



Class of '61 – Reunion

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I wrote to you a couple of weeks back advising of the death of Jeremy **Salter**. It fills me with sadness to report further news in the same vein.

Firstly, on receiving my last Bulletin I was advised by Lee Zulman that **Julian Zulman** died on the 29th January 2018. I wrote back to her and offered our condolences to her and the Zulman family.

For your information I have included the information that Julian supplied me for his entry in our Yearbook:

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JULIAN ZULMAN

I left Selborne at the end of Standard 8, moved to Johannesburg and matriculated at Parktown Boys High. I then did a B.SC and completed a degree in Medicine at Wits in 1968.



I married Lee Gershater in 1967, and we have 3 daughters, (32, 41, 42) and seven grandchildren.

We emigrated to Israel in 1969. We lived for 7 years in Israel where I completed a residency in Internal Medicine, and spent 2 years in the air force as a flight surgeon. In 1975 we moved to San Francisco, where I completed a fellowship in Rheumatology. We then returned to Israel, and decided to migrate to the USA.

In 1979, we settled in Palo Alto, California. I worked as a rheumatologist in a nearby town, Fremont. I retired in 1994 because of health issues, and am enjoying a relaxing retirement.

I'm an avid biker and love to read and spend time with our grandchildren, who are all in this area.

I send warm good wishes to all who are celebrating this wonderful reunion.

It is with shock and great heartache that I read the following email received yesterday from Brian Bartlett and I quote:

“Just to let you know that **Fiddle Chapman** passed away late yesterday afternoon. I'm in the UK at the moment and here until end August. I have kept in touch weekly with Fiddle but he slowly deteriorated this last week and his wife Megan phoned this morning to say they had admitted him to hospital in Stilbaai. Unfortunately, the Big C took its toll on him over the last year.”

I called Megan this morning and offered our condolences. I sensed that in a way she was relieved that his suffering was over. He had been battling the cancer for 6 years but remained positive most of the time. May he rest in peace – he will be sorely missed. If you wish to call Megan she can be contacted on 079 5461354.”

For your information I have included the information that Fiddle supplied me for his entry in our Yearbook:

FIDDLE CHAPMAN



After school I spent 9 months in the army and ended up as a sergeant major with the Kaffrarian Rifles. This was followed by 4 years as an income tax assessor with SARS and 3 years at Johnson & Johnson as a Stock Controller.

I spent 38 years as a Floor Covering's Contractor. A highlight of this part of my career was carpeting Nelson Mandela's House at Qunu in the Transkei in 1999.



I was involved for thirty-two years with East London Surf Life Saving Club as a competitor, represented the Eastern Cape Surf Team, Committee Member, Coach, Instructor, Examiner and Manager, including Honorary Life membership and the Meritorious Award.

I served on the Parents Teachers Association Committee at Selborne Primary and Selborne College for 8 years and as a member of the Primary and Selborne College Fathers Club. I have two sons, one living in East London and the other in Cape Town. I am now happily retired in Stilbaai with my wife and three dogs, living close to ex teacher and ex headmaster of Selborne College, Dr John Stonier.

These days my leisure time includes – fishing, walking to keep fit, and most importantly, Castle Lager.

2016 – Fiddle reports that three and a half years ago he was diagnosed with the big C and has had extensive chemo treatment. He is pleased to report that he is in remission. He still enjoys a few beers and the most difficult part of his treatment was watching rugby and not being able to have a beer. He is looking forward to seeing the boys at the Reunion.

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Also in my last Bulletin I mentioned that **Errol Sapire** has tabled an interesting idea. Basically, it was as follows: Our 60th Reunion year is 2021 and the Selborne College 150th anniversary is 2022. Errol's suggestion is that we do not make a big thing of our 60th but kind of postpone our celebration to a year later and really encourage all members of our Class of 61' worldwide to attend the week of Founders Day 2022 and we celebrate both events together.

I agreed with Errol that I would float the idea past you guys and get your feelings. I have had a number of responses and will collate them together with any others I receive as a result of this bulletin and communicate them to you all.

Alan Parsons of the OSA wrote to me and reported that to his knowledge there had been no extensive planning for the 150 anniversary but he would keep me in the loop.

I would ask all of you to share any personal news that you believe would be of interest to all members of our group.

Kind regards

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