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Two Class of '67 doctors checked in recently. Veterinarian **Will Rosenbaum** reports "Married 40 years (wife Jody, daughter Elizabeth, grandchildren Katharine and Whitney). Still work part time. Live in Boothbay, Maine and Apalachicola, Florida. Hobbies: Antique Cars and boats, fixing up older homes with character. I have contact with Nick Orem, Rick Ludwig, Ron Steele, John Ellwood and Scott Sutherland. Will do my best to be at reunion."

Phil Mayer plans to attend reunion and share his expertise. "I see that Culley Carson will be attending. Culley's an urologist and I am an orthopedic spine surgeon. I was thinking that it would be relevant and useful to have a seminar to present some comments on relevant medical problems in both fields to our aging classmates. The field of spine is rife with misconceptions and inappropriate treatments, e.g., opioids, and interventional treatments such as injections and fusions that are more harmful than of benefit.

About one year ago **Jeff Fox** asked me to call one of his friends who had been virtually disabled after a series of spine surgeries. Too late for him, but it got me thinking about how important it is for us to be well informed. As my patient population has aged through the years I have developed the philosophy of "medical care of necessity not of convenience".

I'd be delighted to speak to our classmates on the subject of "The Aging Spine – Facts vs. Myth".

I still work about 6 ½ days per week. Two days I see my own patients and on the other days I evaluate contested cases rendering opinions on causality, necessity of treatment and workability status. Essentially, I see the darker side of medicine and review cases from all over the state and out of the state.

I myself have had three spine surgeries, and must admit that I was out of work for two weeks after each operation. Why were the surgeries successful? I can answer that question and many more.

Unfortunately, I have had to become an expert on prostate cancer, malignant melanoma, squamous and basal cell skin cancers, hearing loss and partial blindness right eye due to a most unusual post-op complication, and the list goes on. I refer to these things as "blips in the horizon of tranquility" as this most unique journey continues. I have followed primarily an academic career and am still a Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics at Wayne State University.

Socially, I have several hobbies, interests, etc. Most significant is picking on the ol' 5-string banjo playing bluegrass.

I look forward to seeing ya' all in June."

Just a reminder to all of you from Class of '67 Webmaster Strother Scott. Please visit our new 50th Reunion website, <http://www.trinity1967.org/>. My immediate goal is to get you to fill out your profile for the 50th Reunion Class Book, and submit an Essay that will be part of the printed Class Book. So far over a dozen of us have started the process, and it appears to be pretty painless.

The Class Book, which will be published and sent to you in early 2017, is a place where everybody may share details about their career, family and "passionate pursuits" such as hobbies and volunteer work. Your thoughts on your Trinity experience and issues of importance to you are welcome, as well as a recent photo. Please take a few minutes now to complete your profile and essay and even submit a photo or two. If you get started but can't finish, it will be saved and you can pick up where you left off.

To log on to our website, follow these easy steps:

- Visit <http://www.trinity1967.org/>.
- Halfway down the page, under Step 1, click on "Log In"
- Click "First-Time Login;" then the "Sign Up" button and enter your name and email address* and click "Submit."
- Then follow the instructions to complete your profile, write your essay and take the survey.

NOTE: Your user name is the email address you have on file with Trinity and the address to which this email has been sent. To update your email notify: pamela.jarrett@trincoll.edu.

By the time you read this there will be less than six months to our Reunion. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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Rich Coyle writes that he and his wife, Tina, recently returned from a terrific trip to Barcelona, where they quickly came to understand how the city gained its reputation as a world-class destination. "It's one of the most interesting and inviting cities we've ever visited. Barcelona has it all ... great food, outstanding wines, and amazing art and architecture. Sagrada Familia is nearing completion, and it is simply awe-inspiring. On the home front, we're just starting year four of retirement in Savannah and continuing to enjoy living in the historic district. In my spare time, I've headed back to school and am taking a modern Russian history course at nearby Armstrong State University. Hope all's well..."

Seeking to redeem reality TV, as well as to educate the public about mental health, **Rich Weingarten** can be seen on My Citizen's TV broadcasts in the greater New Haven area. This particular retirement gig combines Rich's long-time interest in journalism with his experience and commitment in mental health. He has become a local celebrity. All this without spray tan or orange hair!

Robert Cudd has retired as head of the tax department in the San Francisco law firm of Morrison & Foerster, has not retired from practicing law. Robert moved to his family's home in Darien, Connecticut and is serving as senior partner in the New York City office of Polsinelli.

The "Old Farts Baseball Tour", also known as the **Larry Roberts/Barry Bedrick** mission to visit every Major League baseball park, has now chalked up ballgames at 28 parks -- leaving only two to go. The long drives to distant parks fly by quickly thanks to Barry's playlists -- capturing the best of the late '50's, '60's and '70's music. I know they must have Danny and the Juniors as one of their featured groups.

Thanks to **Peter Kaufman** (who teaches leadership studies at the University of Richmond) for his ongoing efforts to prod, through his own generosity, an endowment for eligible undocumented students to attend Trinity. While other New England colleges have adopted such scholarship programs, it appears that some additional prodding will be required for our alma mater.

Just think of it: Five days on largely deserted islands in Penobscot Bay off the coast of Maine. No electrical outlets. Cooking only on wood-burning stoves and ovens. But surrounded by the beauty of the ocean and Maine's islands. That's how a group of us spent some time in the late summer, gathering together at Great Spruce Head Island. **Tom Nary, John Vail, George Fosque, Joe Saginor, Ben Jaffee, Kim Miles** and **Your Secretary**, and our better halves, had a glorious time together in August. Days were spent hiking, boating, swimming and playing tennis. Evenings were feasts and hours of brilliant (?) conversations.

Planning for the Class of '68 Fiftieth Reunion is shifting into high gear. **Larry Roberts** and **Paul Jones** report that the Reunion website has been running for over six months and that

program plans for the Big Event are coming together nicely. Larry and Paul urge all classmates to visit the website soon and often (<http://trinity1968.org>) to indicate plans to attend, update information and see who is coming. The goal is to have at least 100 in attendance, which would be a record for Trinity. Let's make that happen. **Mark your calendars for June 7-10, 2018.**

As plans are proceeding for a great Reunion, Larry and Paul would be delighted to hear your ideas to make our Reunion memorable. If you have a program suggestion or would like to work with the Reunion Planning Committee, please contact Larry or Paul: Larry: jordancove@aol.com; Paul: oriole1961@gmail.com.

1967 – Spring 2017

Trin-Men of the exalted Class of 1967. Depending on the U.S. Mail you may either get this issue of the Reporter as you are packing your bags for Reunion. Or you will have already been to our 50th Reunion.

What is a class secretary to do? Wing it.

Brad Moses retired from the ad game and lives on Amelia Island. **Dan Haden** retired from the architecture game and took time from his busy schedule to design our class pin. It's very cool and you will get yours at Reunion. (Or you have already gotten it and are so impressed you've decided not to sell it on Ebay.)

I'm not sure if **Strother Scott** is retired or not. But he has done an incredible job as webmaster between attending UVA basketball games, driving all sorts of farm machinery, sailing hither and yon (I always wanted to use that expression in the class notes) and bee keeping. A true renaissance man.

Jeff Fox will probably never retire because he's having too much fun consulting. He's also been an incredible class president and I'm sure he'll agree to another term or two.

Right now we are expecting more than a hundred of our class to put in an appearance during the reunion. But there is always room for more, so if you get this before June 8 - 11, come on up to Hartford.

And by the way, how about some emails to let your class secretary know what you are up to.

Otherwise, as I've said before, I'll have to make stuff up.

From the Alumni Office: **Charley Kurz** writes that the Kurz family took a two-week cruise in Myanmar, the former Burma, along the Irrawaddy River over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. "Several months prior to departing from the USA, the Trinity Advancement Office gave me the names of several students from Myanmar, and so began the initial connection with Mon Mon Myo Thant '13. Once we arrived in Myanmar, my wife, son, daughter Katie '99, and I had the opportunity to meet Mon Mon, who now lives and works in Yangon, the former Rangoon. Mon Mon was kind enough to show us many of the scenic sights in Yangon, including one of many Buddhist temples and the main market in Yangon; we also enjoyed a tasty lunch at a traditional Burmese restaurant. I recommend that any Trinity families visiting Yangon contact Mon Mon in advance for Myanmar travel advice or suggestions of places to see in Yangon."

1967 – Fall 2017

Classmates of the great Trinity Class of 1967 our Fiftieth Reunion was as all who attended agree, the Greatest Reunion Ever! Although rain had originally been in the Friday forecast, the weather was perfect. Blue skies every day.

It was great to see so many '67ers on campus. The final headcount was ____

Among the highlights --

Tom Safran was the recipient of the Eigenbrodt Cup. Tom's work developing affordable housing in Southern California is remarkable.

Alex Levi and **Jim Oliver**, our class agents, presented President Berger-Sweeny with the Class of 1967 gift, a check of \$6,044,033.50.

The Doctor's Panel on ED and other medical issues for our age group was very well attended. **Alan Weinstein** served as moderator **Culley Carson**, **Phil Mayer**, **Bill Franklin**, **Robin Tassinari**, **Dave Gordon**, and **Alex Levi** spoke briefly on their areas of expertise. Culley's presentation on ED, complete with slides, deserved a standing ovation.

Phil, who is a back surgeon (and has three back surgeries) firmly believes that surgery should be a last resort. He believes surgery, and opioids for pain, are enormously over prescribed.

Cardiologist Bill Franklin, equally outspoken, says we should all eat fish six days a week for good heart health. Bill practices what he preaches and eats fish at least ten times a week. He says tuna fish salad sandwiches are just fine.

Friday afternoon members of Theta Xi, led by **David Downes** and Scott Reynolds '63, attended the unveiling of commemorative plaques at 76 and 79 Vernon Street. Both buildings served as TX house at one time. 76 Vernon is now the Campus Safety office.

Another well attended lecture was **Dan Haden's** talk about the campus master plan. Dan's firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson created the plan and also designed the beautiful Admissions building. Dan also spoke briefly about designing Bill Gate's private home and all the Apple stores worldwide.

By now everyone should have received their "Trin Man" class pin. It is an accurate reproduction (but much smaller) of a 1967 Connecticut license plate. Dan Haden also designed the pin. There will never be a class pin as cool as ours.

I had a chance to catch up with my old high school classmate, **Ted Ruckert**. He mentioned that his son, Tad, has recently joined Ted's OB-GYN practice. Ted's dad founded the practice so this is the third generation there.

Our new class officers are **Charley Kurz**, President, Alan Weinstein, Vice-President, and yours truly was reelected as Secretary. (I offered to give the job back to Jeff Fox but he declined).

I know that there will be much coverage of our reunion in the Reporter. So it and our Class yearbook will be dual keepsakes for years to come,

And don't forget to keep those emails coming to oconnor.jim111@gmail.com with all the news fit to print in The Reporter (and some that's not -- I'll decide).