

Chuck Ulfers - July 2014

(This note from Chris)

Chuck and I had a bad surprise this morning, when we realized for the first time that the reunion was scheduled for the first weekend in September. We **know** Dwayne has been telling us this for **three years**...what's the matter with us?? We can't come! We will be in Dallas that week, babysitting our 2-year-old granddaughters! This came as a shock, because we've been looking forward to the reunion for *years*. And the thing is, until today, neither of us has *ever* experienced a memory lapse, a senior moment, brain fog or confusion. It's unbelievable!!

Well, last time we submitted class notes, we had no grandchildren, and now I'm very happy to say we have three. Emma and Elizabeth are our little Texas twins, and 6-month-old Abigail Christine lives in Parker. Chuck is an enthusiastic grandpa, with great plans to be the girls' own personal Mr. Wizard. (He's especially looking forward to the rocketry lessons.)

After 7 years with Oracle, Chuck retired again, and, like so many retirees have done, he formed an LLC to do some consulting. He's happy to have the option to do a project, or not! He still gets up every morning at 4:30 and goes to the gym, and he follows that up with long walks for our two new rescue dogs, Alfie and Pip. He's got time now to do the fun stuff (like brewing beer). I'd say he's enjoying life in the man cave.

Sure do hate to miss our **last** reunion! We'll see you all in assisted living! ☺

CHUCK ULFERS

Hi, Reunioneers! This is Chris reporting in for Chuck. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at another great Class of '64 reunion!

Chuck's not here at the moment to write this himself—he's still circling the globe for Hewlett Packard in his role as "Mr. IT Guy." He really will circle the globe in August, when he'll be visiting his people in China, Indonesia, India and Belgium on his way back to good old Colorado.

Five years ago, we bought a condo in Fort Collins, and we divide our time pretty evenly now between Idaho and Colorado. It's been fun getting reacquainted with our old home state, and we have a lot of family in the area to keep us busy. Chuck's alter-ego, Mountain-Man Chuck, comes to the fore in Colorado, where you'll see him cruising the Home Depot parking lot in his pickup.

Our kids have grown up. In May, we watched our daughter Amy receive her Ph.D. in Biology and Medicine from Brown University, and that was a happy day for us. Amy's living in Dallas now. Our son Peter is living in Fort Collins, working full time and studying economics at CSU. Both kids are dating wonderful people, so, with a bit of luck, *perhaps* we'll have grandchildren to report at the 50th reunion!

High school stories are frequently trotted out for retelling around here. There are so many favorites. Mudpup is always remembered fondly. There are several stories centering around hilarious "gifts" that were left at the front doors of deserving teachers. There's the tale of the hapless boys who were hauled in to the police station over a misunderstanding about a light bulb. And, of course, there were the cherry bombs in the bathrooms at Wigwam...or was that in "American Graffiti"? It's all the same story: the early 60's were the best of all times to be in high school. We were awfully lucky!