



SCRIBE II CLASS OF '58

*... a curated collection of hearsay, news and sometimes
opinions in our own private space.*

2013 Terry Leahy Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2013 brought a stellar group of "First Class" members together to celebrate Christmas: Jim Black, Andy Cavallari, John Crilly, Bill Crowley, Vince Daley, Chips Feeley, Les Galo, Dennis Gates, Dave Hartigan, Ray Hartman, Pat Hayes, John Keeley, John Kneafsey, John Lesch, Ron Nahser, Frank Naphin, John Rappel, Bill San Hamel and Bill Weinsheimer.

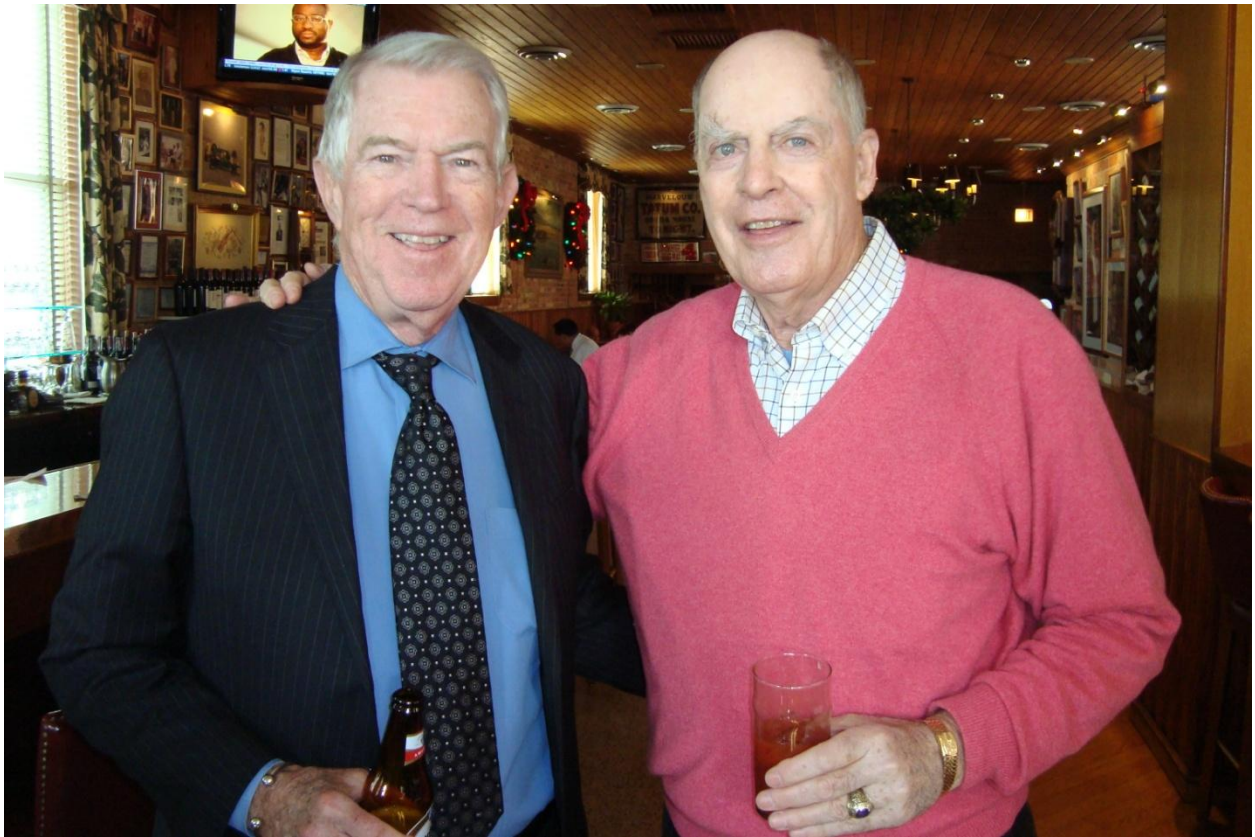
After a toast to Terry and a prayer, we had superb Italian food, a touch of the grape and great conversation. It was a grand luncheon once again. Terry sure started something.



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Bellied up to the bar - Les Galo, Vince Daley, Andy Cavallari, Ray Hartman



John Kneafsey and Chips Feeley



John Keeley, Pat Hayes and Ron Nahser



Bill Crowley arrived a little late so earned an individual photo



Pat Hayes, Dave Hartigan, Ron Nahser, and John Keeley



*John Lesch and Bill San Hamel follow tenors Bill Weinsheimer and Jim Black in a chorus of "Jingle Bells" **



*Frank Naphin reacts to John Crilly's "Silent Night" solo. **



*Dennis Gates, John Rappel and Les Galo, who is still at the bar.
Don't check the level of wine in his glass.*

** Actually, no one sang Christmas carols at the luncheon. Scribe II made that up to protect the photographer from criticism for he seems incapable at times of catching photogenic expressions on the faces of his classmates.*

Name Dropping

Mike Moran wasn't able to make the Leahy Christmas Lunch. He had three customers in London and appointments with each of the three on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-13. Mike was back home Monday night after enjoying the weekend in London. He'll make it in 2014! . . . **Joe Glunz** was out of town for the great event. He wants to inform our group that we have a new destination. Joe just purchased a winery in Paso Robles, CA. He says ". . . starting a new business is what every 70+ year old should be doing!" He sends peace and love to all. . . . **Bill Weinsheimer** is keeping up with Glunz. The **Chicago Tribune** reports he is moving on up by joining, of counsel, **Strauss & Malik**, focusing on tax and succession planning for owners of closely held businesses and key executives. . . . **Sam McGlone** is glad we're continuing Scribe Terry's tradition of keeping LA '58 connected. He is a big fan of our new slogan -- *'58 is First Class*. Thanks for your support Sam.

. . . **Jim Black** encourages all classmates who are LA football fans to hook on with the LA Football Alumni Club via lafootballalumniclub@gmail.com. Jim wants to know why LA charges families for "club" sports when they do not charge (his assumption) for regular sports, i.e., football, basketball, baseball, etc.? Loyola AD **Patrick M. Mahoney '90** says "Club" sports are hard for LA to support and are somewhat out of the budget constraints of the school. For example, crew, hockey and sailing are "Club" sports. Hockey ice time and arenas are a nightmare and super expensive. The Academy could not afford to take those expenses on. Crew and sailing rent a boathouse and have to purchase boats. They have to travel all over the world, so that expense is above and beyond the scope of LA. By the way Jim, even when a regular IHSA non-club sport travels, the parents foot the bill for travel costs. . . .

John Lesch reports that **Tippy Mann's '55** son Paul is married to John's daughter, Julie. John lives in the same building with Tipp, and on the same floor. How weird is that? John says it makes it easy for the kids to bring the grandchildren to visit both grandparents on one trip. John's daughter and her husband live in Oak Park and one of their daughters is friendly with one of **Les Gallo's** granddaughters. It is a small world. *Ready for another one?* . . . **Jim Arimond, SJ '57** "Enjoyed reading your latest edition. Thanx for keeping me on your mailing list! You mentioned LA losing the State Championship, in part because a field goal attempt was blocked and then run back 83 yds. for the winning touchdown by Naperville Central. Here's a "small world" item on this. The young man who blocked the field goal attempt and then ran the ball back for the touchdown is the grandson of **Fred Wright** (RIP). Fred and I started as teachers at Loyola in 1964. It was he who began the wrestling program at our alma mater. In 1969 Fred became LA's Athletic Director and he and I worked very closely together during my years (1971-82) as Headmaster. Fred also served as President of the Catholic League AD's Association while I was the President of the Catholic League's Principal's Board (1971-80). Back in 1973-74 it was Fred and I who spearheaded the effort in getting the Catholic League to join the IHSA--no mean feat as some of the League's not-to-be-named "traditionals" were dead set against such a move. In hindsight I'd like to think that the League made the right decision in joining! . . . **Will Rogers** said "If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." . . . **Billy Brahm** writes, "Thank you Scribe. I appreciate you keeping me in the loop." . . . **Bob Jansen** is living in Bluffton, SC, which is right next to Hilton Head. He worked for Avon Products for 30 years and retired in 1994. Bob formed his own consulting company that year and closed it down in 2007. He has been enjoying life ever since. . . . **Polly Leahy** says she feels

blessed to have the love and support from LA '58. Sends her best to all. . . .

Gerry Cashion sending memorabilia and appreciating the Scribe tradition being carried on. "Go Ramblers!" . . . **Jim Dempsey** wants our fellow classmates to "Go Spiritual Exercises!" . . . **Chips Feeley** "For those of you who have not been satisfied with my response to your question of what's going on with my art work, this interview should either edify or perplex you even more. Go to the link below for the interview. Cheers!" (Scribe's note: I liked the article. I now *think* I have a better understanding of his work and how he approaches each canvas. It's a great puff piece and reinforces all of our opinions of just how philosophical and well read Chips really is.)

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. . . **Bill San Hamel** says confrontation with Russia's Putin and Afghanistan's Karzai, problems in the Ukraine, Crimea, Syria, North Korea, Africa, etc. Too bad that all the people who really know how to run our country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair. Suppose we could add to that list folks occupied writing newspaper columns or those making guest appearances as international affairs "experts" on Sunday morning news talk shows. My dermatologist said he qualifies to run the country, but he's busy removing barnacles. (I hope something grows on barnacles - they deserve it.) . . .

Andy Cavallari confirmed "Yes" **Tom Waldron (RIP)** escorted **Judy Kelly** (now **Mrs. Cavallari**) to the '58 **Tulip Trot**. Andy sure is a lucky guy!

Ken Potocki sends thanks for updates on LA basketball team for those out



of state folks. He and his son **Casey** took a cruise from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Antarctica, Feb 16 - Mar 2, 2014. That allowed Ken to get to all seven continents, an item on his bucket list. He sent photos from Paradise Bay and the Gerlache Straight, which

Not to be mistaken for Rear Admiral Richard Byrd are on the Antarctic Peninsula.

. . . Congratulations to the LA basketball team for a great season. Head Basketball Coach **Thomas Levitino** and Assistant Coaches **John A.**

O'Loughlin '59 and **Michael B. Sneed '99** enjoyed a 25-6 record and the 3rd best season in LA basketball history. Sorry the televised game against Whitney Young was torture. Tough to play that team and look good. They won the state championship. . . Overheard at **Little Marie's** -- "The human body has 214 large nerves and millions of smaller ones. My wife manages to get on every one of them." . . . **Scribe II** spent an hour standing in a very

long line with **Tim Hartnett '59** while attending **Judge Michael Howlett's** wake. In addition to Tim being a very interesting person, he is a big magoo at **Draper & Kramer**. . . . On March 12, 2014, **Bill Plante '55**, CBS Senior White House Correspondent, received the lifetime achievement award from the Radio Television Digital News Foundation. In a Chicago Tribune interview the day prior, Plante acknowledged the group's generosity, the honor being bestowed upon him and his appreciation. In his typically humble fashion, he said "But I often wonder, as I'm sure people must in this situation, whether they just needed to find somebody who's been around long enough or whether I really measured up to it." Without a doubt, the award was well deserved. Bill has witnessed and reported on White House activities of four administrations, beginning with **Ronald Reagan**, followed by **Bill Clinton**, **George W. Bush**, and **Barack Obama**. Bill's been privy to history being made for all those years. Scribe II has always appreciated his professional body of work. Even though Plante and I spent time together in Saigon and Bangkok during the "expensive" War, as well as other places, I don't think I harbor any prejudice. He was in Vietnam four times. He joined CBS News in June 1964 as a New York-based reporter/assignment editor and served as a correspondent in the Chicago bureau (1966-76). During that time, he served two of his four tours of duty in Vietnam, reporting on the bombing strikes over North Vietnam, the Vietnamization and pacification programs in the south and the fall of the governments in Vietnam and Cambodia. Bill also covered the civil rights movement in Mississippi and Alabama, including Dr. Martin Luther King's historic march from Selma to Montgomery. Plante was moved to Washington D.C. in 1980 and has been a CBS News White House correspondent since 1981. . . . **Bill Plante** was the guest speaker at the 2011 **DASPO** (see SCRIBE II November 2013 issue) U.S.

Army combat photographers reunion in Washington, DC. At the end of his presentation he was kind enough to introduce his magnificent wife Robin Smith, an independent film maker, to the group. She had a special tale to tell that this audience would surely

appreciate. She instantly became the evening's second speaker. There wasn't a dry eye in the room after she finished her story about traveling to Vietnam with Bill and a CBS News crew





to discover the fate of her father, Lt. Colonel Robert Smith. He was a U.S. Marine Corps combat pilot who had been classified as missing-in-action after his jet fighter plane went down in the jungle near Phu Thuy,

Vietnam 26-years prior. Her search included an extremely grueling trip on foot through difficult terrain, but they found the crash site. She and Bill determined he had died there. Closure! In concluding her narrative, she displayed a necklace securing her father's Annapolis '48 class ring, complete with his name engraved inside. Three months after Bill and Robin returned to DC, an official American/Vietnamese MIA search team began digging and sifting for bones at the Vietnam crash site. Less than a week into the dig the forensic team found the missing pilot's ring. More closure. There was no doubt Lt. Colonel Smith had perished in Phu Thuy. Each day the ring hangs close to Robin's heart. (For more details see "Return to Vietnam" www.swansonphotography.com/index.php?option=com) . . . As a token of DASPO's gratitude for having a fellow Vietnam media veteran address those assembled, and as a thank you for introducing the group to Robin, DASPO belatedly presented a political cartoon to Plante for Christmas 2013. The genesis of the caption, as described by Observer.com, is: "On Monday morning, **Karl Rove** stood next to **President George W. Bush** on the South Lawn of the White House and announced that he would be resigning from the administration at the end of the month. In front of the assembled D.C. press corps, he read a statement, and the President spoke. There was no formal opportunity for questions. Towards the end of the appearance, as the President and his favorite pol were about to head in the direction of an awaiting helicopter, **Bill Plante**, CBS White House correspondent, broke the embargo.

"If he's so smart," said Mr. Plante, "how come you lost Congress?" The president ignored Mr. Plante. But the bloggers did not. By early afternoon, **Mediabistro's FishbowlDC** had reported on Mr. Plante's question, which quickly ricocheted around the Web. Conservative bloggers were not amused.

"Besides being a rude little liberal, Plante also manages to show just how unqualified he is to be reporting on politics," wrote **Invincible Armor**. "No doubt that's why CBS hired him."

A blogger at **Planetsave.com**, on the other hand, gave Mr. Plante the "balls of the day award."



"What people should understand", Plante said, "was that the question was of less importance than the principle."

"Here's the point," said Mr. Plante. "It's important that we ask questions even if some people don't believe that they're appropriate. They don't have to answer them. But we have to ask them. Did I have to ask *that* question? That's a point of legitimate argument."

Read more at <http://observer.com/2007/08/cbs-rude-little-liberal/#ixzz2xHaLa3Bc>

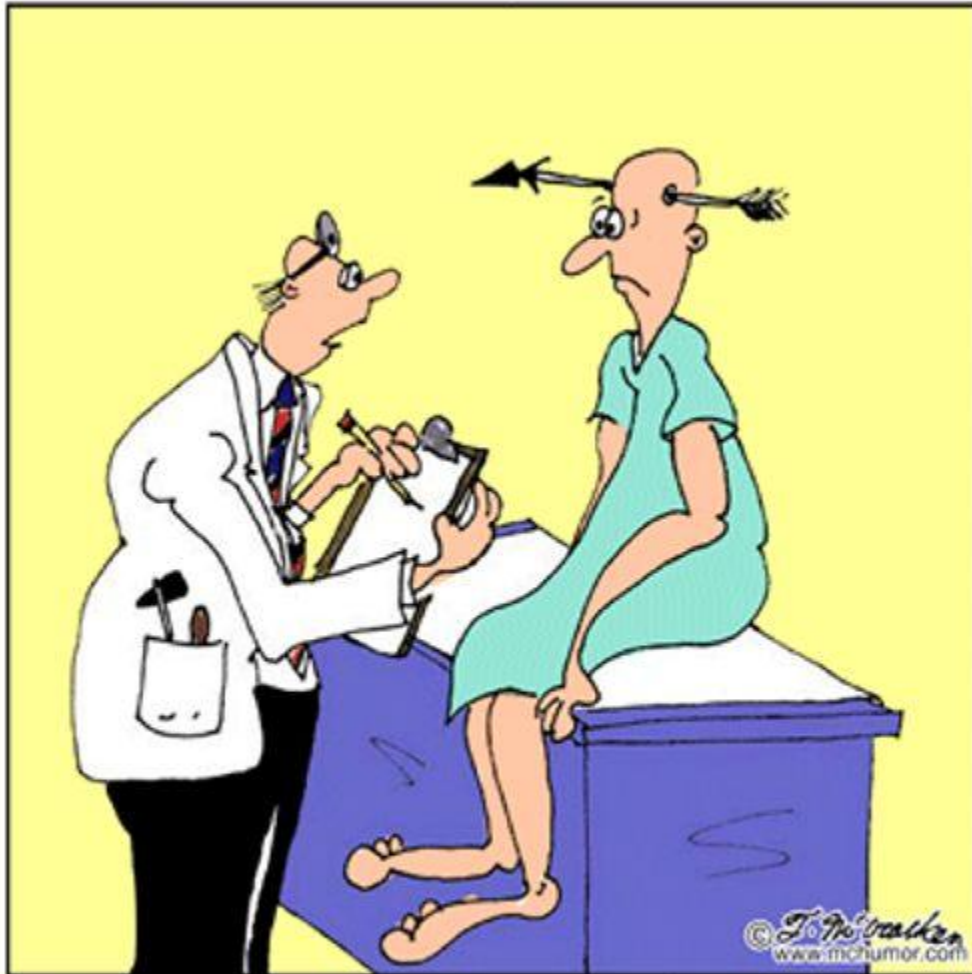
(A Scribe side note -- **John Leahy '55**, Terry's brother, was one of Bill Plante's closest buddies while frequenting **Dumbach Hall**.)



This gal sat down on the bench innocently enough to have her photo taken with the orangutans. She was not expecting such an amorous reception. My wife doesn't believe in evolution. Now that she has seen this photo she is beginning to understand there may be some validity to the theory. Obviously, some of man's behavior has been passed down by our ancestors.



Easter is rapidly approaching. The nice thing about being forgetful is you can hide your own Easter eggs.



"Off hand, I'd say you're suffering from an arrow through your head, but just to play it safe, I'm ordering a bunch of tests."



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