

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Class of '53 Newsletter
November 2012**

About this Newsletter: The Class of '53 Newsletter is published "as soon and as often as we can get around to it". Its purpose is to keep members of our class informed about our classmates' lives and activities, and to occasionally provide some tid-bits of trivia and information.

Because not all of our classmates are members of the Alumni Association, and not all of our classmates have e-mail, and the deadline for articles for our class notes section in The Bulletin is almost two months before it's published, there will be, from time-to-time, duplications and gaps in what is included here, what is sent by e-mail or "snail-mail", and what appears in The Bulletin.

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Glenn Young and Betty Brown are Wed

Congratulations and best wishes to Glenn and Betty on their October 27th wedding in the beautiful Chapel at Charlestown, in Catonsville, MD. Glenn's best man was his brother, Timothy Young, who is 22 years younger than Glenn. Betty's daughter, Barbara Brown, was her maid of honor. Attached are a copy of the ceremony's program and a poem composed by Betty's daughter, Barbara which she read at the wedding reception.

Classmates Hal Olson, Wee and Jane Smith attended the ceremony.

The Youngs new address info is 719 Maiden Choice Lane, Apt. HRT-17, Catonsville, MD 21228. Their telephone number will be 410-242-1386 and their e-mail address is gsy@ix.netcom.com.

In Memoriam

Wheeler H. Newcomb, Jr.

(Oct. 15, 1931 to March 3, 2011)

One of our goals for our 60th reunion is to try and find those classmates with whom we have lost contact since their days at CGA. Using a "Google" search and the Social Security Death Index, my "super-sleuthing" wife, Jane, sadly found that Wheeler had died last year. Attached are a copy of his page from

our '53 *Tide Rips* and a copy of his obituary which was published in the *Florida Times-Union* on March 6, 2011.

Other Missing Classmates

These are other classmates that we're trying to find: **Warren Andrews** (Wollasten, MA - resigned Aug. 1951 - in 1970's he was living in Navato, CA); **Al Bartlett** (Shelton, CT - resigned 1/18/52); **Dick Blackledge**, (New York, NY - resigned 3/6/51); **Ken Boehner** (Brookline, MA - resigned May 1950 - In 1980's he was living in Texas); **Don Boyden** (Newark, DE - resigned Jan. 1951 - In 1970's he was a CAPT, USN, CO NAS South Weymouth, MA); **Bob Clarke** (Hampton, VA - resigned Aug. 1950. Graduated from USNA in 1954 and commissioned USAF 2nd LT. Ultimately in USPHS); **Leo Cloutier** (Spencer, MA - resigned June 1951 - in 1980's he was an airline pilot and living in Denton, TX); **Bill Dorr** (West Islip, NY - resigned 11/1/50); **George Fisher** (Brooklyn, NY - resigned 2/15/50); **Don Foster** (Patterson, NJ - resigned 2/15/50); **John Freda** (Lyndhurst, NJ - resigned 1/24/51); **John Gage** (Chicago, IL - resigned 2/15/50); **Ray Gates** (Clinton, MA - resigned 1/24/51); **Ken Hardman** (Santa Anna, CA - resigned 6/2/50); **Dexter Heuschkel** (Forest Grove, OR - resigned Jan. 1952 - last contact in 1973 he was in land development in the Philippines); **Ray Johnson** (Upper Darby, PA - resigned 2/15/50); **Don Kelly** (Brooklyn, NY - resigned 2/15/50); **Larry Lengel** (Wayne, PA - resigned 6/2/50); **Ray Mathison** (W. Palm Beach, FL - Resigned June 1950 - retired as a CG CWO-4); **Tom McGowan** (Winchester, MA - resigned 6/5/51); **Ed Morrison** (Rochester, NY - resigned 2/5/51); **Connie Nagle** (Atlantic City, NJ - resigned 3/22/50); **Bob Olander** (Babylon, NY - resigned 2/15/50); **Chuck Rice** (Jacksonville, FL - resigned 2/4/52); **Bob Ross** (Madison, NJ - resigned Sept. 1951 - in 1980's was in Gainesville, GA but planning to retire to their farm in SC); **Calvin Spencer** (Rosebank, NY - resigned 2/15/50); **Walt Sprague** (Verona, NJ - resigned 2/15/50); **Dick Tallon** (Teaneck, NJ - resigned Oct. 1951 - In 1980's was in Houston, TX working for Brown & Root.

If you have had any contact with any of these classmates, please let me know.

**Misc. Bits and Pieces about our classmates:
(in reverse alphabetical order)**

Ted and Mary Frances Smith have sold their home in Falls Church, VA and moved to *The Woodlands* (an over-55 community) in Fairfax, VA. Their new address information is 4320 Forest Hill Dr. - Apt. 305, Fairfax, VA 22030, Tel. 703-538-4588, e-mail: tedmary2@verizon.net.

Harry and Barbara Oldford (1017 Lakemont Circle, Winter Park, FL 32792, e-mail: harborone@aol.com) have had more than their "share" of medical problems. **Harry**, who had his left knee replaced in 2004 and his right hip in 2005, in August had his right knee successfully replaced. In October he had an MRI which showed he has Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, for which he was given a Lumbar Epidural Steroid injection. This didn't correct **Harry's** problem but it did temporarily lessen the pain he was experiencing. The next phase for him, if needed, will be a Laminectomy operation. Meanwhile, in both August and September, **Barbara** suffered bad falls, and in October she spent five days in the hospital recovering from her third bout of pneumonia. Since then they are both taking it easy, and hoping that they can take a seaside break for a week to recharge.

In October, **Ed and Joyce Nelson** enjoyed 11 days in Ireland with their son, retired CG CAPT Darrell Nelson '77 and his wife Sherry. Darrell, was in Ireland on an R&R break from his civilian contract job of piloting helicopters in Baghdad, Iraq. Since **Ed** was born on St. Patrick's Day, he was hoping that the Irish might give him some extra special privileges, but he said they didn't. He was, however, designated an "Official Taster" at a Jameson's whisky distillery.

Bill and Helen King are now going back and forth between their new home in an Irvington, VA retirement community, (132 Lancaster Ave. - Unit 502, Irvington, VA 22480, Tel. 804-438-4285) and their beautiful home in Montross on Virginia's Northern Neck. It's about an hour "commute". Their e-mail remains at kinge@rivnet.net.

This month, **Kirk Greiner** (18226 Sunset Way, Edmonds, WA 98026, e-mail: kirk.greiner@gmail.com) started a six-week Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) treatment

program for a fast growing type cancer discovered on his bladder. **Kirk's** outlook and attitude about it are positive and said, "I don't worry about the things which *might* happen since it will make your life miserable". **Kirk** and **Jackie** have two trips planned to Hawaii and upon their return from the second trip in February, he is planning to have his left knee replaced.

Hank and Gloria Fisher, (658 Shawnee Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417, Tel. 201-891-5673, e-mail: uscga53@verizon.net) are happy and thankful that their beach house near Barnegat, NJ amazingly survived Hurricane "Sandy's" fury that devastated so much of the Jersey shore. Sadly, however, **Hank** said that **Gloria** has been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for more than a year now. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Rick and Beth Cueroni (5305 Fleet Landing Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233, e-mail: cue53@bellsouth.net) have received some great news when her doctors determined that she has now been breast-cancer-free for ten years!! And, on a much lighter note, earlier this month **Rick** was happy when he came within two strokes of shooting his age on the golf course. **Rick's** 82 and he shot an 84!

Because of her name, **Sandy Crouch** (42 Mumford Cove Rd., Noank, CT 06340) received some good-natured "blame" from her family and friends for Hurricane "Sandy". As she continues her battle with uterine cancer, **Sandy** is positive and confident that her doctors will find the correct treatment for her condition!

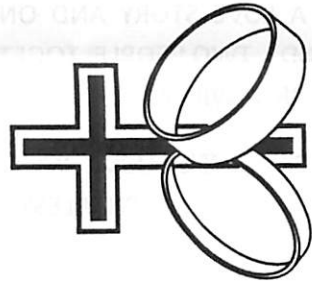
Bill Clark (2064 Horne's Lake Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185, e-mail: clarkwmb@msn.com) sent, "I'm still playing golf! As the course greens are being renewed, we have temporary greens in the fairway. Since my drives are not as long as they used to be, this makes up for the lack of distance and I continue to sandbag at my usual handicap. My grandson, LTJG Mike Higbie '09 is XO on CGC Tybee, a 110' cutter out of Woods Hole. In mid-Sept. the ship had "family day" and 58 of the crew's family, including **Ann** and me, were invited for the event. We sailed to nearby Nantucket and spent the day sightseeing and shopping before returning. It was a great pleasure to be on a cutter again, especially with your grandson as XO! All is well with us and we look forward to staying in Florida again this winter."



*The Celebration and Blessing
of the Marriage of
Glenn F. Young & Elizabeth G. Brown*



October 27, 2012
11 AM
The Chapel at Charlestown



Thank you for joining us today!

For Mom and Glenn....."RE-LOVE"

OCTOBER 27, 2012

I LOVE MY MOM, HAVE A STRONG LIKE FOR GLENN! I KNEW SHE FELL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN!

I WATCHED HIM FROM THE VERY START. HE WAS ALWAYS AROUND, BUT HE PLAYED IT SMART!

HE WAS PART OF THE WOODWORK WHEN 'WE' MOVE IN. HE WAS JUST THERE, LIKE TONIC AND GIN.

HE MOVED LIKE A HOVERCRAFT, SLOWLY BUT SURELY. CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER, MOM'S HAIR BLONDE AND CURLY, COULD BE SEEN FROM MILES AWAY. THIS CAPTAIN OF THE COAST GUARD – (I thought he was in the AIR FORCE that day!!!)

HE WATCHED AND OBSERVED FROM FAR, THEN GOT CLOSER. ONE DAY I THINK MOM FINALLY NOTICED HE'D NOTICED HER!

THAT DAY WAS WHEN I PROBABLY WENT HOME....." I THOUGHT SHE'D NEVER LEAVE!" GLENN PROBABLY GROANED!

AND FINALLY THIS NICE CAPTAIN YOUNG HAD HIS CHANCE, TO BEGIN COURTING BETTY; BEGAN THE ROMANCE.....

THROUGH DINNERS AND PING PONG AND WALKS ALL AROUND. THEY COVERED MILES AND MILES OF CHARLESTOWN GROUND! SHE LEARNED ABOUT HIM AND HE ABOUT HER. SHE LIKED HIM, SHE LOVED HIM, HE LOVED HER FROM THE FIRST!

WE ALL WATCHED THIS ROMANCE JUST BLOSSOM SO FAST. THERE WAS NO DENYING THIS ROMANCE WOULD LAST!

SO HERE WE ALL SIT, AND STAND UP FOR THEM. PRE-NUPTS ALL IN ORDER, AND NEVER AGAIN.....WILL THESE TWO RE-MARRY CAUSE THIS WILL BE IT! THIS LOVE WILL LAST FOREVER, 'CUZ LOVE NEVER QUILTS!

THIS IS A LOVE STORY AND ONE OF A KIND. A CHANCE AT "RE – LOVE" AND ONE THAT WILL BIND , TWO PEOPLE TOGETHER, YES, LATER IN LIFE. HOW LUCKY IS GLENN TO FIND MOM FOR A WIFE?!!!

HE'S LUCKY, SHE'S LUCKY, WE'RE LUCKY THEY'VE FOUND.....THE BEST KIND OF LOVE IN THIS PLACE.....CHARLESTOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!

LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

Welcome to the family, SPINDADDY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Much love to you both! Love, Barbie



WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
Briareliff High School
Rifle; Drill Platoon

*Pistol;
'n Storm
Commil*

Here is one of those rare lads who not only left the love of his life at home when he went Coast Guard, but who still has that same young lady waiting patiently for him *back in White Plains*. A self-confirmed salt, Newc spends his every free moment down on the river sailing everything from dinghy on up; on cruise he impressed all of us with his know how when it came to a job that was strictly "square rigger seamanship". A staunch member of the Drill Platoon for three years, Newc's hopes for a real snappy outfit this year crumbled when he just couldn't persuade enough swabs that it was a worthwhile venture. After this defeat he retired to the First Class Billiard Society as one of the cigar chewing regulars. A steady, hard worker, Zeke has earned all his grades by being able to keep plugging away through thick and thin; when the work is done, though, he can raise as much ruckas as anyone.

Wheeler H. Newcomb, Jr.

OBITUARY

Wheeler (Newt) Newcomb, age 79, of St. Johns, FL and residing in Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2011.

Mr. Newcomb was born October 15, 1931 to the late Marjorie & Wheeler Newcomb in New York City. Newt loved sailing, which he learned on the 295 ft. Barque "Eagle", training cutter for the US Coast Guard Academy. He enjoyed trap shooting, gardening and was a loyal member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Marco Island., where he served in many capacities. Newt is a Lifetime member of the Long Green Volunteer Fire Co. having served as Lieutenant and President for 27 years, and also a Lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He was a Mason and a member of the Bourni Temple Shrine in Baltimore, MD and is a member of the Mandarin United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, FL.

After graduating from Briarcliff High School in Briarcliff Manor, NY, (where he met Anne) Newt attended the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, the RCA Institutes in NY City and graduated cum laude from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Newt worked at Bendix Corp in Towson MD for 37 years. When he retired as a Sr. Staff Engineer from Allied Signal, Inc. in 1991, Newt and Anne then moved to Naples, FL. In 1998 they came to Jacksonville, to what was then called Wesley Woods on Julington Creek.

Mr. Newcomb is survived by his loving wife, Anne of 57 years, a son, Jeffrey Newcomb (Carol), from Bel Air, MD, a daughter Suzanne Joy (Perry), from Westminster, MD, five grandchildren, Chris and Kevin Newcomb, Sabrina Harris, Hayley and Mathew Joy. Three great-grandchildren Devyn, Chris and Lydia Harris. A brother, Dr. Allan Newcomb (Barbara) from Chester, NJ. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Westminster Woods on Julington Creek Benevolent or the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Memorial Services are incomplete at this time.

Addendum to CGA Class of '53 November 2012 Newsletter
(Information for the following items was received after the Newsletter was printed)

Additional *"Misc. Bits and Pieces about our classmates (in alphabetical order)"*

Dan Briganti (1216 Whetstone Dr., Arnold, MD 21012, Tel. 410-757-7223, e-mail: *dantibrig@toadmail.com*) sent, "**Suzanne** and I are both doing well. I've successfully transitioned to home dialysis at night. We chatted with **Wade Smith** while in Hilton Head in September and plan to do some visiting with **Wade** and **Sally** in Williamsburg in December."

Ed Farmer (e-mail: *journeyer75@yahoo.com*) sent that he is working on the details to leave India permanently and will be relocating to Thailand. He said the triggering event is "the expiration of my visa which I will not renew because I would have to make the arduous and expensive trip back to San Francisco to do it."

Anne Newcomb, Wheeler's widow, advised that he died from Alzheimer's disease. She can be reached at Westminster Woods, 1500 Bishop Estates Rd., Villa 13-A, St. Johns, FL 32259.

Bob and Mimi Schmidt (544 Labelle Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066, Tel. 414-567-6846, e-mail: *bobmimi@charter.net*) are continuing to courageously battle major medical problems. **Mimi** has Parkinsons and can no longer do many of the things she did in the "old days", so **Bob** said he has become the "care-giver, house-husband, and does whatever is needed, (i.e., shopping, cooking, etc.) and I have learned what is good in the frozen food department", Meanwhile, **Bob** has had two open-heart surgeries with good results and said his kidneys are "less than perfect but so far I have avoided dialysis". **Bob** added, "our three children are well and our gorgeous granddaughter is a senior at the University of Wisconsin. We do not complain, life has been good to us. We are just getting 'OLD' and closer to 'the jumping off place' as I have once heard it put."

