

Class of 1967 – Winter 2019 Class Notes

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• Class Agent: **James H. Oliver** • Thank you men of '67 for your fascinating emails sharing adventures and plans for new trips, reunions, visits to other '67ers, and general gossip.

Jesse Brewer always has a lot to share. For example: “February–March 2018: Yucatán vacation. We spent two weeks in Chicxulub (ground zero for the dinosaur-killer asteroid hit) basking in the sun and fishing in the surf and then two more in Mérida enjoying gourmet Mayan food. July 2018: Going through old clothes, I came across my stash of Marvel T-shirts from my 1964 road trip to meet Stan Lee in New York City. August 2018: The Canadian Masters Athletics championships were in BC again, so I successfully defended my titles in the 80-meter and 300-meter hurdles; also got a silver in the pole vault. September 2018: We hosted a family reunion (for the Canadian side of the family) at our home in Nanoose Bay. The U.S. side will meet at Sea Island, Georgia, next spring. Coming up: I'll be teaching ‘Math and Physics for Obsessive Poets’ in the VIU [Vancouver Island University] Elder College this winter, based on my ancient Skeptic's Guide to Physics website at <http://jick.net/skept>, where clicking on the title at the top of the page will yield the PDF version of the whole book. I'll be updating it occasionally for the next few months.” (Secretary's note: If you want links to Jesse's travel photos, please email me.)

Alan and Donna Weinstein celebrated a big anniversary. “We had a great 50th anniversary this summer marked by getting our two sons, their wives, and our six grandchildren to accompany us on an Alaska cruise from Vancouver and a stay at Denali. We have done it before, but they really had a great adventure, especially as two grandchildren have disabilities that they overcame magnificently with help from the other grandkids. You relive through your progeny!” **J**

Jeff Fox also celebrated a 50th anniversary. “Marlene and I celebrated our 50th in Bermuda. Fox & Co. is doing great. I am starting my next book (number 15), How Rainmakers Sell Professional Services. Our garden was awesome. Fresh flowers every day and all the tomatoes and basil I need to make the best Bolognese sauce in the world.” Jeff and two of his progeny have two start-ups going:

FoxBoxAmerica (dumpsters) and The Fit (vitamin therapy). For more info, call Jeff at 860-526-2286. **Len Goldstein** writes, “Several weeks ago, I hosted a reunion of roommates at my house on the Cape. This was the 23rd yearly reunion attended by **Rob Boas**, **Peter Kaufman** '68, **Miles King** '69, and Scott King '69. A testament to the lasting friendships made at Trin.” **Bob Brickley** also likes to get together with old Trin pals. “**Bob Miller**, **Peter Strohmeier**,

John Davison, Steve Griggs, Bill Fox, Cal Wick, Ned Prevost, Bob Moore, Tom Sanders, and I will return to Trinity in October to convene for the 17th consecutive Fahey Cup. **Ted Hutton, John Hevner, Luke Terry, George Wanty, Steve Clark,** and **Doug Jacobs** have joined us previously but couldn't make it this year. Our group includes 10 additional members from the Classes of '65 and '66. Twenty of us total or so. Such important, valued relationships for this stage of life. Wonderful!" (Editor's note: Please see related story above.)

Robin Tassinari and clan are thriving. "Hi, Jim. Congrats on your new grandchild. Wonderful, isn't it? We're expecting our 13th in November. He (he!) will be the first male Tassinari in more than 30 years. We have 11 granddaughters and one grandson, and this will be the second male (the other grandson is my daughter's so has his dad's surname; that's OK ... still wonderful). And thanks to our buddy **Bill Franklin** (you remember those brief lectures we gave at the 50th), I've listened well. As you all remember, he stressed the need to eat fish often, exercise, lower cholesterol, and lose weight. So, I don't like fish, cholesterol was already OK, I walk all day at the hospital ... so what's left? I lost 50 pounds. And what did Henny Youngman say? 'I don't get no respect.' My wife's response: 'Why did you wait until you're 72?' Can't win. Had a nice visit this summer with **Jay Birnbaum** while on vacation in our summer cottage in Branford, Connecticut. He was in Old Lyme on business, and we broke some lobster claws at Lenny's in Indian Neck. Robin (Tass)" I agree with Robin. The fried clams at Lenny's in Indian Neck are fantastic. I hate to be a nitpicker, but Robin's quote was from Rodney Dangerfield; Henny Youngman was famous for "Take my wife. Please!"

Phil Gulley checked in with a very astute observation. "Since I have been, for the past 55 years, in a similar position of collecting class notes from Collegiate School (New York City) classmates, I can just tell when a class rep is starving for news, any news—'lying in a hammock and not doing much' indeed. After having lived a life relatively devoid of health problems, the last three years or so have been filled with the proverbial one thing or the other, from broken ribs caused by slipping on the ice while duteously putting a quarter in a parking meter (goodbye, Pittsburgh; hello Vero Beach, Florida) to rotator cuff surgery (and the requisite 10 weeks of sleeping upright in a chair) to a basal cell carcinoma blooming on my forehead (excised) to a bulging L4 and sciatica to unexpected arthroscopic knee surgery for meniscus tears, simply stated as ancient desiccated cartilage due to too many patented dance moves over the years. Still sailing though, playing golf, hiking, and traveling, most recently to Italy and France in 2017, to Central Europe and Scotland/Northern Ireland/Ireland in 2018, and with plans for Australia and Japan in 2019. I must say we are actively enjoying ourselves while fixing up my body and both homes in Nantucket and Vero. This is already too much; you get no more." Well, Phil, I do have two exciting bits of news to report myself. The first is

that Jane and I celebrated the birth of our first grandchild, Dovie Leigh O'Connor, in July. It is wonderful indeed. Second, our class website has been moved to Facebook. It is called Trinity College Class of 1967, and I have agreed to be the administrator for a little while. You know how that goes.

Class of 1967 – Spring 2019 Class Notes

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• **Class Agent:** James H. Oliver • /groups/ trinman1967 **Luke Terry** and wife Belinda have moved from Bedford Hill, New York, to Vero Beach, Florida. “We are five minutes away from **Doug Tansill '61**, **Ted Hutton**, **Andy Forrester '61**, and **Bill Scully '61**.” Luke and Belinda’s son, Luther III, is a junior at Deerfield playing football and lacrosse. “I hope he’ll look no farther than Hartford” on his college search.

Alan Weinstein claims to live in Las Vegas, but I have my doubts. Alan and Donna are always away on trips to exotic locales. “(We are) presently on a monthlong trip and cruise from Sydney, Australia, to Auckland, New Zealand, by way of the Melanesia Islands, Vanuatu, Southeast Australia, Melbourne, Tasmania, and South and North Islands of New Zealand.”

Alan Ellstein has been working for the past nine years on a biography of his immediate family and believes he’s half done. “Slow but persistent. Other than that, just doing the things that used to take no time at all seem to take all day. Every day when the sun comes up is a good day for me.”

Al Raws and wife Marie recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. “We are up to three grandchildren at the moment. I am still working, having just finished 46 years as an actuary. Marie won’t let me retire. She is worried that I will just turn into a piece of furniture that needs to be fed once in a while.” It’s always fun to hear from **Jesse Brewer**. “I’m Canadian (senior track) champion again in both hurdles! (Yes, there were several other guys in each race.) And I have the B.C. record for the indoor 60-meter hurdles. My new event is the pole vault (gotta keep ’em guessing!). My Elder College course ‘What Will the Future Be Like’ last year turned into an ongoing monthly meeting of the Oceanside Futurological Congress (see www.jick.net/FuturesWiki/). I recommend visiting www.gapminder.org to develop a realistic optimism about the future; then read all of Yuval Noah Harari’s books (in order!) to see what could go wrong with Rosling’s extrapolation. If you expect to be dead long before the poo hits the fan, think again. Ray Kurzweil predicts ‘longevity escape velocity’ (Google it!) by 2029, and ‘singularity’ before then. There is still plenty of time to make our kids hate us less (or more). Sorry for the nontrivial, unsoothing content.”

Guess what? **Robin Tassinari** seems to be pulling ahead of **Gil Campbell** in the grandchild sweepstakes. “So I’m celebrating my 48th year at Albany Medical Center and College this year. Still fun, I have to say. Patients and colleagues are great, but students and residents keep me motivated, enthusiastic, and energized. At home, we’ve been happy to welcome grandchild number 13. We’re starting to count some boys in the list (only three so far), and this one (Oliver’s second) was, he tells me, named after me— Roger. After all, who in their right mind would name a boy Robin! Who knew? Thanks, Roger.” **Rob Boas** took pity on my “begging” email.

He’s staying very busy. “I just got back from an interesting trip to Egypt. We visited King Tut’s tomb, where we saw his mummy, and the Cairo Museum, which has all the amazing artifacts from inside the tomb that Howard Carter discovered back in 1922. The security arrangements on the trip were truly amazing: a heavily armed plainclothes tourist police officer accompanied us and our tour bus everywhere, and we were often escorted by marked police cars with lights and siren activated. We went through metal detectors at every hotel and tourist site, and bomb-sniffing dogs checked every vehicle trying to enter the hotels where we stayed. Fortunately, there were no unfortunate incidents while we were there.” Last week, I had one of those Google experiences where I started researching something (I forget what it was) and ended up reading about a classmate. In this case, it’s **Michael Weinberg**. He is the proprietor of West Pelham Antiques near Amherst. Michael worked at UMass Amherst for many years. When he retired, he began selling antiques on eBay. His specialties are antique samplers, early English ceramics, and American country antiques. So far, he does not have a brick-and-mortar store, but you can find him, via Google, at West Pelham Antiques. I also heard from **Bob Bose**. “My new girlfriend, whom many of you met at our 50th Reunion, and I spent most of October in France. We flew into Paris and then went to Avignon for an outdoor painting class, which was great and gave us a chance to visit some other areas in Provence. Then we drove to Nîmes, Carcassonne, and Bordeaux before going back to Paris to fly home. And, as we flew out of and back to Boston, we had a chance to visit my daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.” Please take a moment to join our class Facebook page (Trinity College Class of 1967). Upload those vacation pictures and grandchild pictures (my granddaughter Dovie is the star attraction right now).

Class of 1967 – Fall 2019 Class Notes

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James H. Oliver • /groups/trinman1967 Thank you to all classmates who answered my plea for Class Notes.

Ray Graves reports: “Over the past 18 months, I have made it a goal to visit a foreign country at least once every 60 days, reliving all of the experiences I missed nodding off in ‘History 101- 102’ in Kriebel auditorium. I have been to Lisbon twice, Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, and Frankfurt. The tour of the German Historical Museum in Berlin (March 2018) took a good four hours, beginning with the end of the Roman Empire and concluding with Chancellor Angela Merkel hosting President and Mrs. Barack Obama. It’s all there, including the Nazi era. For me, it was interesting to see the immediate post-World War II section because I lived in Frankfurt in the early 1950s when I attended a U.S. Army school for American dependents. (I was in the second grade.) Frankfurt was 95 percent destroyed by Allied bombing. I still remember the rubble, the adult conversations about social dislocation, and my father’s discussion with other officers about the constant parade of German women visiting his U.S. Army dental clinic looking for missing husbands, fathers, and sons. In May 2019, I saw Frankfurt still rebuilding. The history of Europe is filled with great achievements in art, literature, music, science, and engineering, but the scars of war are not fully healed. Will they ever be? “Portugal was the first European country to capture and sell Africans as slaves, beginning in 1495. There is a walking tour in Lisbon that shows how the slave trade began, spread to Brazil, and, ultimately, ended with the waning of their empire. “Amsterdam’s Red Light District on a Saturday night during university spring break in Europe has all the earmarks and noise of ... Vernon Street. The city government is trying to find a way to tone it down without killing the tourist trade. (Good luck with that.) The Van Gogh and Rembrandt museums are a must, and not just for art history majors. Art history majors make it impossible to enjoy Rome in May. The crowd outside Vatican City was Super Bowl sized. Paid for the short cut, and it was worth it. “Of all ironies, there is a KFC on the corner of Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. You can get your picture taken with actors dressed in Soviet or U.S. military uniforms. So much for the Berlin Crisis. The solid liberal arts education of Trinity has kept me trying to learn more each year. Thus, these recent travels are a supplement to past trips to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Brazil, France, Spain, Morocco, the U.K., and China. Now if we can only save Detroit.”

Rob Boas is still traveling hither and yon (I had to say it). Most recently, he was in Borneo (yon) but will return to Cape Cod this summer (hither).

Charley Kurz visited campus this spring to say farewell to our first Class of 1967 Scholar, Latty Coke '19. Latty majored in biology and was elected to Beta Beta Beta, the national biology honor society. She also was named the President’s Fellow for biology and will be pursuing medical research at the Feinstein Institutes in Manhasset, New York. Additionally, Charley is pleased to submit that he has

been elected to serve as one of 24 trustees on the inaugural board of The Union League Legacy Foundation, which is the charity of The Union League of Philadelphia that carries out the institution's civic and philanthropic work for its more than 3,500 members. He has been a member of the club since 1970 and is a life member; the private club originally was founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the policies of Abraham Lincoln.