

“2A” of 1958

The 1958 Class of 2A (plus a couple of ring-ins) have organized lunches on a regular basis, two-a-year in a suitable downtown Wellington venue catering to long lunches which the 2A boys prefer.

This year the 2A Old Boys met on July 4th at The St. Johns Bar, all seated around 12:30pm and then all done about two hours later. The 2A Old Boys have plenty of time these days! The Event is always looked forward to. It is when most of the World problems can be solved after catching up on what everybody has been up to lately.



Those around the table are, from front left, Douglas Webb and left to right Brian Calcinai (who drives down to Waikanae from Napier then train from Waikanae), James Brodie, Alastair Roger, Colin Carr (an honorary 2A attendee), Philip Dinniss, Peter Kennedy (another honorary attendee), Peter Kitchin and Arnold Regan

who rounds up all the 2A Luncheoners!! In addition, apologies were received from Robin Ransome, Brian Beard and David Russell.

The lunch format has proven to be a great way to maintain contact and keeping old Rongotai College days alive. As recollections of the 2A days fade into the distant past but not forgotten, this Group has shifted on. Talk around the table these days is based on the collective wisdom of all the attendees but built up throughout the years since school days. The 2A Boys always come up with some pretty interesting observations and answers to current world issues not to mention very authoritative opinions on the sporting scene. Their next lunch is scheduled for December 11th, this year!

“The 69ers”

The third form class of 1969 are our most active group of old boys, and held their first reunion at the Dominion tavern in Tory Street in 1991. They have held get-togethers every five years since: 1995 at the Realm in Hataitai; 1999 at the Southern Cross in Abel Smith Street; 2005 at the Establishment in Courtenay Place; 2014 at Atlanta on The Terrace; and, on the last weekend of November, 2019, over

30 classmates enjoyed the hospitality of the Seatoun Bowling Club and the entertainment of the Flying Rodrigo Brothers band. Organiser, Rob Rabel expressed his thanks: “to Alan Gebbie, for organising the venue, food and entertainment; to Kevin Carter, the current principal, for making the effort to spend time with “Rongotai’s most connected third form”; The Rodrigo Brothers, for providing superb musical entertainment that was very much attuned to our generation in style, content and volume; to the staff of the Seatoun Bowling Club for their friendly hospitality; and to Brendon Stone, who set the ball rolling on the Class of '69 Reunions, and single-handedly organised all the preceding ones and who was our mentor for this one. Thanks again to everyone and we hope to see even more of you at the next one!”



OLD BOYS' NEWS

Perry Aspros (1963-64) was recently elected once again as president of the Greater Brooklyn Residents' Association (he had served previously in this role and has been actively engaged in the local community for many years). Perry has lived in his present house for over 40 years. Born in Milton, Otago, the son of Greek immigrants, Perry later went to the local high school in Temuka, followed by Waimate High and finally at Rongotai. After seven years as a shareholder in 'Brooklyn Wines, Cleveland Street, Perry later worked for Electrolux. His favourite retirement activities are sea fishing and travel. (*Brooklyn Tattler* August, 2019).

Businessman and philanthropist **John Fiso** (1975-79) has been investing in education and health services in Porirua, acquiring Pacific Health Services in January and thereby securing healthcare for more than 2000 people in Cannons