

large painting corporation in Texas, before heading to Carteret County, NC, where he taught at both the Middle School and High School and worked as an accountant preparing taxes for individuals and businesses. He enjoyed boating, spending time on the beach with his family and taking long walks with his wife, Judy, at sunset. They rented a sailboat each summer and, with Bill as "Captain", would island hop throughout the British Virgin Islands. Bill is remembered as a devout Christian, and a kind and generous gentleman whose greatest pleasure was time spent with his family. He is survived his wife of 20 years, Judy Smith Styron, three children, his sister, seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The Class extends its sincere condolences to Judy and their family.

Well, the mailbag's empty, folks. Stay warm and drop your old scribe a note when you get a chance! More to come. D. O.

Tried and True With '72.

'73

Life Membership: 65%
Donor Participation: 17.97%

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Hi Classmates! I hope you had a great Holidays and are prospering in the new year. It's time for those Dark Ages celebrations so send those stories and pictures to me. I have a variety of pieces of news to pass on so let's get to it.

The first is a small world event from **Conrad Donahue**;

✉ Ahoy General, While vacationing in Williamsburg I went for a bike ride on the Virginia Capitals Trail that connects Jamestown with Richmond and passed no other bikers before turning around for the return ride at the 12 mile marker. Shortly after reversing course, I was overtaken by a streaking biker in the finest riding garb who came out of nowhere. He noticed my NAVY ball cap and slowed to inquire if I had

served. After a few further exchanges, "I was in the Class of '73" was followed by "So was I!" I experienced the warm, fuzzy feeling that accompanies the transformation of strangers to classmates when I met **Bill Evans** (9th Co) about 49 years later than I should have. Bill was kind enough to maintain my pace for the next 6 miles of conversation after which I think we both felt the Mother-B kinship. If this one in a million coincidence wasn't enough, Bill mentioned that his company-mate **Dave O'Connor** unexpectedly moved down the street from him in his Williamsburg development and I replied that **Tom Warner** (20th Co) did the same in my condo community in Rhode Island. Bill then told me about a fellow whom he was seated with for a meal on a River Cruise down the Danube who mentioned that his brother "ran the U.S. Navy." Turns out that this was the brother of our Classmate **Gary Roughhead!**

CJ, Thanks. This is a great "it's a small world story". Hope to see you soon.

On to other news. I am not sure but I think I have our class's first Great Grandparent. I received the following from **Royce Engler**;

✉ Jim, I thought I'd pass on a photo of me and my new great-grandson. I figure he should be about Class of 2040! I seem to have a special talent for getting younguns to sleep. Must be a pass down from my legendary sleeping skills at USNA. My kids call this the "Pops effect".

I asked Royce for an update on what he has been doing lately and received the following;

✉ "I'm still living in Panorama Village, TX, about 30 miles north of Houston. I'm sort of retired, playing golf 2-3 times a week, and doing contract work for my son's oilfield land management company, doing title searches to find the heirs of lost owners of oil and gas properties in Oklahoma. I was elected to City Council of our small town last year, and I'm also the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. In my spare time I teach NRA Instructor classes at a local shooting

range, and when I can, I try to put ordnance down range as well. I have three children via two marriages, nine grandchildren, and now our first great grandson. He's about two months old now. Other than that, not much going on."

I told Royce he is busier now than I ever was! We also exchanged stories about our shooting experiences particularly how we both have difficulty hitting our targets.



Royce and great grandson Walter Shane Burke born on 6 July 2018 in Conroe, TX.

Royce, Great to hear from you and congratulations on your great grandson.

I received a couple of "attaboys". The first is from **Leif Hendrickson**;
✉ "In October, our very own **Ed Donofrio** traveled to Santa Clara, Panama and provided a presentation to the youth of the Five Star Academy School (see photo nearby) about the sport of Fencing and the Olympic Games. As you can see from the pictures, he also provided a demonstration using "foam foils" where he was waxed by these young upstarts. Congrats and "Thanks" to Ed for continuing his ambassadorship for the sport and for our country. Ed, you're a Great American."

Ken Landers passed on;

✉ "After completing the Navy-Air Force Half Marathon on September 16th, I was pleasantly surprised when checking the race results. **Pete Scala** placed first in the Men's 65-69 age group with a pace of 7:53 minutes/mile over the 13.1 mile course through Washington, DC. As we all get a little older, it is inspiring to know that at least one old goat still rules. Bravo Zulu Classmate!"



Ed Donofrio teaching Fencing to future Olympians

I received several pieces of sad news; **Jim Jackson** passed away on 10 October 2018 from cancer. There was a celebration of Jim's life on 2 November 2018 at Clackamas Community College, in Oregon City, Oregon. About 400 friends, family & former students/athletes attended. The Class was represented by **Mike Seiwald**. Mike reported that it was evident that Jim touched many lives in the most positive way during his many years as Athletic Director at the college. Look for more on Jim's life in an upcoming Last Call.

Laura McClay wife of **Tim McClay** passed away on 31 October 2018. Laura was a retired U. S. Navy Captain and nurse practitioner. Laura died of cancer at her home in Severna Park, Md.

Please keep the families of our classmates in your thoughts and prayers in their time of sorrow.

Dirk Mosis has some gouge he would like to share;

✉ Classmates, Happy 2019, I want to give you a short "State of the Class" brief so you know what the Class Officers are thinking and planning as we seek support from you. On 16 November, the Class Officers met. Highlights are: Class Communication is being led by Rick Elliott (Web Master). We will be asking Company Reps for assistance as we plan the 50th Reunion, proceed with Class' 50th Class Gift; seek volunteers for Link in the Chain activities; obituaries and more. If you are willing to be a Company Rep, or are a Company Rep and want a relief, please contact Rick or me. Chuck's treasury report has us in great shape with about \$45,000.00 in the bank to support the Link in the Chain and our 50th Reunion preparations. Our by laws are in good standing. Paul Ryan is leading a review for potential update. If you have any comments or questions please contact Paul. You will hear from Joe Stewart frequently over the next four + years as he coordinates our Link in the Chain effort. He has many volunteer opportunities for us to be with the class of 2023. George Watt is leading our '73 50th gift campaign. News on goals, opportunities in Yard, Spirit of Philanthropy is forthcoming. We are hugely excited and lucky to have George's years of leadership at Navy and the College of Charleston. Classmates, no Class has the quality leadership we have in this endeavor. Doug Rice will be out to the Class with a survey soliciting input for 50th, which game, venues, events on which days, etc. There are various other items being attended to, but the above are the main focus of the class. Thank you! Always ideas, suggestions, contact me at: dmosis3@aol.com / 210-204-0352. Non sibi, Dirk '73!

Paul Ryan has relieved **Tom Storch** as chairman of the class Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Award review panel. This award is given to the living graduate whose character, distinguished military and civilian service and stature represent the qualities that the U.S. Naval Academy strives for in keeping with its ideals of duty, honor, loyalty, and integrity. We are soliciting nominations for 2019. Those classmates wanting to nominate a member of the Class of 1973 should notify Paul (pauljryan@aol.com) NLT April 1, 2019 of their intent to submit a nomination package. The purpose of this notification is to eliminate duplicate efforts if more than one classmate is planning to prepare a nomination package for the same classmate. The link:

<https://www.usna.com/DGA> provides more details. Contact Paul if you have any questions.

I have a couple of admin items; If you have not been to the class website recently I encourage you to go to it. The address is; 1973.usna-classes.net and it contains a lot of good gouge. My email address jchan769@verizon.net is no longer valid. The email address chap769@yahoo.com listed above is still good so please use it. As Dirk said we have the 50th reunion coming up and there is a lot of planning being done, including a survey for your inputs. We really need a good email address for you and your inputs. Please register with the Alumni Association website and keep your email address up to date. It will be a big help. Thanks.

That's all the news. I hope you are keeping warm and enjoying winter. If you are looking for ways to help our injured service members I encourage you to check out Operation Mend run by UCLA. As I wrote at the start, I am looking for some Dark Age stories and pictures. As always, Go Navy! and Semper fi! General

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Happy New Year!

I think.

Thanksgiving was a mere four days ago, Army-Navy is 12 days off, and Christmas shopping is going full tilt. But you won't read this until the first week of February. So here I am, caught in the schism between now and then, or is that between then and now? So perhaps I should focus on things not particularly time sensitive.

I'm starting off this column with what is a continuation from the last column, as I inadvertently left a message out in that previous issue. My sincere apologies to **Fred Stuvek** (26th Co.). He had been keeping me up to date on his efforts to finish and publish his first book. I kept a separate file for that subject, and when he finally went to press back in September, I had forgotten to pull out that file.

Let me digress slightly: Fred and I were both AnaMana majors, so we had several classes together. My long-term memories of Fred are centered on his outgoing sense of humor, and probably the strongest throwing arm I've ever known. His happy-go-lucky persona, and his ability to always see the humor around him made him a pleasure to have him included in any class of group. But as we've seen with so many of our classmates, the degrees of success achieved by many were unpredictable. In Fred's case, he started a couple of companies that gained great success, leading to lucrative buyouts. Along the way, Fred obviously spent a great deal of time inspecting his own habits, characteristics and work ethic. And in so doing, evidently did what is so difficult for most: he continuously re-invented himself based on constant self-improvement. After achieving a high degree of business success, he realized that he had acquired a set of tools from which others could benefit. That led to

his book, entitled: *It Starts With You*. Rather than trying to write a description, I'll print Fred's own words describing his work:

The intent of the book is to help someone develop the "mindset and habits for success" since what you think and how you act defines you. It is comprehensive yet specific as I address WHAT is important, WHY it is important, and HOW you do something about it. Fred Stuvek.

The book is available through several sources, including Amazon. He also has a website, located at: <http://itstartswithyou.net>. Fred reports that several companies have informed him that they are making the book mandatory reading for new employees. Well done Fred. I think you need to hold a book signing session at the tail gate in the N Room at the 45th reunion in October.

Although this season has not been a particularly good one for Navy Football, the enthusiasm and support from USNA '74 remains strong. When Notre Dame played Navy in San Diego in October our class responded en mass. Thanks to **Al Lerchbacker** (20th Co.) stepping up to take charge and ordering tickets in a block (100 ticket, no less), I think our class had more people in attendance than any other class, with the exception of the Class of '71, who was holding their reunion at the game instead of in Annapolis this year. The pre-game tailgate was HUGE, to the point of making it difficult to hook up with individuals there. But the San Diego contingent's monthly tradition of having a lunch together, the aptly named *Monthly Dose of '74*, was held on Friday, the day before the game, and the attendance was awesome. Here is a list of the attendees, along with some photos taken:

Marsh Nadel (2nd Co.), **Gary Leupold** (4th Co.), **Bob** and **Suzanne Santos** (5th Co.), **Jim Burns** (8th Co.), **Stu Cvrk** (10th Co.), **Steve** and **Robin Diamond** (12th Co.), **Bruce Lowman** (16th Co.), **Rich "Gomer" Pyell** (16th Co.), **Jay** and **Marty Wells** (16th Co.), **Steve Barnes** (17th Co.), **Bob Marshburn** (17th Co.), **Mark Sullivan** (17th Co.),

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