



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1962

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Gentlemen of '62,

Barb and I have this eternal quest – find the best Chinese take-out in our area here in the Valley of the Sun. Several days ago we were testing a new location for lunch. How does their Hot and Sour soup match with those we love, what about the sesame chicken and the true measure – those crab rangoon. As we exited the place, a young man in a car yelled, “Hey, is that a Wabash hat?” My response, “You are correct!” Going toward the car to introduce Barb and I, he said, “I am a student at Wabash, and we are here during spring break with the Wabash golf team for some practice rounds.” Golf coach Mac Petty was the driver, so after some quick bits of conversations, off they went for one more round of golf before flying back to the cold weather of Indiana. You just never know how that Big Bash Wabash hat can start a conversation. Regarding that Chinese restaurant, our search continues. It rated a “Gentlemen’s C” for a grade.

This has been a great time for those of us here in the southwest. With weeks of warm, sunny weather, baseball spring training is in full swing. There are few ways better to spend an afternoon than at a ball park with a beer and hot dog – no matter which team is playing. I was part of a group of about four Wabash grads who joined a much larger contingency from DePauw at a recent Cub vs. Indians game at the new Cubs Field here in Mesa. That stadium and practice fields would rival many a big league park (just smaller in design). They did a good job of capturing many of the images of Wrigley Field – sans the ivy vines along the outfield wall.

Sadly we note the passing of a classmate. **John Bennett Bacon**, (Beta Theta Pi) a retired professor and author, died on February 16, 2014; he was 73 years old. He graduated from DeVilbiss High School in Toledo, Ohio in 1958 and received his BA from Wabash College in 1962 and in 1966 he received his PhD from Yale University.

He was interested in philosophy, semantics and logics and held positions on the faculties at the University of Texas, Austin, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Fordham University, City University of New York, Rutgers University, Pratt Institute in New York, and the University of

Sydney, Australia. In addition to teaching, he was also an accomplished author. He co-authored titles such as *Logic from A to Z: The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Glossary of Logical and Mathematical Terms*; *Being and Existence: Two Ways of Formal Ontology*; *Ontology, Causality and Mind* and his works were also cited in the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Volume 10.

Mr. Bacon is survived by his son David (Karen) Bacon, Katonah, New York and daughter Sara Elsa-Beech (Jennifer Balfour), Somerville, MA, three grandchildren Miles, Calder and Rosalind, brother George (Lai Ling), Toronto, Ontario and sister, Kate (John) Endersbe, Tubac, AZ. He is also survived by two ex-wives, Gertrud Elsasser Bacon (Weilheim, Germany and New York City) and Abigail Rosenthal Martin (New York City and Pennsylvania). He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Eleanor Bacon.

The family plans to have a memorial service which will be held in New York at a later date. Online condolences may be made at [www.fothdormeyer.com](http://www.fothdormeyer.com).

Only a couple of notes from classmates this time: **Tim J. Emmitt**, (Phi Kappa Psi) a partner in the Roetzel firm's Chicago office, has been recognized as a 2014 Illinois Super Lawyer by *Illinois Super Lawyers* magazine. Mr. Emmitt has been named as a Super Lawyer every year since 2007.

Mr. Emmitt focuses the majority of his practice in the field of estate and trust planning and administration. He earned his undergraduate degree at Wabash College, *summa cum laude*, and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Super Lawyers uses a rigorous, multiphase process that includes statewide peer nominations and evaluations combined with third party research on candidates to identify and select those attorneys who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

I received a note from **Daniel L. Harwood**, (Phi Kappa Psi) who after Wabash attended Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary, toward a career as a Master Teacher and Christian School administrator. Author of "Your Ultimate Decision" which highlights why you should believe in Jesus Christ.

"Witnessing in Action" which will lead the Christian into a deeper relationship with Christ and prepare him to tell others about his closest friend and Savior. "Practical Christian Concepts" which is a Bible study Guide with Biblical answers to provide parents and Christian leaders hands on questions with Biblical answers to life's greatest questions. "The Golden Roller Coaster" which details how God helps you to deal with aging and growing older. One can find more information about the book and order a copy by going to Amazon.com, search for "The Golden Roller Coaster"

Tennis team is in Puerto Rico. Golf team is here in Arizona. Baseball squad is in Georgia. There are a number of Immersion trips in Wash. DC, Civil War Battlefields, Israel, and Paris. Find information at (<http://blog.wabash.edu/immersionlearning201314/>)

Speaking about blogs – do not forget our Gentlemen of '62 have both a blog and a Facebook account. While you are working your way through the Internet – stop by.



- I would be remiss if I did not remind you of the challenge to pay it forward and support Wabash as those before us supported our alma mater. If you have not yet made your pledge – and the figures below indicated that some of us have not – remember to do so. Not only have those that pledge for our 50th reunion gifted of Wabash, but any other purpose. You may quickly judge how we have fallen since 2012. Gentlemen – I am certainly not a wealthy person (read retired school teacher) but I am committed to my school. Do your best for Wabash!

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