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**Paul Page** Grandchild No. 5 (Alexander) arrived this year. I now have 5 grandchildren (8 to 6 months). Two new CDs up on iTunes ("A Stately Affair", "A Corner



Of My World") and "Autumn Sequence" coming out...this autumn. Walking better after some foot surgery in May. Am still the boogie board champ! Get my mile swim in every day. Still teaching. Still wondering if Joe is older than I since he got to retire so many years before me. Theodora and I = 37 years this time around. The

music keeps on coming and I keep on writing it down. Indeed, the medium IS my massage. Life is good.

**Buz Miesel.** I'll give the highlights a go...My oldest son got married last August;my younger son(step), took my last name for his(that was an amazing and wonderful surprise.);I did a mini triathlon with both the boys to celebrate my 60th (now 61) (yes of course they both beat me); took up biking to work(about 20.5mi round trip); will be going to Greece for Sept.("hay philae gunae protesgae, tone kokone anthrapone". I believe that would be the phonetic pronunciation of the ribald aphorism we wrote for Fr. Dirks) and switching jobs when I return(still in medicine, but at an urgent care); acted as officiant at a wedding for a lady I work with(once ministerially minded, always so, apparently);and will do so again for Ed's daughter next week; had the youngest, estranged daughter come home and find love and peace and happiness in her heart. What could make a better year? And I'm still madly in love with my wife.(She made me say that, although it's not really a change.)

**Chuck Lathrop.** In just over a month, I will be two years in Timor-Leste, with my two hats: as the Head of Mission, Irish Aid and Charge d Affaires, Embassy of Ireland, here in Dili. Timor-Leste stays fragile - 'fragile state' is truth in advertising. Security and stability - a roller coaster. 11 Feb 08 was the day the President (José Ramos-Horta, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, 1996), came too damn close to being assassinated and the Prime Minister shot at, but not hit - the kind of excitement a fragile state does not need...! This tiny (1/5th the size of Ireland), half-island nation of approx.

1 million, is the poorest Asian nation - but with oil and gas, it has possibilities.

Ireland has been here since 2000, and Timor-Leste has been Programme Country for Irish Government official overseas

development assistance

since 2003. And this Concord-born, naturalised Irish citizen represents the Irish Government here. And I'm still waiting for two dull moments in a row...! And on the family side, the Lathrops are spread out - Cathal in San Jose, Orla in New York City, Michael in Dublin, and their parents here - Mary is presently on a career break from the Irish Department of Justice. Another year to go on this current posting, and then, we shall see - Zambia might be next.

--Regards to you all, Chuck

**Jack Snider.** Our past year has been somewhat quiet. We went to New York and New England last Fall, returned home and I had

surgery on my left elbow due to lack of movement in my left pinkie. I've become more involved here at St. Patrick's parish in Larkspur, but not in the traditional sense. I've sanded and stained pews, fixed windows, and made a couple of signs for the school yard. I'm an alter server each Friday, and back up for those who don't show. I'm also head usher at 5:00 Mass on Saturday evenings. Hope all is well....Jack



St. Patrick's, Larkspur, CA

**Phil Flowers.** This is a picture of me with my two granddaughters, Elsa and Kayla, and one of my



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**Phil (continued)** daughters-in-law, Rena. Children headline the changes since 2006. My two oldest sons, Stephen and Mark, are fathers. Our youngest son, Thomas, is a Jesuit novice, starting his second year. Sarah and I testify that being grandparents is everything that it is advertised to be. And we are enjoying participating in the extended family of the Society of Jesus. I continue to work part-time as Liturgy Coordinator for my parish in Morgan Hill. I finished ministry training program and have embarked on the Deacon Formation program, seeking to be ordained for the Diocese of San Jose in 2010.

**Wally McMahon** Not much has changed in my life since I updated my biography. I continue to minister at the Church of the Transfiguration (began my seventh year in July). Still golf weekly in foggy Carmel. I had to "put down" my 12 year old companion, Clancy, in early April. Trying to ward off the problems of aging with exercise and rest. Weekend liturgies take more toll than they use to. Use Mondays to recuperate. Still looking for that magic putter...



**Bill Stokes.** (Stoko, Stokami) The most recent development in my world is that I joined a Catholic Healthcare West IRB (Institutional review Board). These boards are required by the FDA when medical types experiment on human beings. You know, like Doctor Joseph Mengele. It is very interesting to know what the latest drug, heart device, etc is coming down the medical path to slow down deaths from heart disease. This Sacramento CHW board represents six hospitals in Sacramento, Davis, Folsom, Redding and Reno. We meet once a month.

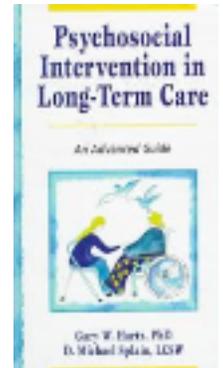


Our man in Sac.

Otherwise my golf game is mediocre, I have cut back on my ballroom dancing now that it is the fad and need to get back to a Yoga class.

I still work for the CA State Senate and am looking forward to retirement in a few years.

**Mike Spain.** Hi guys...Splain here, former Duke of Burlingame....Will be fly fishing next week at 8000 feet...driving all over n.calif. consulting in 65 nursing homes and acute hospitals...pushing my book on social work with the elderly....working out 6 days a week(yes,both Summus and Mark Spitz beat me but the old Irish gentleman can still go the distance...} Empty nest syndrome is wonderful...and I'm under Jumpin' Joe's 100 words...I literally go all over northern california so call me if you want to tell some bad jokes and talk about the wonder years we all had the extremely blessed time to share together...that kind of experience will never be for our kids and their kids...truly an amazing time so many moons ago.. peace.....



**Joe Barile** Still working on a men's retreat for a semi-catholic church group whose Sunday services are too long for me to attend. Care for my mom on Fridays, play tennis or practice golf in the mornings, and tutor a few students a couple of evenings a week. See and support our married daughter in SF in her latest artistic endeavors, and our son and fiancé in Venice Beach, LA. Patricia and I are enjoying and adjusting to the slower pace of life with its freedoms and simplicity, and want to be of service in our various communities when we can.

**Dave Donovan.** One hundred words? How about 35 words: Spring & summer: rodeos, air shows, ghost towns, waterfalls, movies, stage plays, and old volcanoes in Reno, Yosemite, Bridgeport, Oakdale, Quincy, and San Francisco. Fall: Awaiting the Halloween arrival of my first grandchild. All is good.



**Pat McQuillan.** As you may or may not know, we moved to Indiana from Las Vegas in Dec. 2006 to be close to my son and his now 3 children – our grandkids. It was the best thing we've done as it allows us to spend time with family and live in Noblesville, IN, recently voted as the Best City in the USA to raise a family. Also, the neighboring town, Fishers, was voted by Money magazine as one of the top ten best cities to live in. It is a great place to live – just north of Indianapolis, home of the Colts – I'm now a big fan!

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**Pat (continued)** Also, believe it or not, there are some nice new Casinos nearby in case I get the old Las Vegas urge to gamble a bit.

I wasn't sure what I was going to do when I moved here – try teaching, involvement with some form of Christian ministry, or continue in retail management??? Well, I tried a couple of retail venues, of which Borders was my latest pursuit, but finally, as of 8/30/08, gave up the retail rat race in favor of semi-retirement and



One of Pat's many interests

working with my wife, Janie, for the rest of the year to help her with her business – check out her website

[www.fantasyandfriends.com](http://www.fantasyandfriends.com). I also intend to become more actively involved in the Church that we attend and work on writing some more Christian music (playing the guitar). Maybe next year I'll look for something to do part time “non-retail”.

One thing I am proud of is that I lost 25 lbs over the summer and recently started working out at a fitness center everyday but Sunday. Other than that, not much to report. Pretty boring guy, eh?

**Larry Percell.** Earlier this summer I celebrated my 5th anniversary as a priest and completed my 3rd year as pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Los Altos. Many of my parishioners remember Andy Forster well. For



Fr. Larry Percell

years he came here to say Mass and teach music. (Those Sulps had more of a life outside the seminary than many of us knew.) I treated myself to a 36-day, silent retreat at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center that is actually in my parish. The retreat was based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. (Now, Phil Flowers, Pat McQuillan and I have even

more in common.) It was a wonderful experience that will serve me well personally and in my ministry.

After the retreat I came home to the news that my daughter, Lisa, is expecting their second child. This will be my fourth grandchild. Lisa already has one daughter; and Jeff, my son, has two daughters. Hope all of you are well. NOTE: Larry will be directing a married couples retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center on Feb. 13, 14, and 15, 2009. -Joe.

**Tucker Sheehan.** 2008 has been an experience so far. Was in the hospital twice, Jan. & Apr. for

stents for my heart after being told my heart was fine. I guess I am one of the 3% who false negatives on stress tests. In June I sneezed and my right eye closed up and I lost vision for about 4 weeks caused by one of the heart meds. I feel quite lucky actually and I do pray that things will continue to stabilize. I am feeling pretty good and continue to work full time. All the struggle does make me appreciate life more. My daughters are still in college and doing well and my son and his wife appear to be growing as a couple as they continue to go forward together. My best to all of you--I continue to cherish the great memories we shared. -Tucker



**Mike Huvane.** Completing a second year living in Asia, as the Asia manager for a mid-size consultancy, JMJ Associates. Based in Singapore and working in China, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, India and Indonesia. .... There is a gentleness of spirit to people in this part of the world that I resonate with. .... In my younger days I never thought I would want to work inside a “business” context (part and parcel of being raised in the 60's). I was more of a social services kind of guy. 20 years ago this changed and it has been a fascinating journey to work with the human spirit to produce real results inside a business environment.

Highlights of the year include: Being in China before and during the Olympics and seeing the effort and immense pride common, regular folks had in hosting a great event; Continuing to be exposed to native peoples – from the hill tribes of northern Viet Nam and Thailand to the Tibetans of eastern China. Something about the routed-ness and grounded-ness of native peoples, especially inside of landscape and ritual, that appeals to me.

Eating healthy and continuing to exercise (Bikram Yoga has become my “thing”). Had a delightful dinner and meet-up with Dave Bishop in Long Beach about 2 years ago. Moving back home to Santa Fe, NM in January, 2009. Pic of me and my spouse, Ellie.





**Late-arriving news:** Tucker and his wife Evie will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Oct.25, 2008.

**Frank Cardinelli.** Since the reunion I have had a bruised tailbone, a herniated disc, and a concussion. All three are from separate incidents. Not atypical for my lifestyle. Attended and presented at the National Minority AIDS Conference in New Orleans. In 10 days Beth and I will attend the United States AIDS Conference in Fort Lauderdale. We will go down the road and spend a week in Miami Beach after the conference. Hurricanes permitting! Two backpacking trips in the temperate rainforest in the Olympic Mountains. The Health Department, where I work, is laying off one third of its people. I have survived the cuts. My position is safe and I have too much seniority to be bumped.

**Steve Essig.** I tried to teach middle school kids at my parish elementary school. It had its fun aspects, especially teaching Latin, but was too tiring. I discovered my fondness for students, especially hormonal ones, is gone. So I have hung up my book strap permanently. Back to my handyman business.

Haven't seen or talked on the phone to anyone since the reunion that Larry hosted at his parish plant in April of 2007. Hope those of you who were there have enjoyed the movies.

I may be in the lead with 8 grandchildren, and the oldest is graduating from High School this June. I had a blast teaching the middle 6 how to catch trout this summer. And we limited out several times.

My oldest is 42. There are four in between. The

youngest is a Cal graduate and bandman. This is my ninth year being a Cal football season ticket holder. Dave attended a game with us in fall 2006. Along with the tree huggers, the freedom to sit where you wanted in Memorial Stadium is gone.

I wish all of you the best. I am thinking of a road trip in fall of 2009. I may be at your door step if you live west of the Mississippi. Does anyone remember what happened to Jim Veith who is not in any of Joe's posted class pictures. There isn't a day that goes by that does not remind me of one of you or one of our highjinks. And that isn't a greek word. Festina lente. -Steve

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*That's all, folks, this time around. Thanks for the news updates, and for those of you who read them and follow from a distance wherever you are. Don't hesitate to reach out to each other once in a while and let them know that in the midst of a busy world you're thinking of them--albeit for a nano second. -Joe B*

