

## HAR-BRACK CLASS OF '63 NEWSLETTER      SPRING 2017

Past due, as usual, (likely I'll be late for my funeral), I apologize.

First off, I want to thank those of you who so kindly sent contributions to share and did so quickly after I sent the request. Nothing else has come in these last 3 weeks so it is time to publish.

Hi Everyone,

The 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee is busy preparing for our reunion in 2018. The following people are on the committee:

Diana Bollinger Smay

Kathy Bonner Burton

Janet Carnahan Makuchowski

Donna Evans Cashdollar

Donna Helgert Sushynski

Jim Horneman

Carol Lloyd Mitchell

Neal McGee

Marianne Pietrolaj McQuaid

Darwin Stevenson

Linda Stout

Joan Wolfe

Joe Zagst

We are meeting Wednesday, May 17, 11:30 AM at Eat 'n Park. I invite anyone who is interested in joining the group to show up and participate. For those who live too far away, consider helping by making telephone calls when we get closer to the reunion date.

Everyone was e-mailed a questionnaire and if you haven't already, please, fill it out and return to me. The information will be very helpful at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On a more personal note, 2017, is going along well. Nothing exciting, but my grandsons are still fun (although the 11 year old did an eye roll at me the other day). I spotted two swans on the river yesterday and there is no snow in the forecast so I am happy.

I wish all of the Class of '63 the best and hope to see you all October 2018.

Jan

## Life continues to be a breeze for Suzanne Gearing Burley



This past year, husband Bill and I cycled around Boulder and surrounding areas for fun and to complete chores. Our one car sits in the garage most days. We only use it for long trips, such as this coming summer when we drive back east to celebrate a local race Bill began 40 years ago and 50 years following my housemates first teaching jobs in CT. Then on to Cape Cod to visit our last neighborhood and friends before our move to Colorado 4 years ago. Of course we'll have bikes with us!

Trips (with bicycles) included Reykjavik, Iceland on our way to Amsterdam and Northern Holland, where we sailed on a 3 masted ship between islands for windy cycling, similar to Cape Cod. In September, Bill and I made a quick trip to Breckenridge to cycle at altitude. I returned to Cape Cod for a week with a couple of Boulder girl friends for cycling, including on Nantucket. That was shortly before Bill and I drove to southern Utah to cycle in Bryce and Zion. We stopped in Moab on our way home and tried trail bikes. We decided flying up and down rocky, steep trails was not a smart idea at our ages. We'll stick with our hybrids and road bikes.

One last trip (no bikes) in 2016 was to Myrtle Beach in November to join my brothers and their wives in a celebration of our mother's life. She died peacefully in May at 100 1/2. We were fortunate to have her be a part of our lives for so long and shared many funny "Mom" stories.

Life is good. Keep living!

In Jan., Suzanne wrote that she had called Sue Vantine Blackburn to see how she's adjusted to her new home. She doesn't have a computer, so I told her I'd call more regularly. I was wondering why she didn't reply to emails. Her phone # is 919-452-6718.

This was not an easy move for her, but she is working at making it work. Someone is teaching her knitting and she plays double canasta with others. The food (as is typical in similar life care places) is less than nutritional and repetitive. She's happy to be near the daughter who lives close by, but misses daughter Carol and her 4 children on the Hts. I know she must feel isolated, away from teaching friends, too.

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Dorothea "Dolly" Plocki Meyer wrote last month that the new H-B Class of '63 group is taking over led by Janet Makuchowski. "Also I will be resigning as treasurer.... the old committee signatures will be replaced by Dianne Bollinger Smay Janet Makuchowski, Jim Hornemen. I just want you to mention that upon turning over the account the balance of the checking account was true and confirmed by old/new committee.. the balance is \$ 925.

I want it to be known that I turned over the account with an accepted audit by the committee. The actual turn-over is to be signed tentative on the 20th of this month. In May I will be traveling with Jeff ... he has some conferences and I tag along and visit the cities.. Did N.O. and had a ball... especially at night when the big wigs from the company took us out to dinner... food was fabulous and needless to say "they paid" lol..going on a cruise again beginning of December this time the Caribbean ... I don't like the sun but I love the ocean and love cruising .. we love putting on the Ritz with the dinners and such... and the shows and of course touring ..."

Our sincere thanks, Dolly, for all the years you acted as treasurer and assisted with organizing events.

Bonnie Bole Orkow wrote:

Here's a picture of Bruce and me in the Alps this past fall where we spent several weeks climbing with some Texas friends of ours.. I know it appears in this picture as though we were relaxed. Nothing could be further from the truth. We were absolutely exhausted as climbing there was tough. But the Alps are so much more spectacular than what we have here in Colorado that we just had to c



climb them..

We are working our way through our bucket list, going twice in 2016 to Europe. We also went coast to coast visiting college friends and roommates. Life is great...at least between sicknesses that result from aging. We overcome the illnesses and just keep going.



One more picture. We took the grandkids to Belize. We just returned several days ago. We were in the jungle for one week wee(this picture was taken by my husband while we kayaked down one of their really wild rivers).

The next week there we went snorkeling off the reefs....fantastic fish! OK....we are still working on that bucket list and having the time of our lives doing it



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From Ken "Tom" Delp: Have I been dropped from the emailing list or has the news of "class of 63" been quiet? (This question was the motivation for this newsletter. Thanks Tom!)

Yea, we're getting old - and I don't like it one damn bit! Can't sleep and can't do much when I'm awake. Four in the morning right now as I write this. I'm finding that my enthusiasm has run out way before the end of the project list. Waiting to do projects until I was retired was the not the best idea. I'm building a shop - both wood and metal. I have saws and drills and welders and grinders and tools for just about anything you might want to fix at three in the morning. The shop will be operational sometime this year. The shop was necessary to have a place to use the tools needed to build a boat. The boat hull has been waiting over ten years for me to retire, build the shop, and start working on it. Didn't count on failing health in that project plan. Arthritis, in the hands, stenosis in the back, hip on one side and knee on the other needing replaced. The same things most of the class probably has. I know I haven't cornered the market on ailments and probably some would be happy to have what I have. I'm not whining, just acknowledging my membership in the club. Don't know about you but I'm doing a lot of thinking and some regretting. I'm been looking but I can't find the "re-boot" button. Wouldn't it be a hoot to go back and do over with what we know now? I'd actually buy that Microsoft stock. I thought about it when it first hit the market but spent the money on an airplane. What? I was in Alaska. Everyone needs an airplane in Alaska. Looking back, I sure wasted a mess of money over the last sixty years. Tools, ham radio gear, boats, tools (yea, it needed to be listed twice - I have too many tools), a tractor, cooking/kitchen gear (I could outfit a four star restaurant), art work (me? an art collector?), musical instruments (got a bands worth and can't play any of them), tons of books (actually I have read some of them but trying to teach myself calculus was way beyond my pay grade), guns, and much more stuff that I've forgotten. Most of it has been accumulated over the last fifty or sixty years and boxed up every time I moved - and I have moved a few times. I've lived in PA, SC, GA, OK, VA, MD, AK, and FL. Had cars registered in all of them. Oh, yea, and Viet Nam, lived there too. Can you imagine dragging that stuff around the country like that. I need a do over. Maybe some of the class has more miles on them but then I know of some who have only lived in PA. What ever floats your boat, I guess. I only need to visit Maine to complete seeing all fifty plus Puerto Rico. I don't fly commercial (damn TSA) and Maine is a bit far for a Sunday drive from Naples, FL, so I guess I'll not complete the list. Anyway, not that anyone gives a rodent's rectum

about what I've done and I don't have a web page for you to "like and subscribe". Just thought I'd try to light a creative spark in someone, anyone, to dump something , anything in the annual (?) newsletter.

So - that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Ken (you know me by Tom) Delp

PS - no, I do not have a spare bedroom.

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Hi!

I thought that I would give you something to add to the newsletter. My daughters have decided that I have too much jewelry, clothes, and things for the house so they have become creative. I have season tickets to the theater and we go to the Shaw Festival in Canada in August.

They know that I like Dancing With The Stars so I received VIP tickets when Val and Maks were on tour. They are my favorites and I had the privilege to meet them. They are charming and fun to be with. We had front row seats (in the sweat zone). They really love to dance.

Then, DWTS was at Heinz Hall and again I had VIP tickets and front row seats and the opportunity to meet Val, Keo, Sharna, and Laurie Hernandez. Laurie is just the sweetest young woman. She has so much poise. Of course, Val is still my favorite.

I can't wait for my next surprise - they are planning another trip to Hawaii!

Carol Lloyd Mitchell



A Great Image



## Lively photos from Vince Bachar



Why I am a Shriner Miss Emily



Meeting Judge Dwayne Woodruff



Before parade with Seinfeld's Patrick Warburton

From the Sulkoskys We have sold our home in Durango West and purchased a single level home near Bayfield, only about 25 miles away. It has 4 bedrooms and an office, 3 bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The stairs were just getting to be too much. We had an offer less than 2 weeks after we put it on the market, and found our new home, so everything went very quickly. We just moved in last weekend, and although we are moved in, we are far from settled in. That will take quite a bit longer!

Jerry is having knee surgery the middle of December to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. He had the right one done a few years ago, and had very short recovery time, so we are hopeful this one will be as easy.

Overall, we are both doing very well, staying healthy and feeling well.

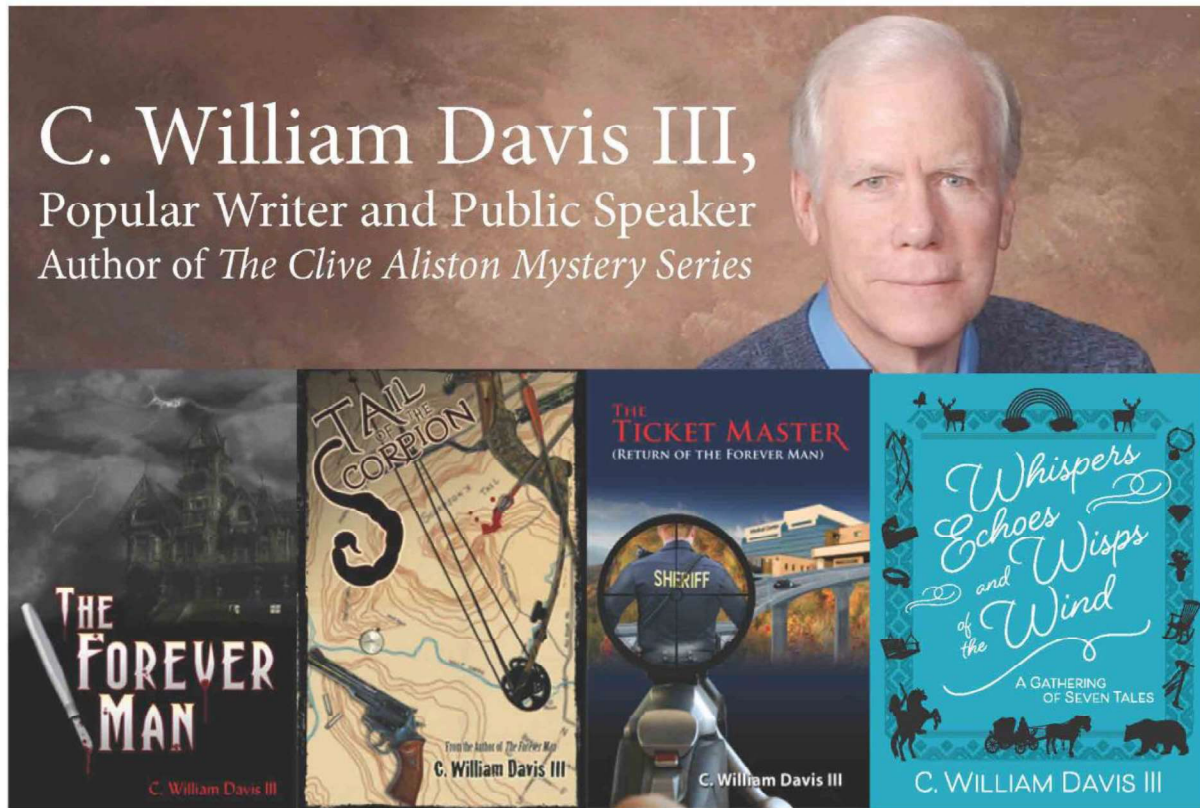
Keep in touch, and hope to see you again sometime soon!

Our new address: 1212 Homestead Drive, Bayfield, CO 81122.

Mary & Jerry



Charles "Bill" Davis is working on 2 new books. He shared the following:



## Upcoming Events

### Leechburg Public Library

Thursday April 6th at 6:30 pm  
215 First St, Leechburg 15656  
724-845-1911

### Windgate Vineyards and Winery

Saturday May 6th at 1-3pm  
1998 Hemlock Acres Rd, Smicksburg 16256  
814-257-8797

### Highlands Marching Band Craft Show

Saturday April 8th from 9-2  
Highlands High School

### Longwood at Oakmont

Tuesday May 9th at 10:30 am  
500 Route 909, Verona 15147  
877-359-6298

### Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library

Thursday April 20th at 6-6:30 pm  
673 Main St, Rimersburg 16248  
814-473-3800

### Ford City Library

Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm  
1136 Fourth Avenue, Ford City, PA. 16226  
724-763-3591

### Cranberry Public Library

Saturday April 22nd at 11am-1pm  
2525 Rochester Road, Suite 300, Cranberry Twp 16066  
724-776-9100

### Apollo Library

Thursday May 25th at 7 pm  
219 Pennsylvania Ave, Apollo 15613  
724-478-4214

### Burtner House Strawberry Festival

Saturday June 17th at 11am-5pm  
Burtner Road, Natrona Heights, PA. 15065

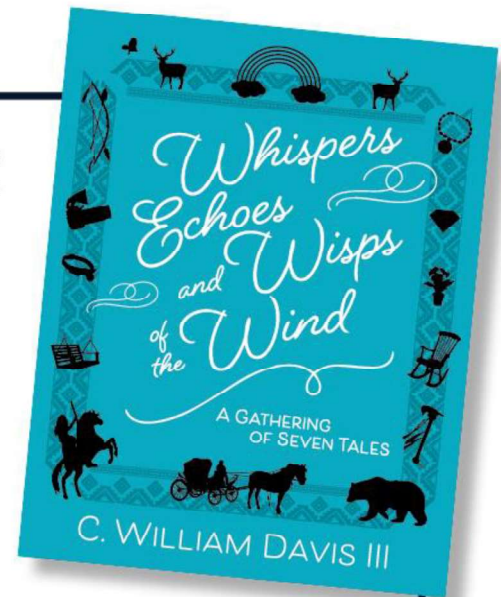
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And from Jack Sell

Marcia and I are still in Nevada but will return to PA next month. We have survived the winter here - had a total of over 8 Ft. of snow this year at our home in the Sierra Nevada mountains between Reno & Lake Tahoe. Got a couple of squares checked on the bucket list - Attended the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. It was a great game until the last minute or so!! We also managed a trip to the Galapagos Islands in February. Been wanting to go there for a very long time. Photos attached. Hope all is well. Best....Jack



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From the Welshes In Feb., we took off on a “recon” trip to try to decide where to nest as “snow birds NEXT year. We checked out the military RV campgrounds at Annapolis, Cherry Point, NC, Camp Lejeune, NC, Shaw AFB, SC, Foster Creek near Charleston, SC, King’s Bay, GA, and Mayport, FL. We also tried out condo living near Myrtle Beach, SC for a week. We visited Fort Sumner and Appomatox Courthouse in our quest of Civil War history and had a day in Savannah as well. It was a truly good trip with wonderful weather which, unfortunately, we were unable to bring back with us. Having seen 3! movies on the trip (we average 1 every 7 yrs), we took the plunge and joined Netflix. There goes the cleaning and other mediocre chores.

So...having decided that we will spend 3 months in the South next winter, we also decided somewhat more spacious accommodations were in order and so bought a 28 ft trailer (Jayco Flight) Two other trips are on tap in the Winnebago — one around Lake Superior in June and the other out West to Rocky Mt. Nat’l Park, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Grand Canyon, & Arches Nat’l Park in Sept and on to Orlando for the Oct. wedding of our great niece. Miles to go before we sleep...

Our older son is due back from his 2 yr. command in Japan in Nov. and expects to be sent to the Pentagon. We will be glad to have him on the East coast. Our younger son and his family are prospering in Wexford, Pa. Seems impossible but we haven’t seen them since last summer. Joe hasn’t yet been able to shed his sewer authority job but is determined to do so. We are still involved in our church.

That’s all the news from Welsh Halt. Blessings to you all!

And from Don Pinkerton

Not very newsy but traded the Washington cold and rain for Arizona sunshine. Also my new ride for cruises the SENIOR CENTER, we don't have an EAT-N-Park!! Best wishes to all, PINKY



Take good care, especially those of you who are ill. We wish you well.