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CLASS NOTES

gratified that **Chris White** and his wife Judy attended his Buffalo Seminary retirement ceremony. Harry had taught high school history for 43 years. He hadn't seen Chris for several decades. As a gift, Chris gave Harry a nicely wrapped box that contained a pants hanger with Harry's Magic-Marked name still showing on it. Chris had borrowed it when they were roommates in Morgan Hall in 1966. Later in the summer Harry and Lon met **Mark Piechota** and his wife Pat Evans for lunch in Philadelphia. The immediate retirement future for Harry includes a new house and some modest travel.

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Lots of changes in life going on. **Lloyd Thomas** writes, "After 40 years as a classroom English teacher—I guess I should say English professor at West Los Angeles College—I retired, determined to enjoy what must be one of the last few defined benefit retirement pensions left in the U.S. I must say I'm enjoying retirement. As I longtime LA resident, I ride my road bike from my home near Culver City, six miles down the La Ballona bike trail and then turn south and travel six more miles down on the beach bike trail, past occasional volleyball games, skateboarders, lonely surfers and roller-blade addicts, to the Manhattan Beach Pier. Then I turn around and do the whole thing in reverse. I do that six times a week. As those of you know if you live by the sea, the ocean is never the same, and contrary to popular rumors, the weather in LA is quite varied—some days the sky is bright blue and other days more azure, some days we even have a few clouds. I've actually had to cancel a few rides due to rain. But when it's clear, just when I hit the beach at Playa Del Rey, I can turn around and see the whole panorama of the LA basin, from the condos in Santa Monica, the high rises in Century City, the Hugh Hefner-funded Hollywood sign in the foothills above Sunset Boulevard, and farther off to the east, the snow-covered San Gabriel mountains. It's quite a view."

On the other end of the pension spectrum, **Ned Williams** says, "While many of my classmates

are retiring, I'll probably be working in the pet care business for another 10 years (if my wife has anything to say about it), making up time for some fun but unproductive early years. We now have two doggie daycare centers handling 50 dogs a day, and we're way overbooked. We also have two pet boutiques that are going gangbusters. To the surprise of many (actually, everyone) I have published a book—*Fixing Everything: Government Spending, Taxes, Entitlements, Healthcare, Pensions, Immigration, Tort Reform, Crime*. If any of you read it, intending to get a good laugh, let me know what you think.

"I was totally blindsided at a surprise 65th birthday, not because of the party, but by the fact that I was 65. Adding tremendously to the festivities were **Denny Kelly**, **Geoff Wickwire '69**, and **John Halbrooks '69** (not bad

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Tad Piper reports, "Cindy and I have sold our big house in Minnesota and are in the process of building a new one, not as downsized as we had hoped, about half a mile away from our current location. Both of us continue to be very involved in community activities and are really enjoying it. I am serving as the chair of the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College and am energized by spending time with the terrific young people who attend this outstanding college. We have time to do fun stuff too, including riding (for Cindy), hiking, skiing and golf (for Tad)."

Spencer Beebe simplifies his professional news by reference to this website: www.ecotrust.org/cache. It includes a description of Ecotrust's work toward "Reliable Prosperity," balancing equity, ecology and economy. But he can't help adding the more personal news that "old duffers **Ted Ragsdale** and I now have next generation golden retriever

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will be moving to Williamstown as our permanent residence. I will still have some board seats and consulting engagements, so I'm not totally retired, but I encourage anyone passing through Williamstown and looking for a golf game to give me a call—I'll make the time. **Mike Herlihy** has already booked seven visits for next season!"

Finally, **Ted McMahon** reports simply that "I have taken up drumming; blues, vintage rock, and swing. Have attached a couple samples, but they may not go through." They didn't, but it sounds like we have the start of a band for the 45th Reunion Weekend.

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I begin this edition of notes with news from the Judge. **Tom Sipkins** says, "2010 was a great year for me with two exceptions. After I had a great minireunion with **Frank Louis** in Pittsfield, **Dick Peinert** and I did not win our flight in the alumni golf tournament this year. Next summer Peinert and I plan on cheating more on the Taconic. And Minnesota sports teams, except the Twins, have been horrible at the college and pro levels. On the plus side, I am now a grandpa for the first time. Reese Gabriel Koranda was born a month early; but she's going on eight months now, and is really so much fun."

Tom's run as a judge in Minneapolis and the suburbs is now just short of two years, and he says it's been a blessing. "Not many folks can still say that they love their job and look forward to it every single day. And after 36 years as a trial lawyer, I count myself as being very lucky. I'm now doing a three-year stint on the family court bench, which, although it may sound awful, is actually pretty rewarding because I can help people solve problems and especially take care of children caught in the middle."

Also grandparents for the first time are **Mary Beth** and **Sal Mollica**. "It surely feels like a milestone in our lives, and we are enjoying the little red-haired guy immensely. We both remain quite active in volunteer activities and still enjoy our summers in New Hampshire. Luckily our property was spared by a destructive

micro-burst very close to us. We will now spend years watching nature repair itself from the loss of many trees."

Tom Goodbody reports his Williams family is doing well. "Son **Nick '03** received his PhD in Spanish literature from Yale last June and is a visiting professor at Williams this year. Daughter **Caroline '08** works for U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Maryland) and was just promoted to some hard-to-describe communications job as the senator heads into the 2012 campaign. I am still at Freddie Mac (as senior director of economic and policy), working on the structure of the future U.S. housing finance system. I have not finished yet."

Reverend **Johan Hinderlie** and spouse **Sonja** are "beginning our 27th year at Mount Carmel, helping families and adults experience renewal in their life of faith in Christ during their summer vacation at our lakeside ministry site in Minnesota. This fall we begin a campus ministry community with 12 college students on the site (with the new local community college) and are discovering the power in the *Big Book of AA* through annual weekends here. Stop by to visit, to fish, to snowmobile, to ski or to volunteer whenever any of you are able."

Bob Kandel has moved back to Manhattan's Upper West Side, having sold his home in Westchester. "I won't lie; the change after 18 years is huge but doable with the support and encouragement of Abby and our kids." Bob welcomes all classmates to call if you plan to be in the city.

Wes Howard reports he and **Julius Rosenwald** last fall had a "long bicycle ride in the Colorado mountains and a ton of laughs. He is absolutely hilarious and kept me in stitches. I'm still practicing commercial litigation, putting the kids through college, skiing and playing soccer as weather permits. Patti and I are planning a trip to Scotland this summer to the place of her mother's birth. If any classmates have any special advice from trips to Scotland, I'd appreciate hearing from them."

Rick Whitten-Stovall and spouse **Bonna** are now "landed immigrants in Canada, applying for permanent resident status. I practice psychiatry in a downtown clinic and am enjoying a wide variety of patients. We love the cultural life, opera, ethnic restaurants and theater. I also

enjoy learning to manoeuvre with Canadian spelling. I can still vote in Massachusetts, too, and did so in November."

Art Lande and wife **Aubrey** late last year took an adventurous trip to Brazil, where he says the waterfalls at Iguacu were spectacular. Art's music life "continues to be fulfilling, including playing concerts with both my kids and my wife, teaching the jazz program at Colorado University in Boulder and traveling to play and teach in Europe and even at Williams. I'm also refereeing three basketball games a week in the competitive city league and loving baseball as always. Life is a good thing!"

The Gaslight Baker Theater in Lockhart, Texas, in October was privileged to be the scene of An Evening of Song with **Fletcher Clark**, billed as "an evocative songwriter and engaging performer; joined by superb musicians—there'll be sweet sound in the old house tonight." Fletch described this as "my first shot at producing music in this revived lovely old movie theater, with special attention to the quality of the sound and the music. It is my hope that this performance can be the first in a series of presentations by quality singer/songwriters."

In December, I had the good fortune to lunch with **Bob Whitton**, when, as Bob eloquently said, we "had a chance to catch up and understand where the ravages of time and the economy have sent us: battered but unbowed and all-in-all very blessed." Bob is still operating his Arellton Group in Ridgefield, Conn., consulting in media, communications and publishing. He and spouse **Andrea** are traveling, volunteering time at their church and enjoying "our all-season visits with grandchildren."

In my work with the medical society, I've also had the good fortune to cross paths and trade some stories with **Jay Broadhurst '74**, a family physician and active member of the state and district (Worcester) societies. The good doctor, who comes from a long line of Williams people, is practicing with the University of Massachusetts medical system and is the younger brother of our very own **Chip Broadhurst**.

Catching up after a long absence from these pages is **Bruce Crane**, who's been living in Park City, Utah, for some 30 years, except for five years when he worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center campus in

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Bill Clendaniel proudly announces the birth of his grandson, Jack William Clendaniel, born Jan. 27.

Among the number of classmates retiring is **Jeff Bowen**, who hung it up in June. He wrote, "I will be retired, retreaded and reinvigorated." He planned to take the summer off for the first time in 50 years.

On the health (and retirement) front, **Jack Hunt** is recovering from heart surgery but is staying busy teaching a few ag courses at Texas A&M master's program in Kingsville. He also has a couple of paying clients and non-paying board obligations. His term on the Texas Water Development Board expired after 13 years. One of the greatest hardships he says he is facing is life "without an assistant or airplane." Bummer!

Steve Mark says he's healthy, as far as he knows, following his bout with cancer. He sadly noted the loss of his 12½-year-old blue Australian cattledog. He has already replaced it with a 7-year-old red version of the same breed. Steve has been back in touch with **Dave Hanni**, **Wally Pugh**, **Willie Williams**, **Jacques Vroom** and **Harrop Miller '66** on Facebook. He had found and corresponded with **John Gladney** shortly before John died.

Julie and **Steve Kiechel** moved from Ohio to Dartmouth, Mass. They put their Ohio home on the market, sold it and moved, all in 30 days. An orthopedic surgeon from Cleveland wanted to move home. He took over Steve's practice in February. Steve says he's enjoying his retirement, though he is consulting six or seven days per month. Julie has gotten her studio up and productive. They have been able to enjoy get-togethers with Sue and **Bob Bahr**. They also made contact with **Bill Holt**, long absent from these pages. Bill is remarried and living in Belfast, Maine. He is retired from his teaching and clinical psychology practice. He is spending much of his time sailing. Meanwhile in anticipation of the football season and Nebraska's entry into the Big Ten conference, Steve, his brother **Fred Kiechel '64** and Steve's son-in-law, who happens to be a Buckeye alum, are

planning to attend the Ohio State vs. Nebraska game in Lincoln this fall.

Word of another quasi-retirement pending comes from **Bryan Hickman**. He is in the process of selling his share of the bus building business. He is having fun looking for his next challenge, whether in another business, something in the public sector, or... He was in Williamstown in April with **Allan Stern** working on our reunion next year. He said they are planning a relaxing, fun reunion, where we can just kick back without the burden of having to brag about ourselves.

Hank Grass is still hard at it in his psychiatric practice in Portland, Ore. He says it's a delight to watch his three grandsons grow up. They are all in grade school. He says age is taking a bit of a toll on his athletic pursuits, but he's still doing his best to stay active. Earlier this year he spoke at a professional meeting in New York. The subject was treating and training MDs and psychiatrists.

Rick Ackerly has been doing work for Horizons National (www.horizonsnational.org), working with underserved kids.

Sally and **Ted McPherson** have been active with the Gettysburg Foundation. It offers outstanding corporate leadership training in Gettysburg. The program is called "In the Footsteps of Leaders." Using the background of the Gettysburg visitors' film and the historical depictions of the battle, groups of executives learn about applied leadership, character, results, strategy, courage, etc. They tour the accurately restored battlefield with expert guides, who provide the insights into people and events. The focus is real-world leadership today, not just military tactics. For more info, go to www.gettysburgfoundation.org/5/leadership-institute.

Harry Matthews sent a description of the 9/11 Memorial. As an exceptional NYC tour guide he has watched the development up close. He said the giant reflecting pools, one acre each, are the heart of the Memorial Park. They are surrounded by waterfalls. Bronze parapets outline the pools and bear the names of the 2,980 victims. **Howard Kestenbaum's** name is near the northeast corner of the South Pool. It is surrounded by the names of his fellow AON employees. The name-finding program, which will be available by smart phone, at kiosks and on-line, brings up a great photo of

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Michael Yogman visited Williamstown in April for the alumni leadership event and says it was a nice chance to catch up with **Larry Levien**. "I am busier than ever with managing my pediatric practice in Cambridge (no retirement, since my daughter **Madi '08** is applying to med school), chairing the Mass Academy of Pediatrics Child Mental Health Task Force to improve access to services for kids

and likely to become the next chair of the board of trustees of the Boston Childrens Museum, a truly innovative institution with dynamic new leadership."

Bob Gault, reporting from Boston, says, "Yes, I did register for Medicare, but notwithstanding what that signifies, I continue practicing law at Mintz Levin. The firm continues to expand and add capabilities, having grown from about 30 lawyers in one office when I joined to about 500 in eight offices now (from the U.K. to Calif.). Mary and I see Patti and **John Dirlam** regularly. We are tackling the bucket list with a two-week trip to Alaska to visit Denali and McKinley and then do the inland waterway for five or six days (I'm wondering if I can sneak a trolling line off the back of that boat). We continue to get to Maine when we can, sometimes to Mary's favorite place (the beach) and sometimes to mine (bass fishing country). I am pretty involved with the Greater Boston Food Bank. We (Mintz Levin) are their general counsel (pro bono) and I have been on the board of directors for nearly a decade."

Tad Piper is still active in Minnesota civic life. "While having a 'what's important to us' conversation with Cindy, she expressed a strong desire to return to a property where she could enjoy her horses on premises rather than boarding, so we have moved back to the same horse country we moved away from eight years ago. Hassle to move, but a beautiful place. Other activities for me include chairing the St. Olaf College board of regents and helping found a preK-12 educational advocacy organization to

act as a voice for kids statewide and in the legislature. Skied this winter in Sun Valley with **Tod Hamachek** and **Ted Ragsdale**. Health is good after a series of issues in 2010."

Speaking of those two, **Tod** was in Santa Fe in late October and spent a day with **Garrett Thornburg**. "What a job he has done building his asset management company. His corporate offices are spectacular — designed by Ricardo Legorreta, the famous Mexican architect, and it's LEED platinum as well. The best thing he has done is purchase a section of the Pecos River and restored it to its original state, creating a fish-friendly habitat. Although we had a very cold day of fishing, it was great to get out and see a completely different aspect of New Mexico and Thorny's small but beautiful slice of paradise."

Mark Donovan supplies the news about **Ted Ragsdale**. He included a photo of Ted barely discernible in heavy climbing gear, which for unknown technical reasons could not go through the college's list server. His description: "The Haute Route (in Switzerland) is a very famous summer climb but to complete this in the winter is a serious challenge. It involves the full range of back-country skiing and mountaineering across glaciers, with much of the trip above 10,000 feet. Most people don't finish the full route, but Teddy and his daughter went the distance. I admire **Ricky Moore** taking to the back country in Minnesota in the dead of winter, but Teddy has raised the bar."

John Fulkerson writes: "I want to applaud our classmate **Bob Stanton** on being president of the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine this year. This is a really big deal in our field and I am personally very proud of Bob."

Bob: "I was in DC about a month ago for a meeting of the National Orthopaedic Leadership Council. This is sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and is comprised of leaders of our various organizations. I had dinner with Tom and **Christie Vilsack**, whom I had not seen for a number of years. Christie is **Tom Bell's** sister; Tom is current secretary of agriculture and past governor of Iowa. We had a great get-together and caught up; lots of reminiscing. Tom's position requires Secret Service protection; I was driven back to the hotel by them."

Bill Pertulla says he will retire in

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August after 36 years on the marketing faculty at San Francisco State University. "In recent years I served three times as department chair for a total of six years. I also served a year as acting dean of the college of business (140 faculty with 4,800 students, a very tough job). I am looking forward to significant improvements in my golf game and playing with my 2-year-old grandson."

Kent Van Allen feels a new link to the college: "As a southerner during my Williams days, I did feel inferior and, of course, the northerners knew we were inferior. Adam Falk's election to the Williams presidency has changed all of that. A UNC graduate and Chapel Hill native will lead Williams to even greater achievements. I saw Karen and **Howie Steinberg** and Penny and **Rob Klatell** in Connecticut. They all looked great. We enjoyed swapping old Williams stories."

Finally, unique news in the style of **Robert Herzog**: "While not responding specifically to one of your 'Hey, what's up' importunings, I wanted to let you know I've launched a website, thezog.com. It's a collection of my writings, including published work (short story and poems); political essays in the OpEdipal section; other fiction, including excerpts from my novel *Not Our Fathers' Dreams* (starts in 1968, with a college graduate from a New England liberal arts school faced with being drafted in the Vietnam War—hmm); my play *4 Times 50, not 200*—about four guys turning 50 in 1996; a screenplay; as well as a place to see my short film *Flights*, which we screened at a reunion a while back. ... Perhaps you could encourage people to sign up for the mailing list on the site to receive new work as it's posted. Whatever you send would be most appreciated as I try to build the 'Herzog brand!'"

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Mike Sabbeth has been devoting considerable time to media appearances, speaking and book signings for his book, *The Good, The Bad & The Difference: How To Talk With Children About Values* (www.kidsethicsbook.com). "Juan Williams wrote the cover testimonial, which is quite a story in itself, in that he was fired

from NPR four days after my book was physically published, rendering inaccurate on my book cover the statement about his employment!"

Rikk Larsen has surfaced after a long absence from this space. His mediation business (www.elderdecisions.com) is doing fine, and he's now focusing more on elder mediation "as general decrepitude starts to impact all of us boomers. Unfortunately that includes me, too." He and his partners have published a book, *Mom Always Liked You Best—A Guide for Resolving Family Feuds, Inheritance Battles and Elder Care Crises*. "I know all of our class is perfect and has no issues, but I am hoping the rest of the world will find it valuable."

Class President **Alan Dittrich** and "noted gastronome and mathematician **Bill Adams** '66 and another friend spent nine days in Barcelona, where the cathedrals, museums, parks, harbor and homes of the famous were merely the preliminaries to some memorable meals. Our endless walking justified the calories that followed. We sat among 90,000 excited Barcelonans and saw the FCB soccer team defeat a local rival, and I couldn't help but notice the difference between this family-friendly, civilized and knowledgeable crowd and the kinds of soccer crowds we hear about in the U.K., and typical football crowds in the U.S." Alan's better half Luisa is working full-time on the web team for Children's Hospital Boston. Son **Justin Dittrich** '03 is an independent producer in LA and "has great ideas for anyone with capital to risk." Alan continues as the president of the Mass. Society for Medical Research, writes fiction in his spare time, and looks forward to his summer visit to the Berkshires.

Class VP **Wes Howard** said that "**Dana Comfort** '70 and his fabulous wife Sunny planned to visit us here in Denver in July, two weeks before my scheduled 157-mile bicycle ride in the mountains to help raise money for Colorado Children's Hospital. He promises to drink beer in my honor as I train. Good old Dana! We hope to hear from any classmates who are stopping through Denver or vacationing in beautiful Colorado this summer. Gas is still cheaper than plane fare to Europe!"

Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell's Weill Medical College **Bob Young** and spouse **Leece** looked forward to simultaneous

visits this summer from their Ephspring, sons **Ian** '03 and **Matt** '05 at a friend's wedding and a family reunion, respectively. Ian is living in Portland, and Matt is in grad school in Montreal. "What a treat to see them together. Regards to the Williams E and Carter House crowds."

Paul Kessler has been living in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for five years. "It is hard to believe where the time has gone, but time truly is timeless down here. I live in Paradise, and I have now changed real estate brokers and currently work with Century 21—don't worry, no gold jacket. What can I say? No cold winters and beautiful Mexican people who know how to live. For those Williams graduates who are still in the fast lane, it is time to get out."

Fred Vinick is "still very happily retired" and traveling, to Bermuda with neighbors and to North Carolina to see his son **Peter** '98, wife Megan, and third grandchild Anna, 10 months. Dancing and music are also occupying Fred's days. "I'm putting a lot of time into serious ballroom dancing and in the midst of installing a dance floor in our basement. I'm also playing about two hours of piano a day. What a great satisfaction to play well after so many years of not putting in enough time and wondering if I ever could get there." He's working out regularly and recommends vigorous exercise, both cardio and strength training, to anyone our age, "regardless of what shape you're in or how great an athlete you might be. Being fit truly is a health/quality of life issue that I've come to take very seriously."

Eric Kelly is still teaching at Ball State, entering his second year as chair of the university senate. "I have been experimenting with diverse use of media in traditional classes and with 'challenge' learning. Partly as a result of those efforts, I have had more fun with my teaching in the last couple of years than I've had in a decade. I continue to consult with local governments—a lot of my work involves the intersection of land-use controls with the First Amendment—think billboards, signs, sex businesses. And I am running behind on two book deadlines—those will be my summer projects after a two-week field study with a group of students in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. After that trip, I will settle into our home in the Colorado mountains, near Westcliffe, south of the

Arkansas River, for summer. Sandra's all seem to be doing well in his or her own world as grandchild on the seventh, depending, counts). If you are in Colorado, call or usually have room 719.942.5112.

Bob Lunn has taken direction in his professional life. "I can't believe that doing this at age 63 ought to be retiring but I am leaving my full-professor position in administration at Missouri State to become CEO of Health Commission, a coalition of all the health systems, groups and organizations in Missouri. Looking to five-year contracts, but my wife came to retire. Gonna saddle for a while!

Sal Mollica has reached father status, with a "copper penny" having a wonderful experience with one's daughter taking mother. We are looking forward to having the new family with us in New Hampshire.

Dave Low retired headed back to the "After 42 years of up with adolescent independent school work I will retire from Ball State and make our way Purple Valley, taking residence in our home house in Powhatan, forward to fall in but not so sure about I'm also looking for a reconnected Williamstown. Re for any '69ers pass."

Walter Spike Reil thrill (?) one Saturday Williams varsity 8 the Dad Vail Regatta normal couch potato of course! In spite far the smallest of the schools participating in Michigan, UVA did not finish last was sufficiently actually worth watching has been in touch and **Bob Whittom**. they and their families well. Peg and I are looking forward to the summer of another Our business of construction seems to

Jack Hunt reports his health is OK. He had to have another surgery to remove some sternal wires, which had irritated his esophagus. Fortunately that's behind him. He laments there is no fresh water left in Texas. One of the lakes he water skis on is connected to tidal flow from the Gulf. The water is salty and sort of nasty. They have had about all of Houston that they want, but they will be there for a while more with his father there and a daughter finishing her residency at Texas Medical Center.

Hank Grass hopes to run the Chicago Marathon to celebrate his 65 years. It will be his first in 10 years, so he hopes his body holds up. He plans to attend next year's reunion. Believe it or not, it will be his first.

You should have all received the report sent via email blast that **Rich Bernstein** won the U.S. Master's Long Course 1,500-meter Freestyle Swimming Championship in August at Auburn University. He upset the top seed to accomplish it. How's that for making the rest of us feel somewhat inadequate?

Mike Haugh is continuing to run a nonprofit consultancy. It is part of the national Manufacturing Extension Partnership program. The NIST- and New York State-financed program is designed to help small and mid-size manufacturers. Mike has been doing this for six years, the longest-ever stretch he has put in at one endeavor. He'll be at reunion.

Peter Krause writes that his son **Peter '02** was married July 3 to **Alissa Goldhaber**. He completed his PhD at MIT in security studies, and Alissa is a lawyer in the district attorney's office in Boston. Peter (Jr.) has joined the political science faculty at Boston College, where he is assistant professor in international politics. Our Peter continues research, teaching and clinical work at Yale School of Public Health and School of Medicine.

Rick Ackerly has been writing up a storm since he left Children's Day School in San Francisco and moved to Decatur, Ill. This includes 87 essays. He has also enjoyed reconnecting with Williams classmates. He claims the hospitality at the **Hawn B&B** in Minneapolis was on a five-star par with that of **Susan** and **Allan Stern** at Sage's presidential home in Troy,



The Untereker family gathered for a wedding in June. Celebrating with the bride and groom (center) were (from left) the groom's father William '68, uncle John '71, brother John '98 and sister Karen '05.

N.Y. Brooke '88, **Peter**, **Lizzie** and **Katie '04** are doing fine. A priority for Rick is to see and talk to as many members of our class as he can between now and reunion next June.

That's a wrap for this issue. Thanks to all who contributed. Plan on being in Williamstown next June.

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A sign of our times: Many responses to class notes solicitations now focus on events and achievements of our children. Apologies for having to truncate much of them to keep the focus on classmates within my allotted space.

Andy Weiss, who is a member of the Visiting Committee of the Williams Center for Development Economics, has added some related activities. "I became a member of the Council on Foreign Relations this year. I'm spending more time on philanthropy activities. My foundation is focusing on facilitating research on evaluating programs that are supposed to benefit poor people in poor countries. I'm also looking for investment ideas that will have high social returns for the most disadvantaged members of the global economy. Any ideas would be welcome. My daughter **Annie Weiss '02** was married to **Peter Cook** at the **Allen Farm** on **Martha's Vineyard**,

where we have a beach house."

Also from the Boston area, **Michael Yogman** writes, "I am continuing in pediatric practice (no plans to retire) and have two other volunteer jobs. I am chairman of the board of the Boston Children's Museum. We have a dynamic new CEO, just finished a \$45 million renovation in the seaport district and are about to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2013. We have a new strategic plan and are doing wonderful things for children in inner-city Boston and throughout the region, preparing children to enter school ready to learn. I encourage any classmates looking for an exciting, innovative nonprofit to work with to join me in this mission. I also chair the Child Mental Health Task Force of the Academy of Pediatrics in Massachusetts."

Author **Peter Abrams** continues to churn them out: "Book four in the **Chet and Bernie** series, *The Dog Who Knew Too Much* (written under my pen name, **Spencer Quinn**), just came out, and hit the *New York Times* list at 22 in its first week. The response has been gratifying, and there's lots of activity at **chethedog.com** and on **Chet's Facebook page**. **Robbie Forester** and *The Outlaws of Sherwood St.*, first in my new middle-grade series, comes out in January (**Philomel**). Summing up, I'm busy."

Bob Chambers joins many in failing at retirement. "Although I consider myself retired, I have returned to part-time work as web content editor for the Educational Travel Community

(ETC), a wonderful organization that brings together nonprofit travel planners, tour operators at home and abroad, and destination representatives throughout the world. **Bob Behr '55** is the director of our college's alumni travel program and has participated in ETC's annual conference over the years. Other member organizations include the Smithsonian, National Geographic, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the World Wildlife Fund and many college and university travel programs across the country. The job is putting me in touch with many friends and acquaintances from my years in the nonprofit travel business, and it feels good to renew contacts from the relatively isolated (though peaceful and wonderful) Flathead Valley of northwestern Montana.

"Like many classmates, perhaps, **Elspeth** and I are scouting southward for a winter home and are planning to put our **Whitefish** house on the market next spring. We'll hopefully find a much smaller pied-à-terre here so that we can continue to enjoy Montana's fabulous summers."

Addison Wilson reports from Dallas, "I'm still practicing law (practice makes perfect!) and manning my title company. It's fun being a fourth generation in the title business as more and more people show up out of the past with a remembrance. I'm spending more and more time with my grandchildren, but in the interim traveling with my wife **Susan** (39th anniversary coming up), hunting, playing golf and at least once a year making it to Argentina with my son and son-in-law and friends for a fabulous dove hunt. I eat lunch with **Ted McPherson '67** about three times a week. Ted is always up on Williams news. He is a regular for the alumni basketball game each winter, and he hosted cocktails at his home recently to introduce our Eph locals to the new Williams football coach. So I'm in sunny, flat Texas but never really far from the 'silver clouds of summer' that perpetually encircle the Purple Mountains."

My fellow recovering journalist **Chris Dornin** says, "I retired from journalism two years ago to start a fledgling nonprofit agency that advocates for inmates and their loved ones. My last real job was running a one-man N.H. Statehouse news service while I helped out at the nearby state



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prison as a religious volunteer. I saw a lot of bad criminal law getting made, knew some of the prisoners and families on the receiving end of those laws and needed to do something about it. I am very proud to say my wife Cathy took third place last spring in the piano concerto division of the American Prize in Music. She still works full time teaching piano. I'll try to help her get some gigs. Classmates, let me know if a venue near you needs a superb solo or concerto pianist."

Another musical note from **Victor Smith**: "Saw our daughter's last academic concert in The Royal Conservatory in The Hague on baroque and classical oboes this spring. Now she can concentrate on her career playing chamber music."

A short note from **Bill Shapiro**: "Ginny and I are well and fortunate to have all our kids and grandkids living nearby. We continue to keep busy globe-hopping about half the year and serving as assistant coaches of our high school track team the other half. (Ginny regularly sends pole-vaulters to the state championships in winter and spring, while my throwers steadfastly continue their attempts to overcome their coaching.)"

To set a good example, I'll add a bit of my own news. Having rotated off the Williams board in 2009, I have now wound up on the boards of the Clark Art Institute and the Williamstown Theatre Festival. I am also in my third year as chair of the Smithsonian National Board, a development and advisory board of the institution, and in that role participate in meetings of the Regents, the governing body, and sit on two Regents committees. I also just finished an eight-year term on Tennessee's commission that disciplines judges for unprofessional conduct. Sure beats working, eh?

I wish I had room to tell you about my amazing sons. One is in Army Special Forces, one in an investment partnership with his Williams classmates—wife from Hanoi. Who would have guessed either in 1968?

Finally, we note with sorrow the death of **Paul Muniz** last July. A copy of the full and fascinating obituary was sent to you earlier by email. He had a highly regarded career as a court advocate for children in Contra Costa County, Calif.



From left, Bob Stanton '68 and his son Jim '97 met up with Roger Collins '50 at an American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine dinner at the Mingei Museum in Balboa Park in San Diego in June.

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Shelby Hallmark has retired after 36 years with the Department of Labor in DC. "We bought a house and two horses in Silver City, N.M., and are gradually accommodating ourselves to an entirely different lifestyle. Friends and would-be friends are cordially invited to visit, should you be passing through the southwest corner of New Mexico—a treasure of a place (albeit about as different a locale from Williamstown or Washington as it's possible to imagine). In addition to a range of outdoor activities, keeping in touch with children and four grandchildren, and some volunteering and part-time work, my wife and I participate in the local university's lifelong learning institute. The latest offering was archaeology of the local Mimbres culture and a tour/history of the area's centuries-old mining industry. So, yes, aside from occasionally noting the downward spiral of the body politic, we do seem to have won the lottery. No doubt such good fortune is the rule amongst our mostly privileged and accomplished cohort. May our children and grandchildren fare as well."

Dr. Gary Robinson is still working in dentistry and enjoying it. He's added two new grandchildren (bringing the total to seven), playing softball in a

60-and-older league and traveling, with his most recent trip a tour of Italy in September with spouse Meredith. "Will be there for the 50th."

Bob Helms, after several years of semi-retirement and spending several months a year in Florence, sold his house in London and moved full time to Florence last September. With the birth of his first granddaughter and his son getting a job in London, Bob still spent much of the summer in England and Switzerland before embarking on a five-week trip to Nova Scotia and the Northeast, returning after Hurricane Irene passed through in late August. "Hamilton Helmer and his family spent a few days in Florence in May, and it was great to catch up. And I was able to play the Taconic once during our wander around the Northeast. Bottom line: Life is good, and we are looking forward to a somewhat more settled few months."

Dr. Keith Edwards, director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center of NE New York in Latham, N.Y., continues in the medical profession. "I am never going to retire. I love my work and am privileged to be a physician." Keith is also an assistant clinical professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and a consulting neurologist with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

The Rev. **Chris Kinnel** spent the summer in Exeter, N.H., with son **Brendan** '00 and daughter-in-law **Katie Fogg Kinnell** '00, as Brendan was attending a math camp while Chris and Gretchen

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