

EDITOR'S NOTE

I asked for your feedback, and I have to thank you! We had more e-mails and letters about the last issue of the *Viewpoint* than ever before! We're glad the issue helped so many of you think about your ministries, relationships, and generations in new ways.



What struck me especially were several letters from members of the Silent Generation who voiced their own takes on their generation's personality and societal contributions. Two of the letters were so eloquent and intriguing that we have posted them in their entirety on the *Viewpoint's* Web site (www.pointloma.edu/Viewpoint). To whet your appetite, here is a taste of what two not-so-Silents had to say.

"As one who was born in 1940 – thus a member of the 'Silent Generation' – I found Strauss and Howe's definition of our generation disconcerting and shortsighted. As such, I take issue with their description of those of us born between 1925 and 1942... I truly believe an in-depth look into the lives and careers of the members of Pasadena College's class of '62 would reveal a remarkable number of individuals who have worked and are working in public and private service to improve the lives of their fellow men and women."

– Rev. Ronald C. Willis Ed.D. (pref. 60)

"We have a tremendous capacity for study, questioning, and listening. Many [Silents] have been engaged in good works – both before and since retirement – to make our world a better place. It is true that we have done these works 'silently,' as behooves our generation, but we have made a positive difference in this world, and we can all feel a great pride in our accomplishments!"

– John Todd

Now, as we turn to the current issue, we hope you enjoy learning about some of the events taking place at Point Loma. From sponsoring the San Diego Natural History Museum's Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, featuring the oldest known biblical manuscripts, to welcoming hundreds of new students to campus, it's an exciting time for your alma mater. To see what's going on for yourself – including the construction progress on Smee Hall, the new School of Theology and Christian Ministry building located at the heart of campus – be sure to join us for Homecoming. And, of course, please share your thoughts on this issue with us!

Sincerely,

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

We are alumni from way back – the '50s. We enjoyed the recent *Viewpoint* very much. I read the magazine cover to cover. We have several college-age grandchildren, and their parents and we (grandparents) were together last Saturday evening. I referenced your article "Who Are the Millennials" and that started the fun. Our granddaughter began reading the article aloud and each of us so identified with the particular generations. It was revealing, and we had some good laughs.

– Jack (pref. 52) & Aileen (53) Scharr

I currently teach a course at Fuller Theological Seminary on Missional Leadership. Christine Spicer's article, "Who are the Millennials" was very helpful and would be a great addition to my course.

– Mike McNichols, D.Min. (78)

Thank you for the current issue of *Viewpoint*. The generations are different, and the articles in *Viewpoint* will help in my work with The Salvation Army as a director of development for the Heartland Division as I communicate with our donors.

– Roy F. Quanstrom, CFRE

The summer 2007 *Viewpoint* was very enjoyable to read. I usually skim through the *Viewpoint*, reading various articles; however, I found myself intently reading each page of this *Viewpoint*. I was underlining sentences and writing in the margins. I rarely keep periodicals, but I will this issue. Thank you for your diligence.

– Barbara (Steininger) Carter (89)

I am a parent of a freshman who started at PLNU this fall. A friend of mine gave me a copy of the

summer 2007 alumni magazine, and I just want to say how much I have enjoyed it. I read most of the articles twice and gleaned a great deal of information about people and events. I especially loved the article "Who are the Millennials." Wow, it was so insightful and helped answer questions about my children, my parents, grandparents, and employees at the business my husband and I own. I love articles and books that bring me new ideas to ponder.

– Elizabeth Bowers