

The Balding Eagle – October 2011

Let us start with an update about Howard Rainey. Last week started off rather badly. His pneumonia returned along with other complications and he ended up back in ICU. However, by last weekend (Saturday was his 85th birthday), he was back in the Garden Grove care facility, more alert than ever and beginning to verbalize a few words. He enjoyed the birthday cards he received, but needs his glasses to read the newsletter. So there is much to be thankful for with Howard.

NEWS FROM/ABOUT CLASSMATES – Dick Randall reports that he lost his wife, Mary, in 2007 after 55 years of a very good marriage. They had three children and have five grandchildren. All are healthy and productive. Dick does his own housekeeping and gardening. He enjoys playing a lot of tennis, geocaching, Elderhostel Trips and winery tours. In addition to all of that, he manages to work with two stroke support groups in Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. He attributes his ability to do all of this because of having “good genes”, but I suspect it is also a tribute to having taken care of himself over the years by eating right and getting sufficient exercise.....On the bad news side of the ledger there is other news about classmates. As a result of this flurry of newsletters about Howard and the new Alumni website, I received notification of the passing of both Bill Dally and Dick Griffin. Bill’s daughter in law e-mailed me of his death on March 15th. I received the new about Dick Griffin just yesterday from his daughter who said Dick passed away on June 7th three months after surgery. She says he died peacefully and at home.

COMMUNITY NEWS – The Ed! Foundation Auditorium dedication event went off as scheduled. Mary and I had tickets to attend, but chickened out at the last minute because she would have had to attend in a wheelchair and the logistics were just too awkward - or so they seemed to us. However, I did take a bunch of pictures prior to the event and these will be posted to the Alumni website by Rick Crowell '65, webmaster, on the newsletter page under The Balding Eagle heading. I expect that the ED! Foundation website will carry a story on the event and the two websites are linked for easy access back and forth.

The High School Homecoming event will be held Friday October 21st and Saturday the 22nd. The Alumni Association will be holding their annual meeting 10:30AM until Noon. For those of you living within reasonable driving distance, you should consider attending.

On September 15th, the Post Office posted the announcement on the front door about making a permanent move from the 200 Main St address to 2130 East Mariposa. However, they have failed to say when this is going to occur. The secrecy surrounding this major community event has been stunning. You would think they would be leaning over backwards to keep the public informed. The opposite seems to be the case. Shakespeare referred to this sort of thing as “the insolence of offices.”

One final note on other classmates. The newsletter I sent Betty Peterson was returned “unable to forward.” I’ve e-mailed Clisby Allen Crook asking if she knows anything about Betty. They lived not too far apart in Arizona....Depending on news I may have another edition around Thanksgiving. Cheers to all.