Class of 1966 Officers Meeting
Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ
February 24, 2012

9:00 a.m. – Elected Officers Meeting (Wilson Room)
Agenda:
  • Short-Term and 50th Reunion Goals
  • Governance
  • Financial Report
  • Other Business

Noon – Working Lunch (Wilson Room)
Agenda:
  • Short-Term and 50th Reunion Goals

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Afternoon Session (President’s Room)
Agenda:
  • Communications
  • Class Activities
  • Participation

5:00 p.m. – Dinner at Conte’s Pizza (339 Witherspoon Street)

7:00 p.m. – Princeton Women’s Basketball vs. Harvard (Jadwin Gym)
Short-Term and 50th Reunion Goals

Class Participation
- promote greater participation by classmates in class affairs, combining those classmates with "institutional knowledge" with "new blood" and new ideas

Communications
- create additional and improved communications with the class and among classmates, primarily via email and websites
- create improved communications and involvement with class widows/significant others

Class Activities
- provide several class events annually in addition to Reunions and our traditional post-Harvard/Yale football game party and Alumni Day Dinner, including at least one mini-reunion per year

Community Service
- continue to support/sponsor our community service relationships with the Princeton Prize in Race Relations and Princeton AlumniCorps (formerly Project 55)
- continue to support our class scholarships for undergraduates
- establish and implement a "grandfather" class relationship with the Class of 2016

Financial
- increase our class dues participation rate annually
- increase our class AG participation rate and dollar amount annually and maximize our 50th AG contribution

50th Reunion
- produce an outstanding 50th Reunion Class Book
- provide an outstanding 50th Reunion 4-day event
1) Additional and Improved Communications
In order to facilitate the timely dissemination of information and to reduce the costs of mailings, the decision has been made to provide additional and improved communications with the Class and among classmates, primarily via email and an upgraded or new Class website based on a voluntary, opt-in approach using the official Princeton University Alumni Records list.

Jim Parmentier and John Hart will kick-off this part of the discussion with a presentation on The Overall Class Website. Among the topics to be discussed are the following:

- How do we get the approximately 175 out of 700 classmates who have not provided Alumni Records with their email address to opt into the system?

- In addition to the Princeton University required correspondences from the Class President (Annual Report or “State of the Class” letter, Class Treasurer (dues requests) and Class Agent (AG requests), what correspondences should be provided to classmates? Do we want to provide scheduled periodic updates about Class activities in general and/or periodic updates about Class events?

- How can the Class website be improved to include a vehicle for a voluntary, active, secure chat room and how can we promote that feature?

- Should we establish a Class site on a social network such as Facebook? [David Marshak is a volunteer in this area.]

- How can we develop a procedure for a more timely distribution of information about the passing away of classmates rather than the current Class Notes and Memorials columns in PAW?

- Should we develop a policy about sharing information concerning the health of specific classmates with the Class in general? What are the privacy issues? Should we request the permission of each such classmate and/or
family before disseminating such information? What if the family has already set up a public site such as CaringBridge.org?

- How can we better communicate with the widows/significant others of deceased classmates? What Class events should they be invited to and does it make a difference if they are remarried? This year for the first time the widows/significant others of our classmates who passed away in 2011 have been invited to be the guests of the Class at the luncheon in Jadwin Gym and at our Class Dinner at the Nassau Club on Alumni Day and two of them are planning to attend. [For your consideration it should be pointed out that a very small percentage of our Class widows currently receive PAW, which is a financial savings to the Class but at some cost to the relationship. Also, in the Class Notes column in the 1/18/12 issue of PAW, the Great Class of 1938 indicates that “as of this writing, our class role consists of 40 stalwart (or still mobile) males. However, we can boast at having 230 loyal widows, which generally enhance our contingency.”]

- How do we identify volunteers to get involved in a committee to deal with the website?

- Any other related issues?

2) **Increased Number and Variety of Class Activities**

The decision has been made to provide several Class events annually in addition to Reunions and our traditional post-Harvard/Yale football game party and Alumni Day Dinner, including at least one mini-reunion per year. In the Community Service area, we have agreed to: a) continue to support/sponsor our existing relationships with the Princeton Prize in Race Relations and Princeton Alumni Corps (formerly Project 55); b) continue to support our Class scholarships for undergraduates; and c) establish a “grandfather” relationship with the Class of 2016.

Along with new volunteers to assist in any increased and improved communications initiatives, organized Class activities appear to offer an excellent opportunity for increased participation in Class affairs by classmates willing to take responsibility for an event. Also, our community service relationships appear to provide an opportunity to promote and recognize different classmates on a rotating basis, such as the Class Representative in the Memorial Wreath Procession at the Service of Remembrance on Alumni Day.
The Class Officers are seeking suggestions and volunteers for the following:

- mini-reunions – Should these events be ’66 only and/or joint ’65-’66 like our successful Hershey/Gettysburg event? [We are currently in discussions with ’65 on a possible joint mini in Santa Fe.] Should the minis be domestic, overseas and/or an academic event on the Princeton campus? Should the events be tied into a Princeton Journeys trip and/or planned by another tour service? How about a 70th birthday party in 2014?

- regional events – What kind of regional events should the Class provide and/or coordinate? Luncheons and/or cocktail parties/dinners in Princeton (to set an example) plus major cities, such as New York (at the Princeton Club), Washington, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles? Should these events be Class only and/or in connection with a Princeton University Regional Association event or a Shirley Tilghman Town Hall meeting? How about in connection with a Princeton Prize event, the Triangle Show, or a football, basketball or lacrosse game?

- What constitutes a Class event? Does five former roommates getting together for dinner qualify?

- Should the organized mini-reunions and other official Class events be self-supporting or in some instances should the Class help pay expenses? [The five guys in the previous bullet point are on their own!]

- Princeton Prize in Race Relations

- Princeton AlumniCorps

- “Grandfather Class” relationship with the Class of 2016

- Service of Remembrance

- 50th Reunion

- How do we identify volunteers to get involved in committees and take responsibility for these activities?

- Any other related issues?
Princeton Class of 1966

January 22, 2012

Mrs. Guy F. Lytle
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Dear Maria,

You may have already, or will soon receive an invitation from Princeton University to attend Alumni Day, Saturday, February 25, and its annual nondenominational Service of Remembrance. This year, one of the persons who will be remembered is Guy, your husband and our classmate, who passed away last year. The Class of 1966 invites you to join and sit with us, as our guest, at the luncheon in Jadwin Hall before the Service, and later at a Class Dinner which will be held that evening at the Nassau Club, just off the Princeton campus. The Class struggles, as we all do individually, to find appropriate ways to honor and celebrate our classmates who have passed away and ways to support, develop and maintain ties to family members whom they leave behind. Our annual gatherings, for food and fellowship, are one way to do this.

As a member of our Princeton family, we invite you to join us at either or both of these two Class events and to establish ties to classmates that Guy may have known when we were together on campus, now almost 50 years ago.

If you plan to attend the Service of Remembrance, and would like to attend either or both of these Class events that day please write or call me using any of the contact mechanisms noted below. Your loss this year is also a loss to the Class of 1966, and we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

Best,

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We're building our Class of '66 Participation Team for the 2011-12 Annual Giving campaign (our 47th), and we'd like to ask for your help. We invite you to join the team to help contact classmates about making a gift to Princeton. The unrestricted funds provided by Annual Giving are more important than ever. Thanks to last year's successful Annual Giving campaign, Princeton was able to increase financial aid for families affected by the economic downturn.

Please reply to this email now to let us know if you would be willing to call 5 to 10 classmates for their gift to Annual Giving (it's fun to re-connect with '66 friends). You get to pick the guys you want to call with AG's online Tiger Tracks system. Paul Raeder, our AG rep, will send you all the information to get you started.

If you haven't already made your own gift, you can make it online at: https://makeagift.princeton.edu.

Our participation goal this year is 62% (we hit 61.8% last year!), and the Class currently stands at 29%. So we need your help and look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your continued support of Princeton and our Class!

Bob Nahas '66
Class Agent

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