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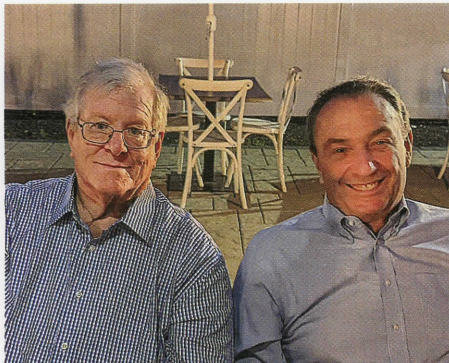


Class of 1967 55th Reunion

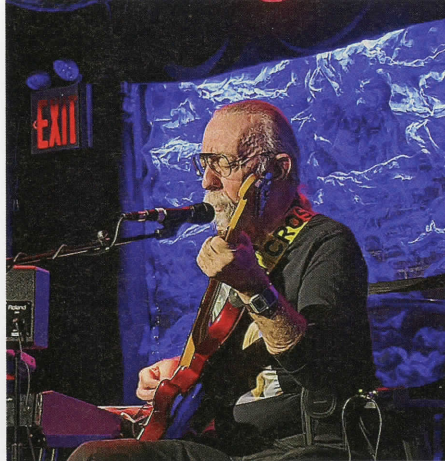


Class of 2020





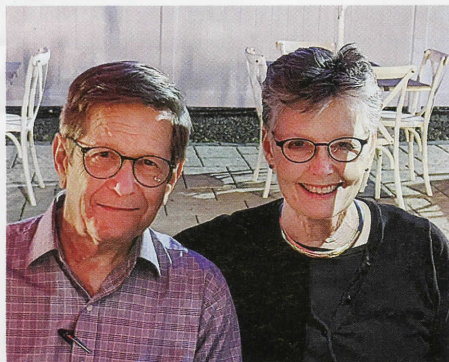
Doug Bacon '67 and Dick Wechsler '67.



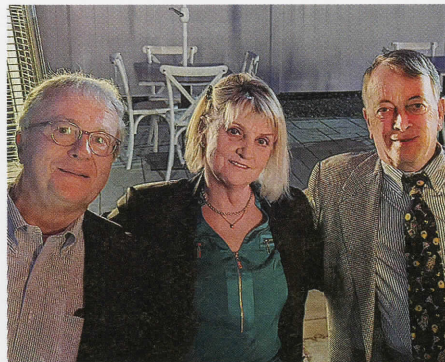
Rock legend and Grammy winner Jeff Baxter '67 headlining at the Iridium in NYC with classmates Jim Taylor '67, Dick Wechsler '67, Brooks Barnett '67, Tony Dupee '67, and former lead singer of Taft's Jeff Baxter & Company Band, Dave Tweedy '68, in attendance.



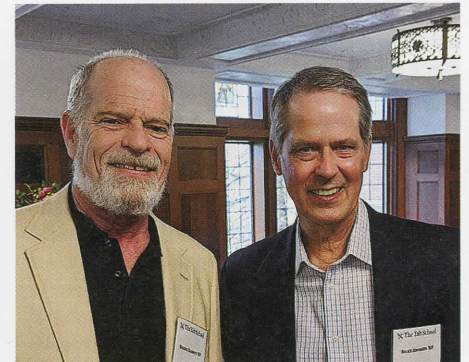
Iben Plange and Tony Dupee '67.



Posie and Greg Griffin '67.



Marshall Hoyler '67 and Irina and John Weld '67.



Brooks Barnett '67 and Bruce Johnson '67.



Cathie and Chris Leary '67.



Jeff Little '67 and Tony Dupee '67.



Dick Wechsler '67 and Bill McCarter '67.

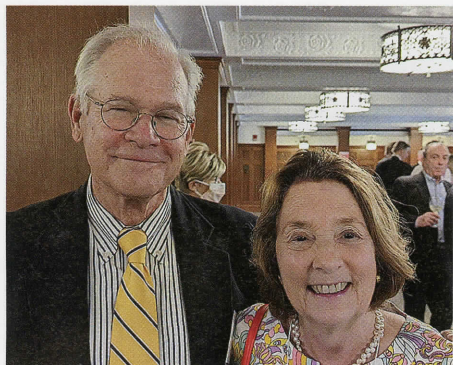
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We had a great turnout for the 55th, and **Jim Taylor** worked hard to make that a success. He will have more details below. **Monte Shalett** had planned to attend but just before we got this news, "On a bad note, I am likely to miss our 55th as I am waiting on Merit, who had a terrible fall down a stair Saturday and is

due this afternoon for surgery to fuse her C1-2 vertebrae to stabilize her neck." Monte later wrote, "Great results from the neuro reported and saw Merit last night post-op smiling and making everyone laugh! Close call. Thank you all." In early May, **Dick Wechsler**, **Brooks Barnett**, **Dave Tweedy '68**, and **Jim Taylor** saw **Jeff Baxter** headline at the Iridium in NYC on a Friday night. "What a great show!" they said. They played new songs and some oldies from Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers. There is no doubt that Jeff is still in top form. After the show, Jeff came over and sat down at our table for a visit. Saturday night, **Tony Dupee** attended. **John Weld** is going to the

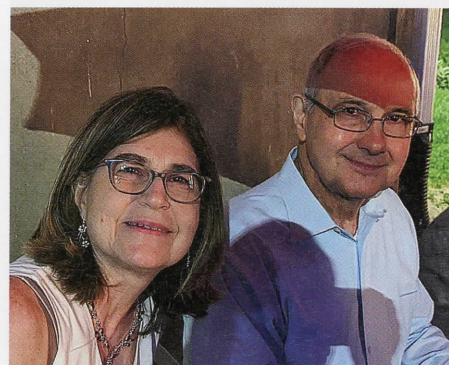
show in Yarmouth, Maine, and **Doug Bacon** to the one in Portland, Maine. **Ken Rush** sent this about his new opening: "Please join us in Industry City for the opening of a 'family' exhibit of three generations of artists from the Rush and the Yoda families! I will be exhibiting new paintings along with work by my son, George, and splendid needlepoints by my mother, Jane! My 'Poolelevator' mural will also be open in the food hall!" **Jim Taylor** sent this in, summarizing our reunion: "Hi class, the 55th is now history, and we had a great time. Anyone else who has photos, please share. When the photos by the Taft photographer are posted including the class



Barbara and Ted Morris '67.



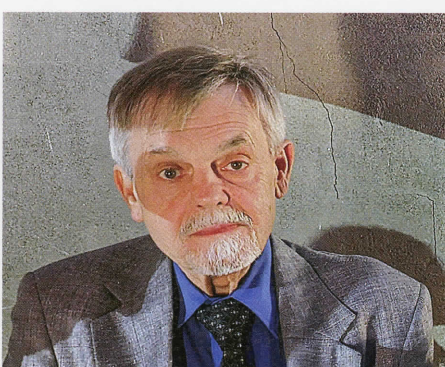
Merit and Monte Shalett '67.



Carol Ann and John Wabiszczewicz '67.



Irina and John Weld '67.



Tony Yablonski '67.



Alan Denzer '69 and Mary Pizzarelli, golf and life twosome.

photo, I will find the ones of our class and email them. I also added two photos from Monte with Merit, who is recovering from her fall. Don't let the big smile fool you...it is going to be a long recovery. It was great seeing **Marshall Hoyler** and meeting **Tony Dupee's** lovely date, Iben, from Denmark. Also, please welcome **Art Blake** who is now on our email list, and I spoke to **Casey**, who sends his best. He hopes to attend our 60th. And finally, I want to thank **Christine Afiouni**, aka Wonder Woman, for all her help to make our reunion a success. Mark your calendars for May 2027 for our 60th." Brooks sent this to **Lunsford Phillips**, who asked for ID on the reunion photos, saying he could not recognize anyone; "Sorry Luns, to our regret, you haven't been around to absorb our 55 years of decline in small increments...I can only imagine the shock. Be well." Finally, Posie and **Greg Griffin** gave us the good news they are at least planning a move back East in near future.

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Septuagenarians all with many reliving the '60s and '70s, rebounding in blessed good health and maintaining exercise routines. The best-anticipated news comes from **Tom Gross** and **Jeff Johnson**. While their reports are all up, details about them are below. Let's start with Alumni Weekend in May, the first one in person since ours in 2019. **Dick Stevens** instructed **George Potts**, **Alan Denzer**, and **Bob Leary** to bring their sticks to the Watertown Golf Club. Misunderstanding, in their bags Alan placed a baseball bat and a centerfielder's glove, George a hockey goalie stick and pillows, and Bob a stick with an illegally curved shaft plus biscuits instead of golf balls. The foursome did play, with Bob hitting clappers off the tee, Alan banging them long down the center, and George sinking Gino's instead of blocking them. Dick gave them a PGA Tour of all 18. Here are their reports. George sings first: "I played 18 for the first time in over five years at the Watertown GC. The others in the fearsome foursome were Boston Bawb Leary, Al Denzer, and the one and only Dick Stevens. Mr. Leary put it together and, as

they say: 'Nobody got hurt.' Dick brought us up to date, with the facts surrounding his life. I cannot express how great he looked and sounded, and I hope this makes you feel as good as it made me." **Bob Leary** writes of the weekend, "Friday night I had dinner with George at Elissa's Life 'n Drum, then was joined by my sister, **Martha Leary Niehaus '81** (first female PG at Taft), and her husband, Mark. Fabulous meal. George played guitar accompanying a great jazz pianist. Saturday, I went to the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and sat with **Tom Strumolo '70**. Plus I met **Rick Haeberle's** nephew who went to Taft. Last thing I did was visit **Steve Porter**, sat on his bench admiring the view of the new fields, said a prayer, and listened to a few songs on my phone." In addition to the foursome, see the photo of Alan Denzer with his regular golf and life partner, Mary Pizzarelli. After Taft links, they headed up to Lake George for a few days of fun for Alan's birthday celebration, Mary's gift! Then hardcore Yankees fan Alan sacrilegiously went to a Mets game harboring thoughts of a Subway Series. **Colter Rule** had many reunions recently as he recounts, "Oh wow, the world isn't over yet. Somebody pinch me. 'Dunno' which but either my world or our world sure seems tenuous. Or both. I live in a national park with houses. And the rock I hide my head under is a sustainable