

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Class of '53 Newsletter Late May 2013

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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60th Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to these classmates who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversaries in June!

On June 6th: **Dan and Helene Colussy** (161 Bear's Club Drive, Jupiter, FL 33477); **Rick and Beth Cueroni** (5305 Fleet Landing Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233); **Hank and Gloria Fisher** (678 Shawnee Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417); and **Dave and Millie Zurzuski** (66 Mullen Hill Rd., Waterford, CT 06385).

On June 12th: **Bill and Mickey Reilly** (170 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme, CT 06333).

Class '53's CGA Legacy Now Has 10 Grads

On May 22nd, **Frank and Jan Frauenfelder's** grandson, ENS Tyler Babkiewich, graduated from CGA with a Management degree. His first assignment will be in Galveston, TX as a deck watch officer on the 210 ft. medium endurance cutter, CGC DAUNTLESS.

Other children and grandchildren of our

classmates who have graduated from CGA are: CAPT E. Darrell Nelson '77 (**Ed and Joyce Nelson's** son); CAPT Edwin H. Daniels Jr. '79 (**Ed and Becky Daniels's** son); CAPT Charles A. Mathieu '82 (**Bud and Betsy Mathieu's** son); Mitchell Russell '82 (**Bill and Margie Russell's** son); CAPT Donald P. Coffelt, Jr. (**Don and Shirley Coffelt's** son); Frank Young '87 (**Glenn and Sally Young's** son); Douglas B. Mathieu '88 (**Bud and Betsy Mathieu's** son); LTJG Michael Higbie '09 (**Bill and Ann Clark's** grandson); LTJG Travis Russell '11 (**Bill and Margie Russell's** grandson).

And, **Nat and Dimpy Spadafora's** granddaughter, 2/c Natalie Spadafora '16 is still in the "pipeline"!

Misc. Bits and Pieces from or about our classmates (in alphabetical order)

Paul Arnold (8932 Amadore Circle #1309C, Huntington Beach, CA 92646, e-mail: dba1043@yahoo.com) is continuing to enjoy his acting career. He's playing the role of Mr. Oshira in *Teahouse of the August Moon* at the Mysterium Theater in Santa Ana, CA. He has previously appeared in these other productions: *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*, *The Odd Couple*, *A Few Good Men*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

At the end of April, **Ed Farmer** moved back to Hawaii after many years in India and Thailand. His new address is Discovery Bay #2005, 1778 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96815, Tel. 808-388-2507, e-mail: journeyer75@yahoo.com. **Ed** said, "I'm located right in the middle of everything I need/want. Health is excellent. Am still a 'gym-jockey' in steady

body building regimen!"

Al Stirling has moved to 2505 E. Villa Maria Rd., Apt. 223, Bryan, TX 77802, e-mail: agstirling53@hotmail.com, Cell Phone 979-255-1292. Al said it's very convenient living in an adjoining complex to the full-care facility where **Pat** is living because of her Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and which she has courageously been battling since it was diagnosed in 1969.

Make sure that you understand the question first....

Ed Nelson shared this good advice for all Grandpas and Grandmas.

We are all reaching that stage where we need to keep the wax out of our ears and keep the hearing aids tuned up. (Some of us anyway!)

An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grampa, what is a couple sex?"

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it.

When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, honey?"

The little girl replied, "Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs".

House fires - please read !!!!!

Paul Anderson's widow, Betsy Anderson Wolfe, received this from a friend who is in the insurance property business.

The original message was written by a lady whose brother and wife learned a hard lesson. Their house burnt down. Nothing left but ashes. They have good insurance so the house will be replaced and most of the contents. That is the good news.

However, they were sick when they found out the cause of the fire. The insurance investigator sifted through the ashes for several hours. He had the cause of the fire traced to the master bathroom. He asked her sister-in-law what she had plugged in the bathroom. She listed the normal things...curling iron, blow dryer. He kept saying to her, 'No, this would be something that would disintegrate at high temperatures'.. Then her sister-in-law remembered she had a *Glade Plug-In*, in the bathroom.

The investigator had one of those 'Aha' moments. He said that was the cause of the fire. He said he has seen more house fires started with the plug-in type room fresheners than anything else. He said the plastic they are made from is THIN. He also said that in every case there was nothing left to prove that it even existed. When the investigator looked in the wall plug, the two prongs left from the plug-in were still in there.

Her sister-in-law had one of the plug-ins that had a small night light built in it. She said she had noticed that the light would dim and then finally go out. She would walk in to the bathroom a few hours later, and the light would be back on again. The investigator said that the unit was getting too hot, and would dim and go out rather than just blow the light bulb. Once it cooled down it would come back on. That is a warning sign.

The investigator said he personally wouldn't have any type of plug in fragrance device anywhere in his house. He has seen too many places that have been burned down due to them.