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Classmates --

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." It is officially summer. We are feeling it here in North Carolina, temps in the 90's for the last couple of weeks, high humidity, sunny skies, no rain...good pool and cold beer-drinking weather. Hope you are enjoying the summer wherever you are.

The 2018 Big Bash was a very successful event - as always. Even though it wasn't "our class year" celebrating, A couple of classmates attended to catch up with old friends from other classes. I saw **Duane, Peer Lykke, John Sturman, and Phil Trueblood**. There might have been others, but I didn't see them. While we set some records last year, the class of '68 was up to the challenge and set some of their own. Of particular note was the class gift -- a whopping \$10,627,000! Great news for the College. I was able to catch up with several fraternity brothers from the class of '68 - many of whom I had not seen in 50 years. You might think about coming back next year and catching up with some old friends. All alumni are welcome, whether your particular class is celebrating that year or not. And we are now Golden Little Giant Alumni so we can either join the other Goldens for the class dinner or sneak in to some other class's dinner and celebrate with them.

Last month Duane mentioned that we had learned that **Kurt Ramig** had passed away in April. Thanks to **David Decker** and **Tom Brown** for both forwarding the following additional information.

From: R C Parker <<u>rocknron8@gmail.com</u>> Subject: Come and help say goodbye to Kurt. Date: June 21, 2018 at 5:22:08 PM CDT

Cricket & Ron Parker <u>355 Eighth Avenue # 13A</u> New York, NY 10001 Come and help say goodbye to Kurt.

Ron and I are only two of many hiking friends of Kurt Ramig's. If you do not know already, we are sad to tell you of Kurt's death on April 4th., of natural causes at his apartment. Kurt has been cremated. He asked me to do the duties of his executrix and to organize a gathering at his graveside at Green-Wood Cemetery at <u>500 25th street</u>, on 5th avenue at 25th street Brooklyn, NY. 718.768.7300.

This will be on Saturday July 14th. Meeting at 11:45 and beginning the service at 12:00. No rain date, bring an umbrella if needed. Leave the R train station at 25th street and go uphill .3 of a mile to the cemetery's main inner gate. This Gothic Archway 1861 is notable for its ornateness and its inhabitants of monk parrots; look for them up high. Ask for a map if you wish to go walking in the cemetery after the service. They have drinking water and washrooms at the gate.

Then go south-east .5 of a mile up-hill on Battle Avenue, watch for the Van Ness Egyptian Mausoleum on the left. Then near the highest point in Brooklyn, the Civil War Soldiers' Monument 1879. Turn left onto Border Avenue to Canna Path on the right. His grave will be a short distance up the path and to the west at his grandfather's grave. Bring water.

The cemetery can offer those who cannot walk the .5 miles up hill, a van ride. Phone us ahead at home 212.924.2171 cell 917.362.4568.

Kurt would like anyone who wishes to, to speak, read or sing at this service, but it must be short as we are standing on uneven ground on a grass hillside at the grave. You may need to do part of a song / poem / story. There are 350 people with addresses and phone numbers in Kurt's address book. How many will come? We will raise hands at the cemetery to see how many people will want to take part.

After the service there will be two walks in the cemetery. Don Recklies has accepted the honorary position to lead a hike for Kurt in the cemetery. The second is a walk not at Rambler Hiking Club pace, but a slow walk by Cricket and Ron. Come and see Kurt's cemetery companions to the south-west: Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Steinways, Samuel Morse, The Pierreponts and Louis Comfort Tiffany. Please tell anyone of this development who we might not have been able to notify.

Kurt invites you to his gathering. Please come.

Sincerely, Cricket & Ron Tom added the following note: If you didn't get a notice on Kurt Ramig's passing away from anyone else I'm forwarding this to you. Kurt was my roommate in Martindale for one year and he got me back in the class of 67 network.

Not much other news to report. Still waiting for you all to send us some updates to share (hint, hint).

We might note that the College's fiscal year ends on June 30th, so if you haven't made a contribution to the College yet this FY, there is still time. Per the Alumni Office, With another 326 new alumni donors, we will break our donor record and put us beyond 45% participation—likely putting us in the top 10 of all nationally ranked liberal arts institutions. So, if you haven't already done so, please consider now as a good time to show your continued support.

Here are a few ways alumni and friends can make a gift: Online: <u>www.wabash.edu/give</u> Phone: 877-743-4545 Mail: Wabash College / Annual Fund / 301 W Wabash Ave / Crawfordsville, IN 47933

*Gifts must be made online by midnight June 30 or postmarked June 30, 2018 to receive credit for this fiscal year.

Hope you all have a pleasant summer. Send us some news, pictures, stories. Be well.

Earl