



Michael and Lenita Locey

Wed, May
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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-(t)12-()10 (C)6 am.15 Td[(Dta(k)4 963)]od 16 (t

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,
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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
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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.

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.

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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