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Dear Men and Women of '57,

Fiscal year 2012 ended last June with 4,306 alumni, parents and friends giving \$3,175,099, which included 3,911 alumni for a 35% alumni participation. Our class participation was 50 of 113 for 44%. As we approach the half-way point for Fiscal 2013 remember to support Wabash with your contribution.



We have lost two more classmates:

GENE A. MOSS, 77, of Montgomery, Texas, passed away April 4, 2012 after a long illness. Gene was born March 12, 1935, in Decatur, the son of Hubert W. and Olive Ione Moss. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1953 and Wabash College, Ind. He completed his service in the Navy, in Pensacola, Fla., in 1949. He was in the mining industry in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah until retirement. Gene is survived by his wife Suzanne Keinle Hess; daughter Molly B. Moss of Elko, Nev.; brother, Dwayne E. Moss of Oswego; stepbrother, Donald Moss of Decatur. Information provided by EVAN LEHMAN and Wabash College]

WILLIAM F. BIRD - Dr. William "Bill" Bird passed away at his ranch in Glen Ellen, on July 18, 2012, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born to Frederick and Alice Bird, in Fort Wayne, Ind. His wife, Doni; daughter Jennifer; and sons David, Keith and Jon; nine grandchildren; his sister, Blanche Burroughs; nephews Mike Burroughs, Chris Landry; and sister-in-law, Pamela Landry, all survive him. Dr. Bird received his dental degree from Loyola University in 1961 and later attained both a master's and a doctorate degree in the U.S. Public Health Service for 23 years. On a national/international level he served on foundation boards supporting infection control for dental offices and institutions globally. He has conducted research, developed and taught in residency programs and developed many community public health demonstration programs. Dr. Bird served on the faculty of the UCSF School of Dentistry for the past 22 years. Six of those years were as the associate dean for clinic administration. Since 2002, he served as director of the UCSF Dental Student Clinical Externship Community Based Dental Education Program and developed relationships with more than 24 community clinics to enable dental students to provide care to over 90,000 underserved patients in California. For seven years prior to his retirement in 2011, Dr. Bird served as interim chair of the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences and held the John C. Greene Endowed Chair in Primary Care Dentistry. Following his retirement, he returned on a part-time recall as a Health Sciences Clinical Professor Emeritus to assist with special projects in the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. He has twice been awarded Outstanding Dental Faculty. He was known for his interpersonal skills, empowering management style and ability to work across departments. His passion for teaching and helping others extended well beyond dentistry. He was also an accomplished pilot and flight instructor with commercial ratings in single and multi-engine aircraft and hot air balloons. He served as the assistant director of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. At the time of his passing, he had reached the one star instructor level in the Parelli Natural Horsemanship program and had planned to begin instructing in the Parelli Program after retirement. Inurnment at Veteran's Memorial Park, Sonoma, CA.

Melissa Butler H '85 [Political Science] is retiring this winter after thirty seven years of service to Wabash. She was hired to begin teaching in the fall of 1976.



Students, faculty, and staff crowded into the Rogge Lounge on December 5th to pay tribute and offer their best wishes to Professor Melissa Butler.

Jeananne and I returned to Wabash for the 100th Celebration of Homecoming in September, enjoyed the performance by the Glee Club reunion members (representing seven decades.)



The Alumni Glee Club performs at the 100th Homecoming Celebration Banquet

Also attended the Class Agents meeting and watched Wabash defeat Carnegie Mellon. During the weekend President White announced the completion of the \$60 Million Challenge of Excellence, which was completed 12 months ahead of schedule and exceeded the goal by \$8 million. Also attending Homecoming were JAMES COTTINGHAM, CHARLES GODDARD, ROBERT HOBSON and JOHN NEMETH.

Jeananne and I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes in 2013,

John B. Yanko

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