



## Class Agents Letter

**Class of 1963**

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Greetings! It's time for a short Class Letter update.

To begin with, unfortunately, we've lost more classmates. Norm Schumaker died in October, 2020, in Austin, Texas. Norm graduated magna cum laude and received a master's degree and PhD in physical chemistry from MIT after Wabash. After a long career at AT&T Bell Laboratories, he went on to serial entrepreneurial successes in Austin. He continued close ties with Wabash with both students and faculty. I remember Norm as a mature, Division One independent who obviously launched a great career from Wabash!

Also, Marcia La Bounty lost husband John to heart and kidney disease earlier this year. In their 54<sup>th</sup> year of marriage, John would have been 80 in July, 2021. Luckily Marcia has three adult children and four grandchildren. You may remember John as a Glee Club member and independent. Marcia's phone is 219-785-3151 and email is [msl45@frontier.com](mailto:msl45@frontier.com).

Some of you may remember Terry Quinn, although he left Wabash early and ended up graduating from Sacramento State University. Terry died in June after a two-year battle with glioblastoma.

And the entire College lost Joe O'Rourke in August. Joe taught speech and debate for 37 years and was 93 when he died. Joining the faculty in 1960, he taught many of us speech with Vic Powell.

At the College, President Scott Feller lost no time taking his new challenge. The Trustees made a great call with Scott, since his capabilities were evident throughout his 23 years at Wabash. The COVID year was managed well, and this Fall everything is on track. Enrollment is strong with 234 new students including 41 legacies. The Little Giant Stadium and Frank Navarro Field dedication was yesterday at Homecoming.

I had a chance to have a great visit with John Strickland at his cottage and pond near Trafalger, Indiana. He sends his best to all of you who knew him at the 'Bash. He's still painting and playing bass! Dick Stephenson has underwritten a program at Wabash for classic liberalism. I think he was a year ahead of us, but many of you know him. Finally, I got a new knee in June with plans for the other soon. Unfortunately, the anesthesia screwed up my vocal cords, so I'm waiting on a procedure to correct laryngitis that has troubled me since June 7, the date of the operation. The "Reply All" in email has worked for the last two letters, so please use it. It's an easy way to keep everyone posted on what's happening in your world.



Thanks to all of you who gave to Wabash during the Fiscal Year ending June 30. Overall, it was the highest Annual Fund total of over \$3.6 million! There were 5,148 alumni donors, or 43.3%, for the third highest participation ever. Our Class of '63, with a base of 109, had 43 donors for a 42% participation – on the wrong side of the average! Skipping FY20 with only 43%, our participation has been 52, 58, 55, 56 and 69 percent for FY18 through FY14. We should be in the 60% range this year if you remember to give something by the end of 2021 for taxes if you itemize or at the latest, June 30 of next year. Better yet, why not now while it's on your mind!

Bruce and I, and hopefully Tom, are planning to attend the Class Agent Forum on November 6. We'll write again after it with some current Wabash news. In the meantime, click "Reply Now" and let us all know what's up in your world.

Best regards,

Alan for Bruce and Tom

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