

JULY/AUGUST CLASS NOTES

Class of 1957

Continuing on here in alphabetic order with e-mails received at year-end.

*Ben Inserra reports he is still employed, actually holding down two jobs, one with Rivero Associates, construction consultants, and the other as the construction department of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on Long Island, NY, helping develop systems designed to create a component that will operate like a construction company for them. Ben is also on the board of an organization on Cape Cod called Cape Cares, a group of doctors and dentists who provide services to the people of Honduras. They send eight or nine teams a year there, and Ben goes once a year to act as translator with his high school Spanish. He also acts as handyman, computer operator, and general anything the medical people need. The group recently donated a 550-gallon water tank to one town with the local Hondurans doing the installation. The town now has storage capability when it rains to get them through the dry periods. Ben was installed three years ago as a member of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher by Cardinal O'Connor in St. Patrick's Cathedral, and last September Ben was elevated to Knight Commander.

*Ken Jones writes that in February 2003 he finished a 46-year career as a computer programmer. Back in 1957 he began writing code for the AN/FSQ7, the SAGE Air Defense computer at Lincoln Laboratory, and last January he finished up writing VBS at Jumpstart for Young Children, a Boston based not-for-profit. In between he commuted up and down Route 128, in and out of Route 2, and back and forth on other roadways in Eastern Massachusetts. Ken reports that all is well, living in Fitchburg with his wife of fourteen years, Jennifer.

*Mal Jones says he is still working on a part time basis at the small manufacturing company he owns that makes a specialized line of pressure washers used in the construction industry. Their machines can handle acid and other corrosive chemicals without being destroyed. Major customers are masonry contractors and concrete precast companies, but Mal believes the machines could also be used to remove barnacles from fiberglass boats and even take up the lines on highways rather than grinding them off which is how it is currently done. Mal and his wife travel a good deal, often times to attend a bridge tournament. (They are both Life Masters.) Last January they took a five-week trip to Hawaii to play in the Honolulu Regional Tournament and to travel to the Big Island, Maui, and Kauai. Prior to that they spent three fascinating weeks in China, where he was amazed to see the modernization going on in the major cities. He found that 80% of the Chinese workers are still back on the farm making less than \$100 per month, but because of the very low cost of Chinese labor, the country is fast becoming the manufacturing center of the entire world. Mal reports life is good and he looks forward to seeing many classmates at the 50th reunion in 2007.

*Chuck Ketter writes that he has completed building a home on 425 acres on the side of a mountain between WV and VA. Although basically "in the middle of nowhere" he reports that he enjoys white water rafting with friends on the New River, skiing at local ski areas, and hiking on and around his land. He figures that he still has a few more years to go to complete the automation of his house for which he has already installed several miles of CAT 5 and RG6/u wire. Chuck continues to have a great time with the software company he owns that is concerned with completing, correcting and validating data for Customer Relationship Marketing and Direct Marketing.

*Tolly Kizilos sends an interesting, longer piece, which I have elected to hold until the September issue, so I can give it more space.

*Vic Klemas sends along word that he has been a professor in the Graduate College of Marine Studies at the University of Delaware. His main interest has been to develop new remote sensing techniques for studying coastal and estuarine ecosystems. His wife Vida and he enjoy traveling, particularly to our 45th reunion. Tom, the youngest of their three sons, is working on his PhD in EE at MIT.

*Stan Kroder notes that he is still on the faculty of the University of Dallas. He is also Associate Dean for On-Line Learning. The school has a very large MBA program with over 500 students taking one or more classes delivered via the Internet. In addition he had the pleasure of teaching telecommunications at the University of London, College of Law, and he reports happily of the birth of their sixth grandchild.

*Fred Morefield e-mails that he is alive and rather well, living in Virginia after 21 years in Manhattan. Betty and he moved there six years ago and really love it. They are both active in local organizations and have made many new friends. They enjoy gardening and the slower pace! Fred has been trying to retire from his consulting practice for more than two years, but his largest client – in Denver – keeps asking him to stay on. He hopes to cut down the commitment so he will have to make only one trip to Denver per Quarter, along with lots of e-mails and telephone calls. All three children are married, and by now the fifth grandchild should have arrived. They still have their vacation home in Holland and go there every few months as they have for 35 years or so. Fred talks to *Bill Brandon and *Art Aznavorian from time to time, and he will make it a point to be at the Reunion in 2007.

*Chuck Murray writes that after MIT he went to Medical School at the U of Minnesota and Stamford going on to become a Medical Oncologist. He and his wife Hilda have three children and five grandchildren. After a stint in the Air Force, Chuck practiced for 26 years in Minneapolis before retiring to Scotts Valley near Santa Cruz where their sailboat and the beach are only seven miles away. They would love to hear from classmates.

So would I. Please send me some news.

We sadly note the passing of *Wilbur Kruegar in November 2002. Before retiring to Lake George, NY and Naples, FL he had worked in the paper industry as a process engineer. Later he went on to co-found and run the Potsdam Paper Corporation.

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