied season, the last time Yale finished as a nationally ranked team, and the last time Yale won the Lambert trophy. RJ and Brother Bob got to be part of all that. In the Dartmouth game that year, RJ proved himself to Head Coach Jordan Olivar. RJ played hurt, but rose to the occasion. Had he not broken his knee the next fall, he would have had an outstanding football career at Yale. He was always a gentleman, a pleasure to compete against, and remained a beloved member of the undefeated '59 Freshman team."

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