

2011. In recent years he served on the Board of Directors with a hospital and a school. He was also a baseball coach for the North East Little League

Mrs. Dawn McIntyre, widow of Fred McIntyre, 7th company, passed on 11 May 2020. Dawn had a short career as a model, ending that chapter with her marriage to Fred in 1960. They lived many places during Fred's career, and settled in the Charleston area, where she worked for the Board of Education and various charitable organizations. After Fred passed away in 2015, Dawn moved to the Chicago area to be closer to their daughter, Cynthia. She was a passionate artist with a trademark signature of a ladybug that she added to each of her paintings.

Ralph "Ruffy" Facciani, 6th company, died 11 May 2020. Ralph was a recruited Quarterback from Wimber, Pennsylvania. He attended Columbia Prep and played football there and for several years at Navy. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Navy Supply Corps. After attending Supply School he served in several Supply Officer billets before leaving the Navy in 1963. He returned to Wimber, married his wife Cathy, and was employed in the insurance business until final retirement.

Major Ray Lavan, USMC (Ret.), 11th company, died on 12 May at his home in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Ray served in two combat tours in Vietnam, for which he received several awards and medals. Following his military service, he was employed by Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing and served at the Senior Executive Service level until he retired in 2003. Memorial services and inurnment will be held at the USNA at a later date.

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Hanging in there!!! AND it appears everybody else is as well. Unfortunately, a lot of area get-togethers have been curtailed and input (information) has dried up. So, folks help me out and let me know how things are doing in Arizona, Minnesota, Maine or where-ever else you are. I just watched Brady, Manning, Woods, and Michelson playing golf just up the road from home. I might have seen them play in person if it hadn't been for COVID -19 and a lot of rain. In spite of that, we know we're in a wonderful place and we'll be past the problems before long.

From **Jack Garrity (15)**:

✉ Bill, Enclosed is a candid shot taken by our waitress; here are the particulars. As illustrated in the accompanying photo, three of us tend to get together during the winter while the Boeckers are in Florida. On Feb 26, we dined at the Salt Life Food Shack on Fernandina Beach where the lunch special features oysters and Bloody Mary's. Seated clockwise from the left are Helen Garrity, Mimi Lewis, Don and Gay Boecker, Harry Lewis, and Jack Garrity. Credit to our waitress who captured one of many jovial moments.



15th company folks

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:



✉ In January, we heard from James Patton, the youngest son of our classmate, **Jim Patton (9)** and currently the President of the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy (ICRD). James gave an inspiring presentation on the Center's work and what he sees as its four criteria for success. The first has to do with removing religion as a driver of violence. Here he cited what ICRD is doing to purge the inflammatory content from Saudi public-school textbooks. Second is increasing the capacity of religious peacemaker, which the Center is presently doing in Yemen by training religious leaders and other prominent members of civil society on conflict prevention and countering violent extremism.

The third objective is to create more religious peacemakers, which it has been doing in Colombia through its training of religious leaders of all faiths and networks of religious women in the fundamentals of reconciliation, thereby setting the stage for the reintegrating former combatants into civil society.

The fourth is integrating religious peacebuilding efforts with those of a secular nature. Here, the Center has been focusing on how best to engage religious conservatives in countering the advance of Jihadi-Salafism in countries like Morocco, Tunisia, Pakistan, and Yemen.

I asked James how he would appeal to any classmates who might like to support the Center's work. His response: "Our global community chases from one conflict to another, racing after outbreaks of violence to contain the damage. Yes, ICRD, plays a role in healing broken communities; but, with the right resources, we can get out in front of violence, helping

people to bridge their differences based on shared religious values before the fighting starts. We take what is at the heart of people's relationship with the divine, with their sense of healed creation, and turn it into a tool of peace and progress. Thus, we build a world of empathy and compassion to push back against the forces of division and destruction. We need your help to stand in the breach, to resist the rise of the darkest aspects of human nature—fear, hatred, vengeance—and to remind our fellow humans of our sacred bond with one another."

Jim is wrestling with cancer, so he was unable to join us for his son's presentation. However, he sends everyone his very best. Not only is he incredibly proud of what James is doing, but I am happy to report that he is responding well to the medical treatments.

Those who were able to hear James in person included: **Don Broadfield (22)**, **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Amalia and **Duane Tollakson (3)**, **Robert Traister (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Dareen and Yours Truly.

In February, we had a special treat in which **Pete Bos (7)** shared some of the highlights from his experience at the Rome Olympics in 1960. It was rather remarkable that Navy won the privilege of competing for the US, because their record was 2 and 3 on the season going into the Olympic trials. However, they won the honors by outfoxing Cal, which was undefeated going in and against whom they had already raced twice before. In those earlier races, Navy's coach, Lou Lindsey, noticed that at a certain point in their races, Cal would take things up a notch and row even faster for a short while, effectively out-distancing their opponents in the process. So, Lindsey followed suit and had Navy kick it up for exactly the same amount of time. Cal wasn't used to not being ahead after their intense bursts of speed, and Navy was able to bring it home. After the Olympics, in which Germany won, Pete and Kraft Schepke, who

captained their respective teams, exchanged rowing shirts.

Fast forward another 50 years or so and Pete tracked Kraft down via the internet and offered to return Kraft's shirt, which he thought would one day probably mean more to Kraft's kids than to his own. Both followed through with visits to one another's homes, including a few opportunities to row together along the way.

A couple of years ago, Pete contacted Kraft again in addition two other friends to see if they would like to compete in the International Masters rowing competition, scheduled to take place in Florida a year later. They all agreed, worked out for a year, and brought home the bacon. Although there was only one other 4-oared shell in the over-80 age category, Pete's team won by a considerable margin and did so with a broken rudder, requiring one side of the boat to pull a heavier oar than the other throughout the race.

It was great fun reliving an international rowing champion's adventure, although Pete was initially reluctant to appear immodest in the telling of his tale. However, I was able to convince him that at our age, modesty was a thing of the past, especially compared to hearing a good story. And good it was! It was great to see Pete and Sissel again, and everyone had a great time.

Those who attended were: Sissel and **Pete Bos (7)**, **Don Broadfield (22)**, **Harry Butler (10)**, Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)** and son, George Dowell IV, Fae Daniels and **Bud Pezet (13)**, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Daren and yours truly.



International champions one and all

And from **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Classmates, about 11 years ago in May, the Class of 2010 held their Ring Dance. Because of the Another Link in the Chain program with us as their sponsors at the time, as a class we were all invited to attend. If I remember correctly about 15 couples attended and we truly had a great time.

Anyhow one of our classmates, **Joe Peek (17)**, during our 1960 Ring Dance, took a small vial of the water collected from the Seven Seas and had kept it unopened all the succeeding 50 years. But for the Class of 2010 he wanted to share that vial of our water with the those who would be dipping their rings into the water. Joe sent along a letter to be read to the Class of 2010 before they started their ceremony. For those of us present it was an opportunity to re-consecrate our rings by dipping them into the combined waters.

Hope many of you will enjoy this blast from the past. It's another significant part of our heritage and tradition. God BlessOz

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Well, I'm back, with a few bruises. My last two articles were somewhat short, as I still had a few bugs to work out; this one should be somewhat better with respect to somewhat more info. FYI, Connie and I sold our home up in Blue Ridge Summit, PA., and have moved permanently to our previous winter home in Melbourne, FL. We are near our daughter, who continues as a senior manager for NASA, and our son-in-law, who is a building contractor. Our son is the Facilities Manager for the Federal Reserve System (he is a product of the Navy's CEC, where his last job was manager of the White House buildings and grounds, as well as Camp David), and lives with his family west of the DC beltway. One interesting little anecdote from Camp David: President Busch and his wife were due to go up to Camp David one pleasant Fall weekend, so my son Skip and his Navy Civil

Engineers went up a little ahead of time, to straighten things up. As you likely know, Camp David is on the top of a local mountain in MD., several miles across the border from where our house was located in PA. It is heavily wooded, quiet, with the normal wildlife of the area, and has numerous very nice bungalows and a central office/meeting complex/dining area, and is kept in a well-manicured condition. Skip had his squad cleaned up the area (LOTS of leaves had fallen), cut the grass, vacuumed the buildings, got rid of the fallen leaves, etc., etc. in preparation for the President's visit. Just after they arrived, they dropped their luggage, and went out for a walk, as it was a very nice Fall day. Right away, Mrs. Bush expressed bitter disappointment, as she saw no fallen leaves anywhere, and had been looking forward to the Fall season there in the camp. After they went inside, my son was appraised of the First Lady's great disappointment at not seeing any Fall leaves on such a lovely October day. So, he and his squad of Merry Men went out back, brought all the leaves back from the dump, and distributed them around the yard that night. The next morning's Presidential Walk revealed that overnight, Fall had come. All was well.

This in from **Ned Kuhns (07)** in Tidewater, VA.:

✉ "For our 12 March 2020 luncheon just before the state of Virginia was told to practice social distancing and stay home, the Tidewater '61



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