

GILMAN CLASS OF 1963

CLASS NOTES

by Jake Slagle

First my apologies to any classmates to whom I failed to respond with an immediate thank you upon receiving news. We begin with classmates living out of town. **Bob Dobbin's** news is heartwarming. It focuses on the family dog Molly, a rescue, part golden and part lab. Molly is qualified as a therapy dog that frequently visits hospice patients, residents of skilled nursing facilities, and autistic high school students. Bob reports Molly's positive impact in conjunction with these visits is "really quite extraordinary—very special indeed"

John Loeb and Anna Belle will soon be completing their second year living in New Orleans. They love the "feast of creole architectural styles, rainbow of colors, great music, food and very diverse neighborhood," where both are active in the Bywater Neighborhood Association.

Tom Chase, while downsizing away "the stuff of a lifetime," also found time also to assist with the campaign of Hilary Clinton in her unsuccessful run-up to the Nation's first primary. Tom's daughter, Gabriele Chase, DVM, is living with her husband Steven Carlock and practicing veterinary medicine in Woburn, Mass., which is close enough for more visits.

With no plans to retire, **Robin Baker** continues to enjoy analyzing educational data at MetaMetrics. He and Mary recently vacationed by cruising the Amazon.

Reporting as an out-of-towner for the first time, **John Cluster** and his recent bride Heather Maier moved in September to Naples, Florida, with "two wonderful stepchildren and two Cavalier King Charles pups." John enjoys not having to shovel snow and finds Florida's balmy weather to be invigorating.

Ted Leach continues to teach at the Frank H. Netter medical school at Quinnipiac University. Bonnie still works at the Stop & Shop Pharmacy and plans to retire soon. Ted is also on two boards that deal with advocacy for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Daughters Kate and Beth, both veterinarians, are practicing, respectively, at Zoo

Atlanta and as a surgeon in residence at Cornell. Kate has talked Ted into running a half-marathon at Disney World with her and her husband—“up to nine miles so far. Pray for me.”

Bill Lamb and wife Jenny, along with 15 strangers, 19 porters, and three Peruvian guides, conquered the Machu Picchu trail in four days reaching altitudes as high as 13,700 feet. The most difficult part of the trek for Bill was when after dinner on the first evening, he was applauded by all for being the oldest person in the entire group. “I might not feel young anymore,” he wrote, “but I sure don’t feel like I deserve to be singled out for being ‘old.’”

George Scarlett also engaged in strenuous hiking. With his border collie Abby, he climbed 11,000 feet last August to the summit of Table Mountain in Wyoming’s Grand Tetons. He reports that after an hour of climbing, Abby ran away. George continued hiking to reach the summit four hours later to find Abby waiting there for him.

While **Ed Supplee** admits to having had a hard time matching the S & P with his individual stock investments, he reports that his real estate investments in California are doing “GREAT!” Ed and Sally also continue their world travels. Just in the year since our last Class Notes, they’ve been to the Cayman Islands (scuba diving), Cabo San Lucas (won a week at a charity auction), Indonesia, Switzerland, Paris to see in the New Year, and most recently Ethiopia, “a very rough trip.”

Many of our still Baltimore-based classmates have also traveled. **Lance Bendann** recently returned home beaming from a fun vacation to Costa Rica with son Chris. **Bob Dyer** has extended the scope of his travel by accompanying his wife, the Honorable Paige Marvel, on business trips relating to her position as Judge, U.S. Tax Court, to which President Obama appointed her for a second 15 year term in 2013.

Bill Paternotte is “really enjoying the privilege of having three grandsons at Gilman: Jack, Miles, and Truman Paternotte, respectively in the second, fifth, and eighth grades.” Having reached his term limit of Gilman’s Board of Trustees, Bill received the honor of being elected a lifetime trustee.

Ted Rugemer is now in his 68th year living on Taplow Road. He continues to teach finance at Towson, has five grandchildren aged 10 to one, and enjoys the Ravens, the Orioles,

and toy trains. “**Jack Nesbitt**,” he says, “continues to keep me alive. Virginia and I are in year 47. Life is good.”

Believing it impossible to reach **Jimmy Rouse** via email, I called and learned he has finally succumbed. This recent adaptation could relate to his responsibilities on behalf of Transit Choices, which he founded three years ago as a coalition of other organizations lobbying for better transit in Baltimore. Though still living in very rural Upperco, Jimmy maintains both an office and a studio in downtown Baltimore.

Terry Ellen is still serving as consulting minister to two small Maryland Unitarian Universalist congregations and remains active with several groups dealing with climate change. His son Daniel is working on an environmental philosophy doctorate.

Ward Coe recently had both knees replaced, a week apart, in March. He showed up at his office during the weeks following each operation. Hardly one to shirk the rituals of rehab, Ward is already looking forward to surfing in Puerto Rico in September.

Ward was called upon by **Chuck Newhall**, for his thoughts on a draft of Chuck’s recently published book entitled *Fearful Odds*. Available at amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble, this page-turner is an intensely personal memoir relating to combat in Vietnam, PTSD, and the subsequent and momentous peaks and valleys of Chuck’s remarkable life.

Procrastination has prompted what news remains for last because it’s tough. We have recently learned via email from Gilman that advanced climber, teacher, and videographer Eric Klimt (’98), son of Mikey and **Claudius Klimt**, tragically fell to his death in March from near the top of Moonlight Buttress in Zion National Park. As this is written, the family planned two memorial services, one in Baltimore, another in Terrebonne, Oregon.

We report as well that **Bill Oster** has been battling brain cancer for over a year and has undergone three surgeries that have left him severely disabled, albeit more physically than mentally. Still lucid, Bill continues to embrace a positive attitude, is grateful for the many positives of his life, and still maintains his trademark humor. Lance Bendann and Bob Dyer, Terry Ellen, and **Yours Truly** are just a few from our class who have been in close touch with Bill and Eleanor through this difficult year.