

I hope your snow has melted by the time you read this. As I write this in February Plymouth, Massachusetts, has had more than eight feet of snow (and counting) since late January and most of it is still around! Diane and I visited San Francisco recently and met Kathy and **Paul Fitzgerald** for lunch in Sausalito, California. Paul is still working at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School (UCSF), but finding more time for family, travel and new hobbies (rock climbing!). Among much good conversation we learned about how he long ago lobbied for his fellowship at UCSF by coincidentally riding on the same plane with the head of the endocrine department, who would be deciding on Paul's acceptance. The lobbying worked, and Paul has been in California ever since. They live very near Muir Woods, a destination I highly recommend. He and Kathy recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. **Bill Beers** is still working full time, teaching "business English" one on one at a large Japanese company in Kobe, Japan. And Bill still studies Japanese, although he passed level one of Japanese proficiency in 1989. He finds the language, people and culture quite fascinating. In his free time Bill enjoys reading both fiction and nonfiction (in English, he clarifies!). Current recommendation: Ken Follett's *Edge of Eternity*. This March he and wife Tamae will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Lots of travel fit into his full-time career, including nearby Asian countries, Bali, and Hawaii. **Rich Miller** served as coauthor of the third edition of *Drugs During Pregnancy and Lactation*, providing the latest guidance concerning the use of drugs for specific health conditions during pregnancy and lactation. Not exactly bedside reading, but an important contribution! Saw some awesome Facebook postings recently: **Pete Emmel's** monster icicles (thank you, winter); **Bob Thomas** from St. Augustine, Florida (not missing winter!); and **Bill Adler's** visually rich images of Argentina (now there is a traveling guy!). Our class remains active in the connections program. During Winter Carnival professor Jere Daniell '55 spoke to 40 or 50 class of 2018s about the history of the carnival, followed by some personal reflections from **John Engelman, Bill Rich** and **Jim Cruickshank**. After the program some of the usual suspect '68s mingled with the freshmen, including **Peter Fahey, Wells Chandler, Dave Walden, Ed Heald** and **John Everett**. In our ongoing mini-reunion saga, Big East skiing version 2.0 at Okemo Mountain, Vermont, in January, drew 17 skiers, including 14 classmates. So successful that there will be a 3.0! Watch for details in a coming newsletter. And as you read this the annual Virgin Islands green armada is about to sail, May 6-16, with **Gerry Hills** as admiral of the ocean seas. There might still be time to be a walk (the plank) on.

Check the class website for flotilla details and other ideas in planning, including a trip to Budapest and rafting on the Arkansas River in Colorado.

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