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Let's begin with an update on a most worthy project you may have read about in *The Transmission*. I spoke recently with **Don Marcus**, who has an extensive background in television, motion picture, and stage writing and production and as the cofounder of the Ark Theater Company in New York City. Don, his wife, and his son are approaching completion of production on a feature-length film called *Lucky Milo*, a documentary about a former Marine named Milo Imrie who was a longtime friend of Don's son. It's based on videos and journals created by Milo himself and presents a sobering, even alarming picture of the widespread, personal, and social crises caused by the problems confronting military veterans returning to civilian life. You can provide welcome, tax-deductible support to production and distribution costs (and thereby to the vitally necessary services to veterans the film encourages) at <https://filmmakerscollab.org/films/lucky-milo>.

Tom Couser has provided us news of his recent and future activities. Ten years after retiring from teaching at Hofstra, where late in his career he founded a disability studies program, he was asked to teach a course on narratives of illness and disability at Columbia's narrative medicine program. Tom relates that teaching by Zoom was strenuous, but that the experience was gratifying overall. Next year he hopes to teach a new course, an introduction to disability studies, in the program. Otherwise, he keeps busy searching titles for New London (Connecticut) Landmarks' plaque program and trying to keep fit enough to play pick-up hockey once a week.

Hanoverian **John Engelman** is pleased to announce the establishment of a regularly scheduled class lunch, primarily for '68s in the Upper Valley, but all classmates (and spouses and significant others) are welcome. It'll be on the third Thursday of each month at Jesse's at noon, probably beginning in February. John requests attendees contact him at least two days prior and advises that full vaccination, including booster, is required.

Our webmaster **Jim Lawrie** announced a new feature of the community service project. He'll now be posting any events and updates that project participants and their organizations provide. Other participants can review the postings to consider publicizing their own news, plan attendance or financial support, or generate ideas for their own organizations. Recent Give a Rouse (GAR) award winner **Jim Frey** was an early contributor of information about his work with the Service Corps of Retired Executives. **Cedric Kam** wrote in about the Boston-area Metropolitan Wind Symphony's Virtual Holiday Pops Concert. Also **Michel Zaleski**, another recent GAR awardee, has provided recent news about his Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring project in the Dominican Republic.

As always, we solicit your frequent attention to the class website and the newsletter for information about online seminars, class projects, and mini reunions. Plan on Hanover in May and don't forget to write to yours truly.

Our final thoughts go to the family and friends of the recently deceased **Bruce Senn**, whom some of us last encountered when he led the Moosilauke hike at our 50th reunion.

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