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It's an all-day rain this Friday, and it's a good time to write to my friends of the Golden Class of 1958. We here in Central Indiana have had lots of rain this Spring, but most of it has come in torrential downpours and storms, as those who were at the reunion can attest.

Thank goodness the reunion and Peggy and my 50th anniversary are over! Now I can relax and enjoy the rest of the summer.

I must thank and commend John for all the work he did to make our 50th reunion the success it was. He did it all the while he was undergoing chemotherapy to shrink an abdominal malignancy prior to surgery. The operation took place three days after our reunion and was supposed to be a "simple" laparoscopic resection of the tumor. But as things medical tend to go, it was a much bigger deal and not a "symphony in surgery." John was in ICU for a couple of days and in the hospital for a week. I've talked with John twice on the phone and once by email; he is in good spirits and having less pain, etc. Hang there, John! As my sainted father-in-law liked to say, "The first hundred years are the hardest!"

Several guys suggested we get together and have a reunion in 5 years-- a 55th reunion. Fine with me. But the College in its wisdom considers class reunions to end with the 50th. It's said that we are now Golden Little Giants and can come back every year with the other Golden Oldies. That's fine. But it's not the same.

We can have a 55th as the class of 1953 did this year.

We don't have to wait 5 years.

We don't have to reunion at the time of the Big Bash.

We could have a class event in the Fall--a football weekend appeals to me.

I think reunions would be better attended and better events, if they occurred when students are on campus, the chapter houses are open, classes are available to sit in on and athletic teams are competing.

Homecoming and Commencement are not good times. They are just too busy for the College's staff, but a weekend in the Spring or Fall are good options. Northwestern Medical School holds its class reunions in April and that seems to work.

I would like to hear from you about future reunions--drop me a line, an email or phone call.

I don't think we made the 58% giving participation for 07-08, but 63% of us did make donations and/or pledges to the class gift. Thanks, guys! You are SUPER!

Yours in Old Wabash,

Gordon