Booklover: Synchronicity

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activities I want to get more involved in. You may have heard that we had a little Referendum here in the UK, where the proposal was to break up the country. Fortunately, the secessionists were defeated, but they do not appear to have accepted this democratic result and continue to stir things up. Those of us who believe in the Union must therefore be prepared to devote further energies to ensuring that we stay together. I am sure, however, that I have not paid my last visit to Charleston.

**ATG:** What about fun things? What activities do you plan to pursue now that you will have a bit more time to focus on personal interests?

**PS:** Well, there are many fine Scotch malts I have yet to try, there are salmon waiting to be caught, and Highland hills to be climbed. Apart from that there are Italian operas to be heard, more French cheeses to be tasted, as well as Trollopes to be read. I understand that being retired is a full-time occupation!

**ATG:** Peter, thank you so much for all of the things you have done for the industry over the years, and of course, for taking the time to talk to us about them.

**PS:** It has been both a pleasure and privilege to work with such great colleagues in the publishing and library worlds. We are very fortunate in this industry to be able to combine business and pleasure.

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**Booklover**

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During this time these lightning bugs create a unique synchronous light show. This particular species is the only one in America that can synchronize the light patterns. With the coming of a milestone birthday, three of my very close high school buddies and I have reservations to experience this synchronous light show. We were eager to explore life when we were young, and now we gather to remember that we can still be fascinated by both the simplicity and the complexity of that life. Some of our wonder is reflected in Tagore’s “Fireflies.” I leave you with five:

“The fireflies, twinkling among leaves, make the stars wonder.”

“In the drowsy dark caves of the mind, dreams build their nest with fragments dropped from day’s caravan.”

“The sea of danger, doubt and denial around man’s little island of certainty challenges him to dare the unknown.”

“Day with its glare of curiosity puts the stars to flight.”

“The tapestry of life’s story is woven with the threads of life’s ties, ever joining ever breaking.”

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**Rumors**

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January 13, 2015, surrounded by family and friends. He was 80. Jerry Curtis was a true legend. He attended the University of Scranton where is played varsity basketball and was voted MVP for the 1956 season. After serving in the U.S. Army, he went on to a distinguished career as a Senior Executive in the publishing industry. He was working at Springer-Verlag when I first met him. Jerry didn’t mince words and was one of the most astute people I have ever encountered. His wife of 52 years, Mary Jane, three children and two grandchildren survive him. Donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284, and Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. For info and online condolences, www.richardsongaffeyfuneralhome.com. Obituary published in The Scituate Mariner from Jan. 15 to Jan. 22, 2015. http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wickedlocal-scituate/obituary.aspx?pid=173858041#sthash.n9R6W8AM.dpuf