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Many thanks to all of you who sent in content to your ever-grateful secretary.

Don Bishop spent the spring semester at the U.S. Air Force Academy teaching world history to cadets. “The academy is STEM heaven—but these bright cadets don’t seem to have been taught much history in high school. Their knowledge of geography is scant, alas.” Don and Jemma are back in Northern Virginia as he continues as a fellow at Marine Corps University in Quantico.

Rob Boas has become a proud grandpa for the fourth time. His daughter Heidi and son-in-law Simon are the parents of Maya Hope Boas Muyanja. Rob and Suzanne have resumed their international travel after the COVID hiatus. They visited Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Botswana in April and May and traveled to the Azores in late July.

Al Hicks and wife Gloria just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. All four of their children, with their seven grandchildren, live nearby in the Raleigh area. After Trinity, Al worked as a newspaper reporter and public-school teacher. “My career was redirected by a UNC M.B.A. (?76), which resulted in 35-year career marketing micro surgical and closure devices.” He worked with surgeons at every major medical center in the country (and plenty of small ones). “My buds and profs at Trinity never leave my mind.”

By the time you read this, **Phil Gulley** will have finished a 13-month prostate treatment in Tampa. “Prostate aside, health is good, golf continues to have (largely unrealized) potential. Disappointingly, sailing on Nantucket was nonexistent when we had to leave the island two months prematurely. I am researching ornamental and native grasses and attempting to landscape our Nantucket and Vero Beach properties. We do not have grandchildren, but our Maine-iac son Colin and his girlfriend have favored us with grand chickens, grand fish, grand dogs, and a grand ‘Banjo’ bunny. I wish E.B. White was around to chronicle the action. My wife, Joan, has always been the active one and continues her (successful) quest to out golf, out bridge, and outwork me.”

Peter Heller’s grandchildren are far-flung. Son Nate lives in Dakar, Senegal, with his wife and two children. Daughter Katie is heading to Cairo with her husband and two daughters. His partner Abbie’s three children live in Denver. Peter splits his time between the Berkshires and the Upper West Side. “I am largely retired, having finished teaching a seminar at Williams each year.”

Alan Weinstein and his wife had to cancel a cruise to Quebec when they both came down with COVID. They were boosted and got on Paxlovid quickly, so “it was not terrible.” Alan is rounding out his year with a second hip replacement. “Stay healthy. It is much better for enjoyable living.”

Gil Campbell and wife Marriett organized a reunion in Virginia Beach. There were 21 Campbells, including 11 grandchildren. Where do you put 21 people? Easy. You rent a very large house with 15 bedrooms, 15 baths, a third-floor full kitchen, and a pool. They also took a boat tour down the Danube. “The tour highlight was the passion play in Oberammergau. The play has been done every 10 years since 1350. It was started as a thank-you for not experiencing one death during the Black Plague of 1350.”

Jesse Brewer reports, “The big news is that I’m getting old. That was unexpected! I turned 75 in January 2021 all trained up for the World Masters track and field championship in Edmonton, but of course it was canceled due to COVID. I went to Southwest Florida with my wife and kids for a family reunion. The beach was nice, but flying is a nightmare now. Maybe again later this decade.”

Bob Ebinger and wife Robin have traveled to Africa several times over the last five years. This past June, they flew by helicopter to a part of Angola so remote that Bob believes they were the first tourists in 40 years. Other African adventures included rhinos in South Africa; gorillas in Uganda; the Nile in Sudan, Egypt, and the Atlas Mountains in Morocco; and antiquities in Egypt and Jordan. Then back to Angola to see the giant sable and desert rhino and sand dunes in Namibia. Bon voyage to all Class of '67 travelers. Don't forget to write.

From the Alumni Office: **Charley Kurz** represented Trinity at the inauguration of the University of Pennsylvania's ninth president, Liz Magill.

SPRING 2023

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Thanks to everyone who answered my request for news in your parts of the Trinity universe. I also want to apologize to **Allen Elstein** and **Bob Ebinger** for neglecting to post their news in the last issue.

So, I'll start with **Allen Elstein**. "I never thought I would be old enough to encounter ageism. But lo and behold, being isolated and older has brought much of that bad stuff home. Ageism is not about being upset that some 'other' group is showing prejudice but that we—seniors—are a discriminated group. So, I made up a slogan: 'Avoid Ageism. Value Seniors Equally.' The implication is that everyone is vulnerable to age prejudice and that seniors should not be treated as one-down."

Bob Ebinger writes, "My wife, Robin, and I have been living in Livingston, Montana, for the past 20 years. Retired from the film industry, I have never been busier. Getting politically involved, not merely an advocate, I served on the city commission in the early 2000s and was a state legislator serving two terms in Helena (2007–10). Along with Robin and an architect partner, we adapted an 1891 brick structure in our historic district into high-end condos. I serve on our Historic Preservation Commission, Urban Renewal Agency board, two museum boards, and the Montana Preservation Alliance. For the past 17 years, Robin and I have been principals on the nonprofit Livingston Center for Art and Culture board. For pleasure, we recently traveled to Morocco and China. We also have built getaway cabins in the mountains outside Livingston. Originally off the grid, we now have water, a flush toilet, and a shower. As we get older, [we get] more user-friendly for family and guests. Having been to two Reunions, I truly look forward to our next roundup, using a Western term. Hope for more activities not tied just to fraternities! Best regards to all of our 1967 classmates! Look forward to seeing you!"

Class President **Charlie Kurz** wants everyone to know that we now have two Class of 1967 Scholars thanks to your generosity. Also, this year is the Bicentennial of Trinity's founding.

Rich Ratzan has officially retired, really. "I am fully clinically retired, as is my pediatric endocrinologist wife, Susan. Four children. Five grandchildren. Am finishing up an essay on masks—all masks but with emphasis on medical masks—for a book I am editing with my daughter, Katie, a pediatric intensivist in Boston. It will be on COVID-19 and the humanities and is being published by the University of California Press. I'm in frequent contact with **Jeff Fox**, whose house in Florida, unfortunately, took a major hit with one of the frequent storms the United States is having lately. Not sure if it has already been published, but **Goose McConnell** passed away in 2020 from multiple system atrophy. Best wishes to all!"

Bob Brickley dashed off a quick note. "**Paul Kroekel**, **Warren Weigand**, **Charlie Kurz**, **Bill Fox**, and I will be attending our 60th reunion from Penn Charter in Philadelphia in May.

Among the events? A class dinner at the childhood home of Grace Kelly that is nearby and restored in 2016 by her son, Prince Albert.”

Bob Fowler and wife Susana really enjoy their new home in San Diego. Bob wants everyone to know about two amazing apps he has discovered. “There is an app you can get for any smartphone called Picture This. You download it, aim it at any tree or plant or flower, etc., push the button on the screen, and it 1) identifies the specimen with something like a 98 percent accuracy; 2) gives all sorts of information, like native vs. invasive, likes sun or shade, has edible parts, and so on; 3) stores the picture you took and the info in ‘your personal garden,’ so you have an ongoing record of species you have identified. When you download it, you get a 30-day free trial. Then it costs something like \$35 a year. Well, \$35 is a lot of money, so you can also download an app called Seek (there are actually several apps with that name, so look for the one that deals with botany). Seek is free and works pretty much the same as Picture This.” Then Bob discovered another app. “In response to my email about the plant and tree apps, a good friend responded by telling me about an app called Merlin Bird ID. This works the same way the plant apps work. After you download (free), just boot up Merlin, point your phone at a bird, and click. That’s it. Again, very cool. By the way, both Merlin Bird ID and Seek cover most foreign countries as well. Cool and cool again!”

Jesse Brewer is slowing down, sort of. He still runs track and dominates the British Columbia men-over-75 category. Lately he’s been competing in high hurdles. He says his results aren’t that great, but he did set a record for the 60-meter hurdles. I doubt any of us could attempt hurdles and not break a leg. Or worse. Jessie, wife Pat, and kids took a long road trip to Florida for a mini-family reunion on Little Gasparilla Island.

Rob Boas reports, “In early January, my wife, Suzanne, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary (two years late due to the pandemic) by taking our whole family of 10 on a Disney cruise to the Western Caribbean. We made stops in Cozumel, Mexico; Grand Cayman Island; Jamaica; and a private Disney island in the Bahamas. This was our second all-family Disney cruise in the last seven years, and we can highly recommend it to families where there is a huge range in ages. For us, the age range was from 8 months (our newest granddaughter) to 77 years (yours truly).”

As I mentioned in my solicitation memo, I saw a report on Facebook that **Gil Campbell’s** triplet grandsons had been ordained as Mormon priests. In two years, when they are 18, they will become elders and missionaries. The triplets’ younger brother, Caleb, 12, has been called as president of his deacons quorum in the church. The deacons pass the sacrament to church members each Sunday. The boys’ cousin, Paxton Campbell, is a deacon. He also is a star pitcher and third basemen on his school’s baseball team.

That’s all for now. Hope to see many of you at the Bicentennial celebrations. Jim
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