



Class Agents Letter

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Classmates,

Season's Greetings to you all as another year draws to a close. Hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving shared with family and friends and are welcoming the December holiday season. We have received a few updates from classmates to share with you all.

From John Sturman –

Weather has finally gotten cool here in Claremont, California. We are just below the Sierra Madre mountains, so we have both hot summer and a cool winter with leaves falling from the trees. Very reminiscent of Indiana. Karen and I are in the midst of renovating the original bathroom from 1928—we discovered that the bathroom floor is tile laid on concrete 4 inches thick, which was the building style then, the new floor will be much lighter. Over the summer we visited Indiana briefly on our way to Stratford Ontario for theater. The most engaging play was from the 1990s—by Edward Albee, “the goat or who is Sylvia?” It was a real stunner in terms of its intensity, asking the question of what is unforgivable. We also went on a cruise to the Baltic and Norway, which was pleasant but we felt very confined after a while. I don't think we're ready to take an around the world cruise anytime soon. I visited my daughter in Houston Tx and got to see the Union Pacific Big Boy which was touring there. Karen and I remain in good health. My big project is constructing a G scale model railroad which I have wanted to do for years. Best all for Thanksgiving and Christmas!



And a “Good News” update from Rick Helm –

Duane, Earl, and classmates- God is good. As is modern science and medicine. This note is to share my recent good news. My recent clear CAT scan was followed with a blood test called Signatera. Results are "negative", meaning no detectable levels of cancer cell DNA (specific to my particular urothelial metastatic cancer) in my blood. It does not mean there is no cancer, but none currently detectable. I understand that the likely procedure is that I will be able to discontinue my cancer meds (and the side effects also!!!) and likely monitor with scans every 3 months, and a repeat of the Signatera annually. I am thankful for my excellent physicians at Indiana University Hospital and Parkview Packnet Cancer Clinic. Best regards to all.

From Gene Snipes – It is a very pleasant Fall here in Monroe County,

says this is the first time since high school that he has lived in the same house two years in a row and that he's enjoying not being, as he puts it, a middle class migrant worker."

"Paul Robinson wrote that he has started his own business as a Certified Financial Advisor and in fact is sponsoring one of those tax dodging (oops) planning cruises where you sail around, enjoy yourself, and get to write it off."

If any of you guys mentioned above would like to provide an update, please send it along. Beach also noted in that letter that one part of the class agent job is fund raising. So with that in mind, thanks to all of you who have supported the College with a contribution this year. As Duane mentioned in the last letter, our class stands out for its continuing support of the College. While the College fiscal year doesn't end until June, most of us are on a calendar year fiscal year, so there is still time to make a contribution this tax season!

Duane and I wish you a Happy Holiday season and a great 2025. We look forward to hearing from you. (That might be a New Year's resolution –