

Ginnygram - January 1968

Hello, P.H. and other Anesthesia Friends!

It's been a great year, seeing so many of you for the first time in years and hearing from so many more. Homero Trevino and Bernardo Duñan turned Mexico City upside down for old friend Dot Meier and me when we spent Thanksgiving Week in that beautiful country.

There are very few F1 births to report. Alice Goodfellow Hodges and Connie Berrien Schleindl rate. Many F2 births - Dick Diefendorf, wreathed in smiles with his grandchild Mildred Bohno, Cushman Haagensen, etc. etc. A number of our good friends have left us - Don Burdick, George Warner, who had a massive coronary while in Chicago, John Robinson, Dottie Darling's and Shirley Fleming's mothers, and Helen Young, Anne Penland's friend, who for many years led the P.H. School of Nursing. Our lives have been enriched by knowing them.

Other news: Elizabeth Dowdy is getting her Ph.D.; Lida Swafford passed her Boards; Marvella Vanney Koury runs two miles a day (!!); Barbara Lipton's exhibit won first prize at the recent P.G.A. meeting; Jo Mellor has settled in York Beach, Maine; Doris V. Latham in California; Rudi and Audrey Schullinger in Woodstock, Vermont. Vi Grollimund's son, Ronnie, is in Viet Nam. George Herbert has had a fine year hunting and fishing. George Moonie, sailboat racing. Daisy Mapes and Anna Grosso, two of my oldest P.H. friends, are thriving. Have visited recently Gloria Hansel Nash, Bob Hustead, Mac McQuiston, Bill Rotton, Ellen Blatchford, Hilda Roberts, foreign visitors Harry and Jean Daly of Sydney, Margot Goldsmith of Edinburgh. Rita Jacobs just took Frank Moya's course. Eleanor Densen, Don Stein, Chris Wolkenstein, Rita Ruane Mulvahill, Viola Cortellini de Luca are among those who sent special messages - Thank you one and all. I have addresses if you wish them.

I've had a wonderful year - some 50 trips, over 100,000 miles, four out of the country. My wonderful associate, Dr. Boyd, retired so I inherited his title, a larger office and more work. I miss him. The March of Dimes is on the way up again. Our 100th Birth Defects Center is being opened this week. We have talked with thousands of high school and college young people about birth defects. They're the hope of the future!

Being on the Mt. Holyoke Board of Trustees, the Search Committee for a new President, Treasurer of the Catgut Acoustical Society and a member of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes has kept me out of mischief (?).

Mother, age 94, perks along. I hope to build a small shack in the Poconos this next year. Fiddle #4 is on the way. Much music this year.

A Happy New Year to you all and may it be even better than 1967.

With love, Virginia A. 😊

So glad to get your new address -
Sorry not to put out an address list this year - &
don't expect to, again. Hope you meet my new friend
in Seattle - Bob Aldrich + Dick Shurtleff in Pediatrics.
& Arno Mostalsky in genetics - use my name if you
need any things. Hope you are enjoying Seattle.