

Class of 1963

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Fellow Classmates,



What a great time we had for our 60th getting back to Wabash! Let me know if you have any problems identifying anyone. Nobody has changed . . . much! One major change between our 50th and the 60th, the bar was practically untouched this one! Hmmm.

This Class Letter will be the last one in 2023 as the Season is upon us, and there are three things to do with every minute. Bad news first. We received word that Raymond Rose died. A Beta at Wabash, he was an attorney. I called the number on the College's record, but it reached intercept. A Google search led me to a law firm he was with a while ago, and the secretary thought he had moved to Dunedin, Florida. Net net, no luck. If anyone has information to be shared please let me know.

Here are a few unedited notes from classmates as we chased them down for the Reunion. Please pardon the time that has passed since they sent them.

Michael and Lenita Locey

Wed, May
17, 5:38 PM

Hi Al,

Thanks for the update about the reunion. First, let me say I'm sorry to seem like I was ignoring your several phone calls; I recognize all the work you guys put in to keep the class organized and in the loop, and how disheartening it must be to face apparent indifference as your reward. The fact is that I was unsure as to how to answer since I thought that this time I might be able to make it. That weekend is just as I am to host the family for the month of June in an Appalachian cabin and I have to get there ahead of the rest. This is probably the last chance I'll have to get the grandkids and their parents all in the same place at the same time, and even at that there will be much coming and going, what with work, health issues, travel arrangements and the like. Those days at full contingent will surely be few and their dates are as yet unclear, but I decided to park myself in one spot and let them come when they can manage it. (I have found over the years that not to plan is often the best plan—particularly well suited for those of us preternaturally indecisive.)

I very much regret missing yet another chance to rekindle memories of those happy, influential years. Hope to seize the next opportunity, God willing. Who knows, I may have to make my own luck and plan (gasp!) a stop in Indianapolis some day. I hear there's a charming bistrot worth the trip, founded by one of our pledge brothers, moreover. If that happens, you and Betty must be my guests.

I enjoyed your phone call some months back. Here is my cell: 435-817-6741. Please tell those at the reunion I still think of them. Thanks for your good work.

Warmly, Michael (Mike of old)

Tim Steele

Thu, May 18,
10:42 AM (13 days
ago)

Greetings to all from Greece! Photo attached, Tim

Some Notes from Tim Steele to the Wabash Class of 1963

Due to my not being able to attend our 60 th Reunion in Crawfordsville, I rather must convey my thoughts in this alternative manner.

1. Prologue.—I enjoyed seeing many of you during the 50 th Reunion and remain in touch with a few of you mainly through annual holiday notes. Having left Indiana after graduation and spending a Fulbright year in Germany prior to graduate school at Stanford, my continuing ties were principally with visits to the family farm near Crown Point. I've lived in Colorado since 1975.

2. Professional.—I was fortunate to be hired by the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Division while finishing up studying hydrology at Stanford. "Water is Life, Das Wasser ist Leben, El Aqua est la Vida" – what fortune I had to end up in this global issue!

Highlights:

- a. A total of 13 years with the USGS – research in California; headquarters in DC/VA with a short-term stint in Pakistan, and finally a project in CO.
- b. A self-imposed 9-month sabbatical at the University of Bayreuth,

Germany, supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. This was followed up by short-term stays in several other German universities and institutions – developing a block course on “Integrated Watershed Approaches – The 3M (monitoring, modeling, and management) Concept.

c. Affiliation with Colorado State University (CSU), being part of a short course (1979-2006), offering seminars and serving on several Ph.D. committees.

d. After associations with several consulting firms, forming TDS Consulting Inc. for a 20-year duration with numerous U.S. and global consultancies (13 countries). My last contract was in 2021.

e. Products: 1 book, 2 book chapters, 225 technical and consultant reports, 18 lectures and 54 short courses, and 156 talks and hearings.

3. Post-Professional.—During the last decade, my profession has morphed into developing classes on U.S. and global issues on water and climate change* through the University of Denver’s OLLI (Osher Life Learning Institute) program. Courses on major rivers, lakes, and aquifers of the world have been given, most recently with an old-time consultant colleague. *[Tom Brewer take note] Recent presentations have been on droughts and climate impacts.

4. Personal and Travel.—Highlights include:

a. Two marriages, a “nuclear” family of a Danish wife of nearly 31 years, four grown-up children, and five grandchildren -- nationally dispersed (CO, ME, and CA) and internationally connected (DK, Belgium & China).

b. Continuing 25 years with nearly annual stints to the island of Ithaca in Greece. My wife Inge sold her second home there in March; however, we continue our seasonal (May-June and Sept-Oct) stays there. Our next trip to Ithaca is a primary cause of not being with you in June.

c. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle here in Colorado and traveling is combined with an excellent diet (married to a great cook), good genes (my mother lived to be almost 101 years old at the Indiana farm). We return from Greece with 15 kilograms (liters) of olive oil each trip for personal consumption and gifts to family and friends.

d. A strict regime of exercise has been key – Colorado’s climate is conducive to this for hiking and cross-country skiing (sadly less often now). Daily half-hour lap swimming in our condo’s indoor pool helps.

5. Epilogue.—I have an intermittent dream of following up on my 1963 Wabash commencement talk on “From Cave to Canaveral”. As we turn reflective in our later years, I’ve concluded that I am (we are) living during a truly “lucky” generation – benefiting during our lives from all the technological tools and modern conveniences we’ve had access to but offset by domestic challenges and global situations in part contributed by these benefits of our modern age. If allowed, I would title such a follow-up talk as “From Canaveral to Cave”. Details may follow – vamos a ver!

6. As I write this, listening to Colorado Public Radio, I am hearing a conversation on issues with water! As I’ve said above, we live in the “lucky” generation! I hope each of you is able to live life to the fullest.

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Crofts, Daniel

May 11,
2023,
11:28 AM

Hi Al,

I just registered, but I left blank the Saturday night dinner. I think you said there was to be some event off campus just for our class? Please advise. I'll be with my daughter, Anita Verna Crofts.

Dan

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Peter Toll

Mon, May
1, 3:42 PM

Alan, I trust this sort of thing is suitable for the creaky old men of '63. Apologies for the length. (I'm still trying to live up to Herb Stern's "write tighter!" challenge.) See you soon.

I was a Wabash man the day I was born. My mother grew up on West Wabash Avenue in a house since displaced by the Trippet building. There are more than 60 other Wabash men in my ancestral line going back to the first class in 1823 and another on the first board of trustees. The late Dick Ristine, '41, is a cousin. My grandmother (a Ristine) also married a Wabash man, Jesse W. Pierce, '05. He was on the college's first basketball team which went 8-0 and won the state championship. So it was with some dismay and serious disappointment I only did three semesters at the college. Fellow Delt Rudy Van Loon drove me to Terre Haute in May of 1961 and I hitchhiked home to Southern California. I worked on a little newspaper. (And had a job there for John Doherty, '63, when he graduated.) Enter Wife Number One in 1963. I was 22. She gave me two children and 10 years later a divorce, running off with a wannabe guru. In 1972 I bailed from a corporate P.R. slot, dropping out of L.A. to the southern Oregon coast. Several post-divorce years in a log cabin commune were hazily memorable, including an evening with Ken Kesey and a tank of nitrous oxide.

I managed several political campaigns successfully and in 1980 a close friend asked me to help him run for the Legislature. He was 30. He won and I was his chief of staff for 10 years, including his terms as Oregon Senate Majority Leader. Enter Wife Number Two, Emily Garrison, of Glendale OH. We married as she began a Portland OR teaching career which would go 30 years. We added our own child, a daughter, in 1989.

Our eldest lives Montana, works in Yellowstone National Park. His sister is a real estate mogette (fem of mogul) also in MT. Our youngest has a Master's from NYU, inherited my ADD (which, I learned much later contributed heavily to my Wabash academic debacle) and works for the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA. We have six grandkids and four great-grands.

In 1993 I joined a financial planning practice and was later elected chair of the 350-member Oregon/SW Washington Financial Planning Assn. We lived on the banks of the Tualatin River for 25 years in West Linn, a Portland suburb. Now we're in Lake Oswego OR. After Cville in June? Scotland for a granddaughter's wedding and to visit her sister and two of our great-grands. Three of the four great-grands are boys and, yes, I've already started putting Wabash on their minds. There's always something to be said for being a legacy. (My grandfather was also a Wabash Delt.)

Robert Kruse

Sat, Apr
29,
4:31 PM

Thanks to another little nudge, this one from Bob Ouelette to his fellow Fijis, I will be back for the reunion. Driving in from Olathe, KS, arriving on Friday afternoon. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Since the 50th reunion, I have taken sailing lessons in Maryland, made a few sailboat buying trips along the East Coast, and finally bought a sailboat, in Fort Pierce, Florida, about five years ago. spent about six months living on the sailboat in Fisherman's Village Marina in Punta Gorda, then sold it and have lived a more normal life here in Olathe.

My principal pastime now is watching my three granddaughters and a grandson play soccer.

Thomas Brewer

Apr 29,
2023,
12:56 PM

I have been "nudged" - it only took a little bit!

I now live year round in the mid-coast region of Maine on the banks of the Damariscotta River and close to the twin villages of Damariscotta & Newcastle. After many summers spent in a modest beach house near here, I moved from Washington DC 18 years ago, when I retired from Georgetown business school faculty. This is a wonderful place to live - and to do climate change research with modern IT. (Sorry I can't resist: my interdisciplinary text to be published by Springer Nature of Germany and Switzerland and lots of other places is "almost done" It will be available in late 2023/early 2024 in multiple formats.)

I happened to spend the 1999-2000 academic year in Copenhagen just as I was starting to read about climate change. I was surprised to find among business people and government people as well as professors that the widespread attitude there was: "We understand the problem. The question is what are we going to do about it?" In the

two decades plus since then, Denmark has of course become a world leader in climate action - "doing well while doing good." I go there every year to visit close friend(s), and she comes to Maine every year. We are thus guilt-ridden about airline emissions, but otherwise happy.

Four adult daughters live in Connecticut, Ohio, North Carolina and Maine/New Hampshire border - all in the "helping professions" as professor, hospital technician, clinical psychologists.

As Dan C and Steve K have already mentioned, they and I meet in the mid-coast of Maine most summers - what a privilege and joy!

Best to everyone, Tom

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Bruce Polizotto

Sat, Apr
22,
2:46 PM

I have been retired for 22 years from a successful law career in Indianapolis. I have remained fairly active in retirement with my eclectic interests as a massage therapist, wood worker, stained glass artisan and my continuing love of reading good literature. Unfortunately, I can no longer read entire books or drive due to low vision issues, but I have lived a fulfilling life as a member of our "lucky generation" which you and I very much agree upon. I am not so sanguine, however, about the issues facing our trailing generations, as it seems "1984" is arriving 40 years late.

Ken Parmelee

Tue, Apr
18,
3:47 PM

Hi Alan & Tom

Number **33** will not be playing in the reunion game at Wabash this spring. I am sorry it won't be possible to make it this time. I hope everyone has an enjoyable get together and reunion. Give them my best regards. I now have DOG shows throughout that time period.

The NO. 33 jersey is actually the one I wore when I Quarterbacked the Wabash FB team. The hat is one President Clinton gave me when my wife was the Chief of Staff to Pres. Bill's Chief of Staff.

Best to Everyone

Ken Parmelee

(Ken sent a photo wearing Number 33, but I can't get it to reproduce here. Alan)

Here are a few of my recollections from calls trying to get classmates to the Reunion.

Dick West is living near Ashville, NC, still has a motorcycle, living with his children . . .

Warren Ford made it to the Reunion and reported that he retired in 2010, lives in Portland, OR near his daughter, moved to a CCRC, has a Willamette view, still active biking and walking (Betty and I had a few extra hours with him as we met him and returned him to the Indy airport for the Reunion.)

As for me, I am now fully retired and loving every minute. Betty and I are still in our home of 30+ years, and I'm planning on having my ashes distributed under the bridge in our back yard! Daughter Stacy is on the Indiana University staff and still teaches several classes in the O'Neil School of Public Administration. Her husband, Jeff, and three grown sons fill her days to the brim. Son Scott is in Brentwood, California (LA) where is the co-founding partner of Acme Capital, a venture fund base in San Francisco. His wife, Nina, and two daughters, one a senior at Brentwood and the other a sophomore at Penn, assure that time flies by quickly.

Sorry for the long letter, but the news had piled up and the best intentions of getting a Class Letter off after the June Reunion didn't make it to the top of stack!

Bruce, Tom and I would be remiss if we didn't remind you that year-end is fast approaching for 2023 deductibility of a gift to Wabash on your personal tax returns. Even though the Wabash fiscal year ends June 30, 2024, the December 31, 2023 is a good time to make your contribution. BTW, Wabash is now at 40% of alumni contributing, a great accomplishment, but our Class of '63 is still a little below that. Maybe we can surpass 40% this year!

Have a great Holiday Season and Merry Christmas!

Alan, for Tom and Bruce