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Dear '52ers

CLASS '52 @ 65 in 2017

This caption was coined by classmate **Jim Youngjohn** some time ago. Good idea. It's now high time to use it again, as the 65th Reunion for our Wabash Class '52 is now just a little over a month away: the weekend of June 2-4, 2017.

Our class started a new tradition five years ago at our 60th. We met for Saturday night dinner on the second floor of Trippet Hall (north end of the mall across Wabash Avenue, facing the Chapel) with 20+ of us in attendance. Discussions did not end until after midnight. Other classes have since tried to emulate our success.

Program for that evening five years ago? There was none. There were two big tables 'round which we ate and talked together and separately. We just talked...and talked...and talked...

Indeed, three pictures showing attendees at that 60th reunion were attached and made a part of our latest January 2017 Class Letter (which has to be one of the longest letters ever: 10 pages!) Members of our class & spouses depicted included **John & Gwen Poncher, Ted Steeg, Jim Youngjohn, Hugh Smaltz, Mike Austin, Nick Steele, Norm Buktenica, Jim & Peg Thomas, Sam Harrell, Russ Thrall, Irmie McKinney, Paul Arnold,** and yours truly, **Bill & Liz Reinke.**

So we are planning a repeat this year for Saturday night at the same place: Trippet Hall, cocktails at 6 PM followed by dinner just before 7 PM, and then lots and lots of conversation.

But there is a new addition to the program immediately following dinner planned for our 65th Reunion. What & why?

Well, at our last reunion 5 years ago, our esteemed and now-deceased classmate **Ted Steeg** told us about a film he did for and about Wabash College. When it was first viewed on campus, he told us he witnessed tears come to the face of our beloved Dean (and later Wabash President) Byron K. Trippet.

Wouldn't you like to see that film? Of course!

So plans are underway through Wabash archivist Beth Swift to view it at our class '52 dinner Saturday night, June 3. That experience alone should make worthwhile a return to campus for our 65th!

The film was done professionally by Steeg Productions Company of the Big Apple several years ago. Among Ted's clientele were IBM and the New York State Bar Association. For the Bar group, Ted authored and produced an historical film covering juries in our Anglo-American system of justice. (Somewhere in my library I still have a copy of that particular film, which is simply fantastic.) Ted produced many other films and videos over his long and successful career. This one about Wabash College is something

we can certainly look forward to viewing Saturday night, June 3...to be followed, of course, by lots of talking...and talking.

CLASSMATES PLANNING TO RETURN

“From the Hills of Main to the Western Plain” begins *Old Wabash*, reportedly the longest college fight song in the country.

Well, from the hills of Maine (Penobscot), Peg & **Jim Thomas** have made reservations for the Hampton Inn for both nights of our reunion. And from beyond the Western Plain (Palm Desert, California, actually), our Class '52 President, **Norm Buktenica** and his recent bride also plan to attend. Midway between the Atlantic & Pacific, from Greencastle, Indiana, our retired DePauw University professor and fellow-classmate **Nick Steele** (updated e-mail address: bnstseele@cinergymetro.net) also plans to return according to the Thomases.

So we need only a few more of us in order to hold our now-traditional Saturday night *soiree* atop Trippet Hall. And if there are not enough of us to warrant that private affair, as Jim Thomas suggested to me a few days ago, then “We can always meet at the Scarlet Inn.” Right On!

Where to stay? Following is an abbreviation of info furnished to each of us from the Alumni Office a month or so ago, and if you need additional advice about registration or whatever, just call Steve Hoffman @ Alumni & Parent Relations on campus: 765-361-6236.

Hampton Inn & Suites (2895 Gandhi Drive, I-74 & US 231 North)
Phone 765-362-8884

Comfort Inn (2991 Ghandi Drive, I-74 and US 231 North) Phone
765-361-0665.

Best Western Plus (2600 Industrial Blvd., I-74 and US 231) Phone
765- 307-3999 *This is a new hotel.

Enclosed with this Letter is a Roster update for our Class '52. Put it to good use right now and call a classmate about our 65th Reunion. OK?

JOHN A. GALLIOS

(May 25, 1930 - March 23, 2017)

My latest Class Letter was January of this year and I am glad that it included a report to you of my telephone exchange with John Gallios, because he has now passed away two months later as noted above. John's obituary reads like the American success story it surely is:

John Aristidis Gallios was born in Chicago to Greek immigrant parents, Harry Gallios, a fruit and vegetable peddler and George (ne' Kandeve), and was one of eight children. John was a proud graduate of Wabash College and Northwestern University Dental School. He served in the U.S. Air Force for two years. John had a pediatric dental practice in Elmhurst, Illinois. He was also an associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

After his retirement from dentistry in 1995, John worked for several years as an usher for the Arizona Diamondbacks at Bank One Ballpark, a starter at Eagle Mountain Golf Club and as a volunteer at Mayo Clinic Scottsdale. He is survived by his wife Angela. It gave John great pride to attend the college graduation of each of his grandsons and to see them become established in their careers.

Some Little Giant!

MORE NEWS OF OUR '52 CLASSMATES

Tom Klingaman sadly reports that he is unlikely to be able to attend our 65th Reunion, but that he does see **George Littell** in Michigan, still playing tennis, and that he communicates with **David Givens** who lives with wife Betty in Southern California.

A requested update from **Dick Gooding**: “For 86 years of age my health is still good. I can still snow shoe in the winter one mile to check barn cats and buildings at our ranch in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. Sue is also doing well. We enjoy our free time and each other.

“I haven't gotten back to Wabash in recent years but read about its accomplishments and current events. Thanks for your effort to stay in touch and the good Lord willing, maybe we can return to see the college and good trends this year.” Thanks for your report, Dick. Hope to see you in C’ville soon.

Although **Make Austin’s** new Texas telephone # was correctly reported to you in our October, 2016 7-page Letter, we simply ran out of space in that 7-page Letter to include this interesting message in his 9/21/16 letter to me:

The world sometimes is smaller than we realize. Today I was picked up with a friend to go to a church to have lunch & hear Hal Habecker (the founder of ‘FinishingWell’ Ministries) talk. The work of FWM is focused on mobilizing senior adults for the greater advantage of the church & the kingdom of God for the generations that succeed them.

Anyway, the lady that picked us up (had to be in her 80’s) name was Mary Nicholson. She & her husband spent two or three years in Goshen, IN. *I asked her if the name ‘Hepler’ rang any bells & low and behold she lived next door to their daughter, Susan Yoder, played golf & bridge with **Bob & Martha** — **Surprise! Surprise! I’ll bet Martha will remember her.***

INVITATIONS EXTENDED

Our ’52 class roster now includes no less than 40 widows, of whom no less than 6 continue as donors to Wabash on our Class ’52 Honor Roll as

reported to you in our July 2016 Letter. All continue to receive these Wabash College Class '52 Letters.

Which make me now want to apologize for not having made a stronger plea to invite their attendance at some of our previous class reunions. So let me try here to make amends. Each and every one of you are highly encouraged to attend and take part. Please put to good use the reservation info contained elsewhere in this Letter. If you have any questions, please contact **Irmie McKinney** who participated and enjoyed our CLASS '52 @ 60 Reunion in 2012 as was reported to you in our Letter which followed that reunion. You may reach Irmie at 1206 W. Pike Street, Crawfordsville IN 47933, *via* e-mail at mckinnep@wabash.edu or at her home phone #765-362-8485. She would like to hear from you.

This invitation also is hereby extended to children of deceased classmates, including Amy Chapin, Kathy Buer, Steve & Cindy Grantham, and Byron Woolen, for whom we have current addresses.

MISCELLANEOUS

Classmate **Hugh Smaltz**, 1340 N Broad Street, Beaver Dam KY 42320, sent to me an article entitled "Liberal Arts, Liberal Paychecks," listing 20 liberal arts colleges "Where Plato and Proust Pay Off." Wabash is number 13 among 20 liberal arts colleges listed for mid-career earnings.

I called another member of our Wabash Class '52 and asked what he was doing? He replied that he was working on "An aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed. On further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

A CLOSING NOTE ABOUT MONEY

When I called one of our classmates recently for current info, our conversation began with his saying something to this effect: “Bill, I hope you are not calling me to ask for money, because do not have a surplus of that right now.”

“No,” I replied, “I have made it a practice not to do that.” Of course as a Class Agent I am expected to invite contributions. And I do so right here and now.

Fortunately for Wabash, I am in the minority, because the annual Day of Giving appeal which was started three years ago at Wabash, Notre Dame, and many other mid-western schools has since spread and become a national annual spring event.

Indeed, another hugely successful annual one day appeal for Wabash just concluded earlier this month. *The Bachelor* April 21, 2017 headline says it all: **“Cheers for Giving! Fourth Annual Day of Giving Raises \$851,971 with 4,213 Total Gifts, 100% Student Participation At Press Time.”**

Go Wabash!

Cordially,

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