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Our column this edition had but one Class Note submitted by **Bruce Herbert**. Bruce is living the good life in retirement as he relates. “I was very delighted to see that Larry Wheeler, a fellow ChemE, has been doing mediations for quite some time. I also started doing mediations through a community dispute resolution center located here in Northern Michigan. This will be my 24th year. Most of my mediations are for divorce, parenting time, and child protection. It has been an interesting and challenging experience. I never know what to expect once the mediation starts. When Covid hit we changed from in-person to Zoom mediations. We continue to do most of our work via Zoom. Participants seem to be a little better behaved on Zoom. I think it has to do with the fact that they can see themselves and their reactions on the computer screen. My wife, Joyce and I continue to love living in a small resort town near the top of Northern Michigan. We do, however, escape the weather for February through April by going to Fernandina Beach, Florida, on Amelia Island”

In a previous column, **Gerold Yonas** was acknowledged for the publication of his recent book “The Dragon Brain”. His book has now been recognized with a first place award from the New Mexico Press Women 2025 Communications Contest.

“Dr. Gerold Yonas’ thriller “The Dragon’s Brain” earned a first-place award in the category of fictional novel for adult readers in the New Mexico Press Women 2025 Communications Contest, which honors outstanding communications and media produced in 2024.

In awarding the prize, the judge wrote, “Once picked up, difficult to put down.” The judge’s comments continued with, “Dr. Yonas, renowned scientist, has created a fast-paced and riveting novel with a team of scientists who are researching a way to generate a power source to benefit all mankind. Expect the unexpected from the repercussions of the invention. In spite of the scientific terms, the author creates a story that’s very readable and compelling. Good character development with subplots of espionage, relationship, conflict.” Winners were announced following the NMPW conference March 22, 2025.

At Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, Yonas led the pulsed power fusion program and several weapons related programs in the role of vice president of Systems, Science and Technology, and went on to create the Advanced Concepts Group and explore new opportunities including brain research. Following his retirement from Sandia, he joined the Mind Research

Network as the director of neurosystems engineering where he explored the link between neuroscience and systems engineering.

Recently Alumni Affairs sent a questionnaire asking about volunteer activities.

The following response from **Jerry Elbaum** is interesting. Many of us, on our travels, have seen these life-size, fiberglass dairy cows on exhibit. Now we have the rest of the story.

I am the founder of CowParade, recognized today as the world's largest and most imaginative public art exhibit, benefitting non-profits and artists in 35 countries. www.cowparade.com. The 103 events to date have raised over \$50 million for the beneficiaries and put smiles on the faces of tens of millions of people world-wide. More than 10,000 artists, sculptors, architects and others with artistic talents have participated, including many of global repute. Millions of dollars have been produced by the exhibits for the local artists in the event venues. CowParade New York in 2000 captivated the city with nearly 500 of the artistically enhanced, life-size Fiberglass canvases on view everywhere over a period of three months, seen by an estimated 40 million people. CowParade returned to New York in 2021 to benefit God's Love We Deliver, for which the exhibit raised over \$1 million. In 2023, CowParade partnered with the world famous Dana Farber Cancer Research Center to stage "CowParade New England" in greater Boston. It was our second exhibit with Dana Farber, the first in 2006. Each event benefitted Dana Farber by more than \$1 million and created wonderful group painting opportunities for some of its young cancer patients. "CowParade San Antonio" will open in the spring of 2025 to benefit Christus Children's Hospital there.

CowParade has a 25 year storied history and will continue for many years to come under the guidance of my son-in-law, Ronald Fox.

CowParade cities in this country, in addition to New York, Boston and San Antonio, include Atlanta, Kansas City, Houston, Austin, Denver, Portland (OR), Chicago, Stamford, West Hartford, Madison (WI), Raleigh/Durham and Harrisburg.

Outside of this country, some of the cities CowParade has been to are London, Paris, Edinburgh, Barcelona, Madrid, Monaco, Lisbon, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Geneva, Athens, Rome, Florence, Milan, Moscow, Prague, Cape Town, Isle of Man,

Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Rio, Buenos Aires, Lima, Sydney, Perth, Auckland, Taipei, Shanghai, Xiamen and Tokyo.

Thee different, stylized, (head-up, head-down and reclining) are the only canvases used. The cow is important to virtually every culture in the world, and, as such, is a unifying, universal symbol for artists and viewers to relate to everywhere. The cow does good things for us, is friendly and has a quirky, likable personality. Artists love the challenges of these unique canvases.

CowParade has been my life's work since leaving the practice of law 25 years ago. It has been quite a ride. Now, at the age of 84, I am immensely proud of what CowParade has accomplished and, in particular, all of the good things it has done around the world. Among other things, it created a new niche in the world of art.

Jerry Elbaum, Founder and President

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Finally, I would like to recognize the passing of classmate **Scon Bocutti**. Scon and wife **Jean '61** were fine friends and class supporters. I believe they, attended every one of our reunions since graduation.

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