



Class Agents Letter

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Dear '52ers

LETTER FROM OUR CLASS '52 PREXY

"Hi Bill, Here goes the latest from Lake Wobegon via Palm Desert:

"We are back in Palm Desert...to return to MN the end of April. On my return I had a fairly significant bump in the road resulting in replacing my pacemaker and implanting in my heart a Watchman, a device this is to replace the need for taking a blood thinner. Now, very much in successful recovery mode, doing well with no ill effects. However, will remain on injured reserved for about another month for golf and tennis. So all is good largely because Jonne' has been orchestrating my team of doctors!

"I am pleased to report that we attended a gathering here in Indian Wells at the home of **John & Kathy Fox**, Wabash '64, who hosted **Pres & Lora Hess**...an intimate gathering of a dozen plus folks...including **David & Betty Givens '56, James & Marianne Millican '64, Steve Bowen & Wife '68, Paul & Betty Woolls '75, Michael Purdy '88, and Michael Beemer** (family

connections with Wabash). It was especially informative with updates on the status and direction of the College presented by the Pres and development board members Woolls & Bowen. Personally it was a marvelous nostalgic trip exchanging recollections of days past. A rekindling the realization of how important the Wabash experience was for me.

“There you have it ol’ Buddy. Hope you are doing well, all the best, **Buck**”

COMMENTS

I am pleased to note that **Norm Buktenica**’s letter was unsolicited by me. However, he surely covers a lot of territory, some of which I can personally relate to.

I had my pacemaker replaced a year ago, January 2, 2018, because the old one was fading. Fortunately, I was able to return to the golf course twice weekly last summer: Tuesday mornings I play the old 9-hole Burke Course at Notre Dame with a small group named the PGL, which initial stands for the “Pathetic Golf League.” And Sunday afternoons wife Liz & I play nine holes at Morris Park CC. But as for Buck playing tennis also? *No way* could I keep up with that!

Now, how about a similar update letter from others in our class? Even if you no longer play either golf or tennis, let your fellow classmates know wha’s up? with you. As you will please recall, a similar type of letter by **Paul Arnold** was included in our **January 2018 Letter** exactly one year ago. Hopefully we won’t have to wait a full year for another letter from a member of our **Class of ’52**.

One more comment: If it has been awhile in your neck of the woods since a group of Wabash alumni have gathered for lunch or dinner, consider

contacting the **Alumni Office** for help in arranging such. Here in Michiana, during the past decade or so, that chore was handled by a younger Wabash alumnus, **Roger Senkbeil**, Wabash '68. Indeed, Roger did such a good job of it that our local alumni group now bears his name following his demise last year. At our evening dinners, prospective Wabash freshmen and their parents are invited guests. A delegation from the college frequently includes **President Hess**, so that his "Report from Campus" is tailored to encourage enrollment as well. Sort of like killing four birds with one stone, so to speak.

Full information to assist you in contacting the Alumni Office appears at the signature block at the conclusion of this **Letter**. Feel free to put it to good use!

INPUT REQUESTED

It would be much appreciated by your classmates if you would submit something about yourself for publication in a future **Class '52 Letter**.

Suggestion: It would be nice if your submission followed the likes of **Paul Arnold's** letter of one year ago this month, or that of our class prexy **Norm Buktenica** reprinted at the outset of this Letter.

But your narrative does not have to be so verbose and complete. Just share a line or two about what you have been up to lately. Trips, perhaps? Book writing? Health. Wealth...whatever comes to mind, because your classmates are dwindling in number and those of us who remain upright would very much like to hear from you.

NEWS FROM CAMPUS

In years gone by, at this point of our **Class '52 Letter** usually appeared a report by me as to goings on and happenings on the Wabash Campus.

More recently, however, the Alumni Office has so much improved and enlarged its own reporting of news from campus that to repeat it here is somewhat of an oxymoron. It serves no purpose. So go directly to the Wabash website displayed on the masthead of this Letter for your campus news update.

GOOD NEWS

Once again, as of the date of this writing on 1-19-2019, I have no obits to report! And also once again, that may very well be the best part of this January 2019 Class '52 Letter.

CLASS '52 HONOR ROLL

Each year in this Letter appears an "Honor Roll" of our '52 classmates and widows who have contributed before the Wabash fiscal year end of June 30. This Honor Roll serves the twofold purpose of (1) recognition and (2) secondly to encourage more of us to give some money to our *alma mater*. In my next Letter I plan to do an update of that listing. So start off the year 2019 with a bang! Donate now!

Cordially,

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