

*Hal Smith writes: "I am back from a week in Moscow where I attended the NATO-Russia Advanced Research Workshop on "Nuclear Strategies and Doctrines – National Policies and International Security", Oct. 13-16. At the invitation of the Department of State, I presented a paper entitled "A Comparison of Republican and Democratic Policies Regarding Non-Proliferation," and lectured at the Russian State University for the Humanities and at the Higher School of Economics on "Russian – American Relations." It wasn't all business. Our younger daughter, Erika, accompanied me, and our hosts made sure that we saw the best of Moscow, including two superb ballets."

*Julius (Jay) Hyman had a great time attending the 50th reunion and Maine retreat. He is married to Roberta Hyman, the second marriage for each. She has two children, Jonathan and Leslie; both are married with children. Jay's daughters are Brenda, age 41, and Pamela, age 39. Brenda is married with a son named Aharon, age 5.

Jay worked at the corporate research center of Hughes Electronics for over 40 years, before retiring in 1997. His swan song was to serve as General Chairman of the IEEE International Conference on Plasma Science (ICOPS) in San Diego in 1997. Jay ended his career as manager of the Plasma Physics Laboratory. Its major lasting accomplishment was to develop flight hardware for ion propulsion, which is now used on the Boeing synchronous communication satellites.

In the last 20 months, Jay founded and became president of the Century City Homeowners Alliance representing the 1,766 homeowners in six condominium complexes. Century City was once the back lot of 20th Century Fox and is now a major commercial and residential center on the Westside of Los Angeles. The goal of the Alliance is to make Century City an even better place to live. Los Angeles is the most densely populated greater-metropolitan area in the country with the worst rush-hour congestion in the country. Jay is Chairman of the Alliance's Transportation Committee and in this capacity is working to develop an approach to mitigate the traffic problems.

I received an e-mail from Karin Gelotte, wife of *Karl Gelotte, who writes on behalf of her husband, as his abilities have been substantially circumscribed by advanced Parkinson's disease. After a career in the pharmaceutical industry Karl retired from Novartis, Summit, NJ, in 1993. Karl and Karin continue to live happily in NJ close to family and friends. They have three children and four grandchildren who make them proud. Karl is blessed with contentment in his daily life and enjoyment of visitors. He was sorry to miss the 50th reunion. Karin concludes that it is always good to hear from classmates.

I am sorry to have to report the death of five classmates. The class extends its sympathies to their families. *Darrell V. Fowler passed away on Nov. 2, 2007, after a brief illness. A Livermore, CA, resident for 30 years, Darrell was born in Omaha, NE, and grew up in Los Angeles. In his first career, lasting 22 years, he was an officer in the Army Chemical Corps. He taught at West Point, was an advisor at the Vietnamese Military Academy, advisor to the Ministry of National Defense in Korea, and Technical Intelligence Commander in Europe. Darrell finished his military career as head of the Nuclear

Defense Agency at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In his second career Darrell was senior project manager at SRI International in Menlo Park, CA. He was an active member of Discovery Bay Country Club. Darrell traveled and lived all over the world. He and his wife recently returned from a month-long trip to Russia and the Baltic countries. Darrell is survived by his wife, Marti; his daughter, Kathy Stewart; his son, Bill and daughter-in-law, Bridget; and five granddaughters.

*Robert Arthur Sanborn died on Aug. 3, 2007. His last known address was in Costa Mesa, CA. *William Charles Bowman died on Oct. 13, 2007. His last known address was in Seattle, WA. No further information on Robert or William is available.

*Alan D. Donaldson died on Oct. 18, 2007. He had contracted a staph infection in the aorta valve and passed away after a short stay in the hospital. *Sherman Chow and *Frank Yans, both friends of Al's, contributed reminiscences. Al married Jean Buchanan Reff in 1966, and they lived in Cambridge, MA; Boyertown, PA.; and Albany, OR, before moving to Idaho Falls, ID, in 1978. With Frank Yans, Al started Metalonics Corp. in 1959 to produce complex metallurgical products, from silver brazing alloys to niobium-based superconductors. They sold it to Kawecki Chemical Co. which subsequently became part of Cabot Corp. Al worked as a metallurgist for EG&G and Lockheed Martin before founding three companies: Plasma Quench Technologies, Nanoblok, and Idaho Titanium Technologies in 1992. He and his partner, Ronald Cordes, received an award from the Light Metals Division of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS) for 2001 Best Emerging Technologies. Al had a private pilot license and for many years flew his own airplane. He enjoyed cross country skiing in the winter; hiking and camping in the summer; and travel, cooking and reading history and science fiction. He was a member of the Nordic Ski Patrol from 1990 to 2000. Al and his wife Jeanie were also enthusiastic sailors, and towed their sailboat from Idaho to Vancouver Island several times to explore the west coast of British Columbia. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Idaho Falls and served on the church board. He made his opinions known by writing letters to the editors of various publications. He especially enjoyed being with his family. Al is survived by his wife, Jeanie; daughters Sarah and Margaret; and two grandsons.

*Henry Ronald Powicki, a resident of Sherborn, MA, since 1964, died Nov. 8, 2007. Born in Lynn, MA, at age seven he and his family moved to Cambridge Springs, PA., where he graduated from high school and attended Alliance College there for two years before transferring to MIT. Following graduation Henry worked for LFE Electronics and Harvey Wells Corp and then began a career with General Telephone & Electronics Corp. that spanned 32 years. He retired in 1993 as deputy director of engineering for the Defense Communications Division. An avid sports enthusiast, Henry was a lifelong Red Sox fan and was a season ticket holder to the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots for many years. He enjoyed tennis and golf and passed on his love and respect for those sports to his children and grandchildren. For the past 14 years, he and his wife divided their time between Florida and Sherborn, spending four months of each year living in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Besides Margaret, his wife of 45 years, Henry leaves a daughter, Jennifer Hawkins of Sherborn; two sons, Christopher Powicki and his wife,

Elizabeth Hooper, of Cummaquid, MA, and David Powicki and his wife, Lydia Peterson, of Leverett, MA; and six grandchildren.

Check out the class web site: <http://alumweb.mit.edu/classes/1957/>.

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