**June 2018 NMH Magazine 1957 Class Notes**

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**Just a year ago, 16 of us gathered on the NMH campus to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our graduation from Northfield and Mt. Hermon. In 1957 our classes and campuses were not only separated by the Connecticut River, we were separated by the culture and customs of that time.**

**Northfield and Mt. Hermon empowered us to think for ourselves, to be lifted by what we learned, and to use our experiences to improve our world in small and large ways. We've all done that and more.**

**During the intervening 61 years, we've also bridged those cultural and custom gaps, and become a single class. And it happened because of classmates like Darrell (Coop) Cooper. At our 45th Reunion, Coop saw the potential of one class and for the next 15 years made a commitment to make it happen. It was Coop who proposed the Fall get-togethers in Maine at his home, with a lobster bake in his back yard. Then to make sure it happened, he and Judi committed to doing that fall event every year for 15 years. And, Maine Madness was born.**

**For a few years, Maine Madness became so popular, NMH Alumni Association helped sponsor it. It was opened to all alumni and at the high point attracted 100 or more alums. Now it is back to being our own class event, still attracting '57 classmates, men and women, from as far away as California, Oregon and Texas.**

**So thank you Coop for seeing the possibilities and for all the work you've done over the years since our 45th Reunion to bring us together and help us have so much fun!**

MAINE MADNESS 2017 happened in September at **Bob** and **Judy Mansfield**’s in Bath, Maine. Looks like **Steve** and **Barbara Springer** were there, ready to get the group planning our 65th Reunion in 2022.

Steve writes, "As Reunion Chair for our 65th reunion, my commitment is to work with class leadership, school personnel and others to plan a reunion event which is meaningful for those willing to make the effort to attend.

"Many of the Reunion Team and others met to consider the general aspects of Reunion 2022 and enjoy each other’s company. Present at this Maine Madness were, Jocelyn Merrick of NMH, **Dave** and **Pat Williams, Ann Boothby Dickens, Joe Harrington, Bruce** and **Marcia Johnson, Ginger Roe Lang, Lloyd** and **Sarah Mitchell.** Other members of the team include **Ellie Gross Pendleton, Jeanne Schwartz Magmer** and **Sarah Drew Reeves**.

"Prior to the meeting, we paused to remember **Chuck Streeter**, our recently deceased president, who from our student days was a symbol of what is good about our school.

*"***Dave Williams**, our class VP, was elected to be the new Class President. He has big shoes to fill and with our help, we are confident, he will do his usual superb job.

"Included in the itinerary of Maine Madness, besides a complete lobster and clam dinner, was a guided tour of Maine Maritime Museum (conducted by **Bob Mansfield**), and a presentation by **Joe Harrington** on what’s involved to conduct a New England Town Meeting. The evening prior to the actual event 16 members enjoyed a seafood dinner at Robinson’s Wharf in Boothbay Harbor. We ‘57ers clearly enjoy good food.

"By the end of our Madness, we agreed to make next year’s Fall gathering a NEW HAMPSHIRE MADNESS, hosted by **Bruce** and **Marsha Johnson**. Additionally, we are committed to working toward a meaningful 65th Reunion which will include several recommendations made by classmates following our 60th." Watch this Class Notes column and our '57 Class Website for New Hampshire Madness and 65th Reunion plan updates.

**Dave Williams** said "**THANKS!** I appreciate your confidence in my leadership by officially electing me '57 Class **President** after Chuck Streeter’s many years in that office!" **Dave checked his role in** Robert’s Rules and discovered that it is essentially that of **moderator** or **chairman.** He plans to talk with Joe about how to provide that kind of leadership! And, look for 2018 New Hampshire Madness to be after Sept. 15. That's when Dave and Pat will be back from their **Louis R. French** Windjammer cruise out of Camden, ME, for their 15th wedding anniversary

As we suddenly find ourselves approaching our 80th decade, losing our partners and friends is happening all too frequently. In addition to losing Class President **Chuck Streeter** , it was just a year ago that **Joe Harrington** and **Ginger Roe Lang** lost their mates.

"**Ginger** writes her life changed when her husband, **John Alden Lang**, died in June 2017. She and John were married for 58 years. They met Ginger's senior year at Northfield and were married two years later. Ginger and her daughter, Priscilla are staying at their condo in Concord, MA. She continues to run her business, Ginger's Journeys. She enjoyed being at the Maine Madness reunion, and she stopped by to see **Joyce** and **Bob Arthur** in October. Ginger's son, Jon and his wife, Summer, took Priscilla and Ginger to Kenya and Tanzania in late December-January 2017-18.

**Joe** writes, "As many of you are aware, I lost my wife Diethild May 9, 2017. Family and friends rallied around me, not least among them my ’57 classmates at our 60th reunion. When people ask me now 'How are you doing?' they want to hear me say 'I’m doing fine!' but my answer is 'I’m doing.' Not 'fine', and I am moving forward as one must, making plans, preparing the house for sale, and jettisoning a lot of unnecessary stuff that has accumulated over 44 years (with neither a move nor a fire). I’m doing what has to be done to get a new and different life in place. I’m not the first of our number who has had to do this, nor will I be the last. Onward."

Many of us do keep up those wonderful friendships we made with roommates, dormmates and classmates. **Judy Wagner McKernon and Phebe Townsend Banta** were Northfield buddies and then went on to be friends at Vassar. They met last fall for lunch in Lakeville, CT. Judy also visited **Wendy Hsu Lee**, her Northfield roommate and dear friend, for an overnight in Walnut Creek, CA, over the Thanksgiving holiday. Judy also reports, she and **Terry Verros** did a repeat of their visit to the NMH campus for a second consecutive year of attending Christmas Vespers. They meet in Greenfield, make their way to the afternoon performance of Vespers, go out to dinner at the Hope & Olive Restaurant, spend the night at the Hampton Inn, and head home the next day. "It's all quite wonderful and a lovely way to start the Holiday season," Judy said.

**Phebe** writes "Happy to say George and I have not retired. We're busy with our properties, including motels and restaurants, most notably four Buffalo Wild Wings with another on the way, and our Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, NY -- the oldest continually operating hotel in the country. Family all lives in Poughkeepsie (son and son-in-law in the business). I love my garden clubs and supporting Planned Parenthood." (Note: If any of you are near Rhinebeck, NY, don't miss the Beckman Arms. It's amazing and the dinner was the best Mike Litt and I had on our June 2017 East Coast trip.)

In addition to attending Christmas Vespers, **Terry Verros** reports, "I am moving from my beautiful home in Popponesset Beach in Mashpee on Cape Cod. I’ve been living here full-time since1995 when I was hired as the director of guidance at a middle school in Hyannis. I am

downscaling and renting an apartment closer to Boston. My spouse of 23 years passed away four years ago and living alone in a vacation area is challenging. Moving to the city will afford me excellent medical care, public transportation and many more cultural opportunities. I have been doing hospice work here on the Cape and hope to continue when I move. Art classes and

Buddhist studies are also on my 'to do' list. One chapter of my life is closing and another one is opening. I’m sure many of our classmates are dealing with a similar transition. It’s all a part of the journey."

**Lloyd Mitchell** reports, **Oliver Woshinsky** came through Philadelphia in October 2017 and he spent a delightful evening with Oliver and his wife Pat, dining and catching up on the years since Mount Hermon. Oliver and Lloyd sat next to each other in **Sam Greene’s math class** "Oliver always scored a couple of points higher than I did on exams but in college he majored in political science while I majored in math. Go figure!", Lloyd writes.

**Malcolm Peck** surprised **Darrell Cooper** during the 2017 Thanksgiving weekend while Malcolm was visiting his sister in Maine. Malcolm, his wife Aida and his sister and brother-in-law had dinner at Coop’s house. In early October, **Darrell** and **Judy Cooper** spent an enjoyable fall day with **Joyce** and **Bob** **Arthur** at the Arthur's lakefront home in Connecticut. **Marti (Betty) Welsh Gladstone** and **Jeanne Schwartz Magmer** spent two weeks on the Danube in April travelling through Eastern Europe with the Boston area women's group they travelled with two years ago.

**Michael Doudoroff** reports he has joined the rest of us "clinically diagnosed degenerates with bad knees, bad back, hips starting to go, too." Despite degenerative arthritis, Michael reports he is still alert and mobile, and his "disposition is only moderately degraded." In March he traveled with his son and sister to St. Petersburg (a day at the Hermitage, another at the Russian Museum) and Finland (ancestral haunts and graves). With his companion, Elaine, and his son and daughter-in-law, he spent October 2017 in Japan. (Elaine is a Professor of Japanese language and literature at the U. of Kansas and he took advantage of her sabbatical to tag along.) Other 2017 trips included California (twice), New York/New England (twice), Hawaii, Montreal/Quebec City, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico. Michael moved to smaller, more age-appropriate digs this spring. He continues to record books for Audio Reader, a radio and online broadcast service for the visually impaired ([www.reader.ku.edu](http://www.reader.ku.edu)). Also periodically cooks vats of his mother’s Depression Era spaghetti recipe for a church-based soup kitchen, for which he has acquired "a modest degree of fame among the least of our local brethren." He enjoyed the NMH Reunion, having on the way reconnected with his Cottage I and Overton roommate, **Stephen “Bugs” Warner**, who now lives in Amherst and is struggling with Parkinson’s.

**Nelson Hulme** writes. that life for he and his wife Dorothy is "routine, which at our ages is a good thing!" They had "no major trips in 2017, but are looking at going to Alaska this summer or early fall." They made several visits to see youngest son Richard and his family in Medfield, MA, and took their annual trip to Orlando, FL, to visit oldest son David and his family with stops to see friends and family along the way.

**Aldie Howard** is still living in Forest Grove, OR, with his partner Sue and a cat named Smidgen. He's working on a 1970 Nova. Splitting firewood. Raking leaves. Cleaning gutters. Enjoyed Thanksgiving and left for St. Petersburg, FL, soon after Christmas 2017.

**Walt Mockett** reports that his posterity continues to increase. It now stands at six children, 27 grandchildren (the 27th is the only boy with a Mockett surname), and seven great grands. He still enjoys playing league tennis in Atlanta, GA, and admits he is slowing down.

**Martha Johnson** is keeping up with all of us even though she missed the reunion and Maine Madness last year. Hopefully, for our 2022 Reunion, we will be old enough to secure first floor, easy access accommodations where Martha, **Joy Goddard Knightly** and anyone else with a walker can join us.

Meanwhile, **Darrell Cooper** has an assignment for us: "add some of our classmate authors to your reading list." Coop recently finished reading *Worlds to Discover* by **Jim Payne**. This is Jim’s fourth book on his solitary kayaking adventures. Coop has read all of them and says each one gets better. **Vic Cino’s** book *Little Gangster* is a must read for all Hermonites. We Northfieldites have authors too, including me, **Jeanne Schwartz Magmer**. The latest book I've edited, *Rogue River Guide and his Gold*, was published December 2017. For our next reunion, it would be interesting to have our '57 class authors share their stories with us.

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