



## Princeton Class of 1966

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Dear Classmates,

Fifty years ago this month, each of us received from Princeton University a Certificate of Admission to the Class of 1966 signed by C. William Edwards '36, Director of Admission. Thus, our Great Princeton Class of 1966 was born.

We are writing now to update you on some important class news and events. These include our plans for our 46th Reunion this spring and the goals established and the activities under consideration for the next few years and for our 50th Reunion in 2016. We apologize for the length of this letter but believe it contains much information that is important for everyone in the class. As you will see, we are moving proactively in several areas to increase participation and excitement in everything we do.

### Alumni Day Weekend Activities

The class both held and participated in a series of events on the Friday (February 24th) and Saturday of Alumni Day weekend. All classmates who had signed up for our Class Dinner on Saturday night were also invited to the afternoon brainstorming session of an all-day class officers' meeting at the Nassau Club on Friday. (The meeting is described in greater detail below.) It was followed by an early dinner at Conte's Pizza and the Princeton Women's Basketball game vs. Harvard. An enthusiastic group of over 20 classmates participated in some or all of the three events.

There were many special highlights of Alumni Day (Saturday, February 25th) for the Class of 1966. In the morning, one of our own, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III, was presented with the Woodrow Wilson Award, the highest award that the University can bestow upon an undergraduate alumnus or alumna. Bob's lecture and a rare, off-with-the-jacket Q&A sessions were delivered in Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall. In 1984-1985, Richardson itself was extensively renovated and renamed as a result of a major gift to Princeton from our classmate David Richardson, in memory of his father. At the reception and luncheon in Jadwin Gymnasium, Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman h66 and our own Henry Von Kohorn, in his capacity as President of the Alumni Association, were among the featured speakers. Following the luncheon, seven of our classmates who passed away in 2011 were added to the Memorial Roll of Princeton University in the moving

Service of Remembrance at the University Chapel. Our class was represented in the Memorial Wreath Procession by Kit Mill. [Click here](#) for more Alumni Day highlights.

We had a record attendance of 80 at our Annual Alumni Day Class Dinner at the Nassau Club, even though for the first time in many years there are no Class of 1966 children currently attending Princeton. Per our tradition, we also invited undergraduates who are currently receiving the 1966 Endowed Scholarships and other scholarships established by individual classmates. We were joined at the reception and dinner by the two students on campus who, while in high school, were winners of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations. A new tradition was started this year with invitations to the luncheon and dinner as guests of the class being extended to the widows or partners of classmates who had passed away in the previous year and who were recognized at the Service of Remembrance. We were joined at the dinner by Anne Davies, long time friend and partner of Ken Kriedmann, and Jane Dunn, friend of Jack Cohen. In addition, we received very appreciative responses from three surviving spouses who were unable to attend. Maintaining relationships with the widows and partners of deceased classmates will be one of the priorities of the class going forward. On a lighter note, our dinner speaker, our classmate Ted Stanger, entertained us with an informative and insightful presentation entitled “It’s French to Me: Adventures (and Misadventures) of a Foreign Correspondent.” (Photos from the various weekend events are posted on our class website and the new Princeton Class of 1966 Facebook page.)

## **Princeton Reunions – Thursday, May 31st - Sunday, June 3rd**

Our next class event will be to celebrate our 46th Reunion, which runs from Thursday, May 31st, through Sunday, June 3rd, the weekend after Memorial Day. This year we will be the guests of the Class of 1967 in the Holder Hall Courtyard, where entertainment will be provided each evening at the site. As a special treat this year, Pam and Gary Mount have again agreed to host the class for our Saturday dinner at their picturesque Terhune Orchards after the P-rade. So-called “off-year” events are both enjoyable and reasonable, since there are no charges for admission to Reunions or the class dinner. We hope that you can join us this year. If you plan to attend, please respond to this email or to Turk Thacher ([turk@bakerindustries.org](mailto:turk@bakerindustries.org)) to let us know how many people you are bringing so that we can have an accurate headcount for Saturday’s class dinner.

We also have been allotted three on-campus beds (not rooms!) on a first-come first-served basis. So if you have an interest, please let us know ASAP.

## **Class Goals**

As mentioned above, on the Friday before Alumni Day, your class officers held an all-day meeting at the Nassau Club in Princeton. At the morning session, the five newly elected officers gathered in person for the first time since our election. The agenda included the approval of both short-term and 50th Reunion goals, a discussion of governance issues, and a presentation of financial reports, including an update of Annual Giving. The second session was a working luncheon on class goals. The officers were joined by 10 invited classmates (D’Avella, Hart, Herrmann, Lanny Jones, Kerstetter, Maliszewski, Mill, Nahas, Rawson and Thacher) who have served in Class leadership roles and/or who had expressed

an active interest in class issues during and after our recent election. [The number of attendees at this luncheon was limited in size by the seating capacity of the room.] The afternoon brainstorming session was held in a larger room and all classmates who had signed up for the Alumni Day Class Dinner were invited, with a total of over 20 classmates in attendance. There was a lively, productive, forward-looking discussion of various topics related to communications, class activities and participation, including formal presentations by Jim Parmentier and John Hart on The Overall Class Website, Lanny Jones on 50th Reunion Class Books, and Turk Thacher on 50th Reunions. The general sentiment of the group was that these meetings were productive and “a good first step.” [The detailed agendas for the three meetings as well as the presentation about our website are posted on our website.]

At the morning session, the Class officers approved the following general and specific short-term and 50th Reunion goals for the class:

- Promote broader participation by classmates in class affairs, combining those classmates who have “institutional knowledge” with others who bring “new blood” and new ideas
- Create additional and improved communications with the class and among classmates, primarily by using email and websites
- Create improved communications and involvement with class widows/partners
- 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
- Continue to support/sponsor our community service relationship with the Princeton Prize in Race Relations and support our relationship with Princeton AlumniCorps (formerly known as Princeton Project 55)
- Continue to support our Class scholarships for undergraduates
- Establish and implement a “grandfather” class relationship with the Class of 2016
- Increase our class dues participation rate annually
- Increase our class Annual Giving participation rate and dollar amount annually and maximize our 50th AG contribution
- Create an outstanding 50th Reunion Class Book [and possible DVD]
- Provide an outstanding 50th Reunion 4-day event

In order to facilitate the timely dissemination of information and to reduce the cost of mailings, we have decided to beef up our digital communications with the class and among classmates, primarily via email and an upgraded class website. This will be based on a voluntary, opt-in approach using the official Princeton University Alumni Records list---so there is no need to worry about unwanted clutter in your email inbox. The approximately 175 classmates who have not yet provided their email addresses to the University will be contacted individually and asked to voluntarily sign up, with an explanation how they can opt-out of any University correspondences they elect not to receive.

Since Alumni Day, Jim Parmentier and John Hart have started to upgrade the class website with many more improvements to come. Lanny Jones set up and David Marshak is administrating a Princeton Class of 1966 site on Facebook. Approximately 80 classmates

have signed up so far. Many have posted photos, and there have been discussions of various class related topics, including possible locations for mini-reunions. Please join our site and if you have any questions about or problems with Facebook, contact David Marshak at [marshak.david@att.net](mailto:marshak.david@att.net) for assistance. In addition, the Class Associates Committee (headed by Dawn Tabler, along with Elaine D'Avella and Sue Davis) is updating our list of widows in preparation for reaching out to all of them.

## Call for Volunteers

If we are to achieve our various stated goals over the next several years, we need an increasing number of classmates to step up and volunteer to participate in various class activities. Specifically, we are looking for volunteers in the following areas and events:

### Class Participation

Serve on the Participation Committee, which will interact with all class activities and be responsible for generating ideas to increase attendance at all class events

### Communications

- Join a committee to re-design the class website
- Join a committee to improve our social media presence
- Provide ideas for improved communications and interactions among classmates
- Contact classmates who have not provided an email address to the University
- Work with the Class Associates Committee in reaching out to class widows
- Establish a “caring” network to assist classmates in need

### Class Activities

- Organize a mini-reunion
- Plan a regional class event as a stand-alone activity or in connection with the Princeton Regional Association, the Triangle Show, or a Princeton sports event
- Help with “off-year” Reunions
- Establish and implement a “grandfather” class relationship with the Class of 2016

### Community Service

- Help start a new local Princeton Prize in Race Relations Committee (see [www.princeton.edu/princetonprize](http://www.princeton.edu/princetonprize)) or participate in an existing committee
- Participate in a local Princeton AlumniCorps Community Volunteers activity
- Create a '66 community service project locally, nationally or internationally

### Financial

Serve on the Class Annual Giving Committee

## **50th Reunion**

**Work on the 50th Reunion Committee**

If you are willing to volunteer, or have any suggestions, please respond directly to this email.

## **Class Dues**

If you have not already done so, please take this opportunity to write a check for your 2011-2012 class dues and mail it in the envelope you will receive in the mail. These dues are very important as they allow us to pay for the Princeton Alumni Weekly for each classmate and to fund our Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarships each year among other expenses.

We look forward to seeing you at Reunions. In the meantime, have a wonderful Spring!

Sincerely,

Charles Plohn, Ron Landeck, Henry Von Kohorn, David Kinard, Jim Parmentier

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