

**1957** **Joan Coombs McKinley** (see '58)... **Bob Mumford** writes: "Seven Alpha Delta Phis with their significant others held a minireunion in Key West at the end of February." In addition to Bob, the Alpha Delta Phis in attendance were **Harry Kroger**, **Jim (Rush) Rees** '65 (MS), **Barry Robinson**, **David Linderman** '59, **Pete Mermagen** '59, and **David (Suds) Sutliff** '59. Jim was joined by his wife, **Mary Switzer Rees** '66 (MA).

**1958** **Harry McKinley**, an optical designer with his own company, McKinley Optics, was granted a patent last December for a rotatable zoom endoscope. He's received many patents over the years since his graduation from the Institute of Optics, which he attended on the G.I. Bill. He's now working with his son, Art, who has an optical company, Zibra Corp., which makes optical scopes. Harry is married to **Joan Coombs McKinley** '57, and they have four sons, including **Philip McKinley** '84, and seven grandchildren.

**1959** **David Linderman** (see '57)... **Pete Mermagen** (see '57)... **David (Suds) Sutliff** (see '57).

**1960** **John Milliman** has coauthored *River Discharge to the Coastal Ocean: A Global Synthesis* (Cambridge University Press). The Chancellor Professor of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science, John was also one of three scientists to be named a Virginia Outstanding Scientist for 2012. Gov. Bob McDonnell presented the awards in January at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. John is an expert in sedimentary geology and studies the impact of climatic and human influences such as dam building and agriculture on rivers and river discharge.

**1962** **Jim Case**, a mathematician and science writer, has published a book, *Why Can't Obama Fix the Economy?* (Lulu).

**1964** **Susan Tucker Davis** sends an update. She's published two young adult novels set during the American Revolution. Last year, she published *Musket and Mobcap* (North Country Books), the story of teen heroine Sybil Ludington, who "tangles with thieves, meets a spy, and makes her famous nighttime ride to muster her father's militia troops and protect the Hudson Highlands while the British soldiers burn Danbury." In January, she published *Summer*



**ROLE REVERSAL:** Ram, once mentored by Messinger, hosts Messinger on a tour of the ancient Shore Temple, in Mahabalipuram, India, near Ram's hometown of Chennai.

## Across Seas, Across Generations

In January, **Marty Messinger** '49 traveled to the southern Indian province of Tamil Nadu. His host on the journey was **Navin Ram** '95.

Marty, a life trustee of the University, is managing director of the investment firm Neuberger Berman. Navin is the CEO of OriginWave, an information technology company based in Chennai that serves financial services clients in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

The two met when Navin was a student. "One day I got this call in my office," says Marty. It was Navin. "He said, 'I'm on the debate team and I noticed you endowed the team,'" Marty recalls. "He'd worked his way to Rochester from India, and he asked if I'd mentor him."

Marty did, the two kept in touch, and this past Meliora Weekend, Marty agreed to visit Navin in India.

Navin's daily Blackberry messages to Marty's family—Marty and his late wife, Joan, had four daughters and 10 grandchildren together—served as a journal of

the trip, recording Marty's arrival in the port city of Chennai in "flip-flops, sunglasses, sun cream, and hat;" barefoot walks through the temples of Kanchipuram; samplings of southern Indian cuisine (as well as a visit to KFC to fulfill a craving); visits to rural farming communities; a tour of a Brahmin village and house; and visits to several thriving arts communities.

Of their tour of Old Chennai, Navin wrote: "We started off at a beautiful Armenian church downtown. They were the first to come to Chennai along with the British, Portuguese, and Dutch. Marty walked through the streets, checking out vegetable vendors, asking lots of questions, dodging the cows, and breathing in the spices. He then got on a rickshaw and became the maharaja of the group as we toured the streets."

"Chennai is undergoing incredible transformation and it's a great cultural center," says Marty. "It was a wonderful time."

—Karen McCally