

May-June 2020

At Class Notes' deadline, a number of us are headed to our next class committee meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. We'll enjoy lunch and a couple of D.C. attractions afterward. (We'll miss newsletter editor **Mark Waterhouse**. Good luck with the back surgery!) At the same time, the next mini reunion, a ski event, will get underway at Mammoth Mountain in California. Class members planning to attend are **Larry Griffith, Peter Fahey, Peter Emmel, Rick Pabst, Scott Reeves, Rich duMoulin, Dave Dibelius, Paul Fitzgerald, Steve Schwager, Jim Lawrie, Rusty Martin, Sandy Dunlap, Joe Lowry**, and first-timer **Paul Schweitzer**. Happy trails to all.

I heard via phone and email from a couple of friends who send greetings to you and wish to report that things are most pleasant and busy in their circles. **Jim Frey** and wife of 51 years Iris returned to their native Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to retire among family members and new friends of diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds. Their travels have included visits to all 50 U.S. states. Iris helps chair the resident council of their community and Jim serves on the board of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic and as a SCORE mentor for businesses.

**John Hamer**, whose goal to become a Navy SEAL after ROTC was frustrated by a horrific car crash on his way back to Hanover after winter break of senior year, has always nonetheless remained very active, even in retirement. He and wife Mariana kayak often on Lake Washington, near their home on Mercer Island, Washington. John is a Rotary member, tutors at a Seattle elementary school, and helps absent fathers re-engage with their children by volunteering with Divine Alternatives for Dads Services (DADS). The couple also enjoys watching Dartmouth football games with former Sen. Slade Gordon '50, of whose international policy center Mariana was president.

**Gerry Hills** writes that he and Martha have recovered from their Pahoia, Hawaii, house being inundated with 30 feet of lava—this not long after leaving their previous residence of St. John ahead of extensive hurricane destruction—and have moved into a bamboo house, also in Pahoia. Gerry says he's about a hundred yards from the ocean, at about 60 feet of altitude, and so theoretically safe from both global warming and another eruption, the latter of which isn't due for 50-plus years.

**Peter Hofman** forwarded me some selected overviews of Community Service Project volunteers' activities: **Peter Temple** helped create a nonprofit that helps American college students study overseas, **Sherwood Guernsey's** foundation operates computer learning centers in Panama, and **Eric Hatch's** Faces of Addiction works in prevention and recovery. See more and fuller overviews, along with how to enlist in the project, at the class website (<https://www.dartmouth68.org/community-service-project.html>).

Join us in Hanover on May 23 for the next class meeting!

Now, sadly, I must conclude with the news of the passings of **Kirby Nickels** and **Bill Paschke**.

Very best regards from the city that's not quite yet under either lava or, more likely, water.

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