

Class of 65 Newsletter

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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

Our two month sojourn in the sun is now over, and after an uneventful three day drive home, with none of the horror stories predicted by many fellow travellers, we arrived home to SNOW on the ground! Hope springs eternal however that the forecast warmer weather in the next couple of weeks will make it disappear.

Not too much to report this month. **Dave Borrowman** has provided an interesting anecdote from a cruise that he and Sue took.

In the last issue, we reintroduced **Peter Thackray** to the Class. Unfortunately, Peter has since reported on some serious health problems that he is undergoing.

Included in this edition is a report provided by the RMC Foundation on the state of the Class of 65 Endowment.

Finally, it is my sad duty to report the passing of Classmate, **6605 Lewis Darbey**.

On 5 Degrees of Separation

By 5990 Dave Borrowman

We were on a South Pacific adventure to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Much of the trip took the form of a cruise aboard MS Regatta sailing from Auckland NZ. While in New Zealand waters I realized that many of our fellow passengers were on Alumni trips from 6 or 7 US universities organized by an alumni travel company called "GoNext".

On their 'show the flag' day I spotted the flag of the US Naval Academy and contacted the GoNext representative who told the group that "Canadian Dave" was interested in meeting them. She got back to me to say



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5 Degrees of Separation (Concluded)

that they too were interested and invited me to a photo session. That evening Tom Forbes, Annapolis class of '65, introduced himself and asked if I happened to know a Canadian naval officer named Gord Forbes?

The 18 Feb 2019 edition of eVERITAS had just come in with the item interviewing Gord (N). Synchronicity! It turned out Tom's summer training posting in 1964 was to HMCS MACKENZIE out of Esquimalt. He asked after Gord and I was able to email him the full article. Later in the cruise after USN Forbes had read the article he commented that the parallels between their two careers were remarkable. Tom also remembered Dave McCartney but he couldn't recall any other names. He recalled that there was lots of friendly inter-naval banter back then.

There were five USNA grads with a 'rump' of four USAFA grads so there was a good deal of jiving between them too.



As this photo of the USNA & RMC group shows they welcomed the Canadians warmly. USN Forbes is the couple on the right. In case you don't recognize the old fogie RMC type - we're the third couple from the right.



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6367 Peter Thackray

I received the following e-mail from Peter:

“So I wanted you to know first hand what is going on with me. At the end of last November I noticed a small black dot on the side of my nose and by the middle of December it had grown dramatically.

The long and the short of it was that it turned out to be my 6th Melanoma. I was referred to a plastic surgeon who does face and neck work. He explained the procedure and I was then sent for a CT scan.

The nose surgery and lymph nodes are scheduled for next Tuesday (21 March) .

The CT scan results came back with some very stressful news. I have stage 4 lung cancer in both lungs .I am now awaiting the referral made by my GP to a Thoracic surgeon.

I remain optimistic and will fight this'd try to beat it.

Judy is my rock!!”

Peter: The Class of 65 wishes you and Judy strength through this difficult time.

6065 Lewis Darbey

Georges Wilson received the following from Lewis Darbey’s sister Linda.

“I'm Lew's sister Linda. I'm sorry to advise you that Lew passed away on Mar 18, 2019. He hadn't been well since last fall and by February was having a hard time breathing and walking very far.

The Doctor diagnosed him with scleroderma (auto-immune disease) affecting his lungs and skin tightening.

He fought a hard battle and finally said he would go to the hospital on March 8th. He wouldn't accept comfort until 4:30am on the 18th and was gone 23 minutes later with me and his daughter by his side. He was 77 years old.

We are comforted by the fact, that even though he couldn't talk, he made all his own decisions by nodding.”

Linda: please accept the condolences of the Class of 1965 and our thanks for passing along this sad news.

The picture on the next page is of 11 Flight, Maisonneuve Squadron, CMR 1961. Lewis is in the Front Row, 2nd from the right.



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Lewis Darbey



SECTION 11 — Assis, gauche à droite: Carl Anderson; Philip Bury; Gaetan Dextras; Pierre Marcotte; Paul Young; Noël Gauthier; Rodderick Manning; Lewis Darbey; Richard Ouellette. Debout, même ordre: Stewart Bacon; Paul Guilbault; Denis Choquette; Colin Johnson; Georges Wilson; Rudolf Roelofson; Thomas Drolet; Jean-Louis Bolduc; Edmond Kingsbury; Alain Pellerin; Gilles Thibault; Julius Demiany; John Salter; Jacques Carignan; Pierre Falardeau; David Smith; Richard Bélanger.



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Class of 65 Endowment Fund

The following is the body of a letter from Nancy Marr, Executive Vice President of the RMC Foundation to Keith Ambachtstcheer, summarising the Class Endowment Fund.

“Re: Class of 65 Endowment Fund

Please find attached a copy of the Class of 65 Endowment Fund Report for your review and information and as an ongoing reference document. A summary of your Endowment is as follows:

Endowed Funds: This Fund represents the capital portion of your Endowment and is typically not touched. It increases as a result of annual donations or other fundraising activities undertaken. The amount listed in the Endowed Fund would not reflect the gains or losses from investment market performance (instead this is reflected in the Restricted Funds of the Endowment Report) – as it is important to track the history of your ongoing fundraising efforts.

Endowed Fund Balance as of 31 December 2018 = \$474,010.40.

Note: Your Balance in this Fund represents a decrease of \$205,512.00 from 31 December 2017.

Endowed Restricted Funds: This Fund represents the amount of money you have available to expend on the purpose of your Endowment in any given year. This Fund reflects interest attributed to this Endowment based on the market returns achieved by the Foundation’s Balanced Investment Fund, any Benefactions made in accordance with the purpose of the Endowment, and an annual Endowment administration fee.

Endowed Restricted Fund Balance as of 31 December 2018 = \$381,920.16.

Note: Your balance in this Fund represents a decrease of \$195,700.14 from 31 December 2017.

Endowment Total: Your Endowment Total represents the actual value of your Endowment as 31 December 2018 and is achieved by adding the Endowed Funds with your Restricted Funds.

Endowment Total Balance as of 31 December 2018 = \$855,930.56.

Note: The total value of your Endowment has decreased \$401,212.14 from 31 December 2017.

I would like to personally thank you for the generous giving that your class has displayed and I would ask that you encourage your class to consider continuing their donations to the Foundation so that future needs of the Colleges can be met.



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Closing Notes

That's it for another edition. Next Friday I am seeing an orthopaedic surgeon for my severed Achilles tendon. I don't know whether he is going to stick it in a cast to let it self-heal, or perform surgery. Either way, I am going to be laid up for several weeks with not much to do. Since it is my right foot, I won't be able to drive. All that to say is that I will have the time to put together a couple more newsletters during the intervening period and will be VERY grateful for some material to put in them, so sharpen your pencils!



SENIOR HOCKEY

Back Row: (left to right) Brown G, Belisle C, Savin R, Lloyd P, Faulkner J.

Middle Row: (left to right) Hotte FN (Manager), Gagnon Y, Lord L, Jull B, Staple A, Cej R, Adams J, Ouellette R, Lalliberté B, Johnston P (Manager).

Front Row: (left to right) Florence J, Racine J, Dr. Jones (Chairman of Hockey), Veilleux R (Captain), A/C Birchall, Szabo D, Major D, McLeod (Coach), Sutherland F, Lemieux A.

1964 Hockey Team