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Dear 1971 Classmate:

THIS PAST YEAR....

1898 and 1928 Trophies

Well, the Alumni Council could not let the Class of 1971's 50th REUNION YEAR ... CONTINUED pass without two more awards which recognize our fabulous 2021 Fall Retreat and the special spirit and bond that our Class enjoys. Our 52nd Reunion kicked off Thursday, May 25, 2023 with the annual Alumni Council Class Officers Luncheon. At that event the Reunions Chairs trio of Jack Hittson, Stu Rickerson and Jeff Hammond accepted, on behalf of the Class, the 1898 Trophy and the 1928 Trophy. The former is given annually to the class with the largest percentage (11% for '71 in '21-22) of membership attending any gathering during the year between Reunions. The latter is given annually to the class with the largest number (81 for '71 in '21-22) of its members attending any gathering during the year between Reunions.

Our Off-Year 52nd Reunion

What more can you say about our grand 52nd Reunion? Lots! The weather was spectacular, the mood upbeat and the atmosphere joyous. 49 classmates and 20 guests returned to Old Nassau to catch up, relive old times and trade tall tales. Picking up on a theme that "Every Reunions is A Major," we kept the traditions of *The WILD Life Class* and added some new wrinkles.

Following the Thursday awards luncheon and an evening reception at Tiger Inn, the 70 or so attendees enjoyed Friday's events including bird watching, a Class forum on presidential health, a Chapel organ concert in memory of former President Goheen, a campus tree tour, and a delicious BBQ with the class of '70 and featuring music from the Tigerlilies. Saturday began with an early morning wellness session followed by our traditional free Class lunch before the P-rade. The day of much camaraderie and merriment concluded with our Class reception and dinner at Prospect House followed by the grand University Orchestra concert and the ever spectacular fireworks. Thank you Jeff, Alan and all who assisted!

READ MORE about these events at princeton71.org

Fall and Football

A handful of Classmates and guests gathered in the Class of 1971 Library at Tiger Inn to reconnect and to celebrate Princeton's victory over Cornell on September 29, 2022. Classmates and guests were also known to have attended University or regional association events in Florida (Stetson) on September 17, 2022 and at Cambridge (Harvard) on October 21, 2022.

Mini-Reunions, Excursions and Outings – Memories

When Vice President Geoff Smith joined the Executive Committee on July 1, 2021, he brought with him concept plans for a number of events, two of which took place in '21-22

and are described briefly below. It is the hope of Geoff and those working with him that events such as these will provide opportunities to make new friends and/or to (re)connect with old friends. Geoff, many thanks to you for your foresight, energy and initiative for these activities and those yet to come which are sure to be important aspects of the years ahead.

Mississippi River Cruise, October 9 – 15, 2022: A group of Classmates and spouses enjoyed a week-long cruise up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis.

San Diego, February 4 – 5, 2023: The rain and snow that blasted California were gone and an abundance of sunshine was shared by a record attendance of 55 classmates, spouses and guests at the San Diego Mini Reunion, held on February 4th and 5th, 2023. From the lofty perch of the Smith's patio with a view of the Pacific Ocean on Saturday afternoon and evening, the group renewed acquaintances, met other classmates for the first time and added the warmth of our shared Princeton experience to the warmth of the day. 16 of the attendees were first time visitors to this event and half of those were inclined to come because they had enjoyed previous class gatherings in New Orleans and Baja California. The others just did not want to go another year without attending this tremendous class party. **READ MORE** about both these events at princeton71.org.

Virtual Events

Forum on Russia, Putin and Ukraine: What's Next, September 29, 2022: Panelists were Jim Hitch '71, Jeff Burt '66 and Peter Pettibone '61 and the moderator was Kathy Molony '71.

Populism and Nationalism: A Threat to Democracy? December 1, 2022: Panelists were Varel Freeman, Mark Mazo, and Mark Moorstein and the moderator was Oz Bengur.

Building for the Future: Preparing for Climate Change, March 9, 2023: Panelists were Lex Kelso, Geoff Smith, Dennis Thompson and Paul Deibel.

Thanks to Reunions Chair Jeff Hammond for organizing these events.

Zooms: The two weekly Zoom sessions that welcome all comers continue. One is still late Wednesday afternoons on the east coast and the other is now Monday evenings on the west coast. Many thanks and locomotives are due to Art Lowenstein (east host) and to Tim Tosta (west host) whom you should contact to join either one.

Princeton University Class of 1971 Website and More

Our Class website, princeton71.org, expertly managed by our long-serving and seemingly indefatigable Tech Chair Alan Usas, is a valuable source of information about past and future Class activities among other things. More than that Alan is involved in one way or another with the substance, form and method of all Class communications from the occasional old-fashioned mailing of items like this letter, to Linda Carroll's Class Notes, Mark Swanson's memorials, email blasts from a number of Class Executive Committee members, website information and materials and much, much more. In addition, following each major campus or other Class event, photos and videos are assembled and posted in the website Photo Gallery linked to the website. Enjoy reliving these Class gatherings at any time! With this in mind, please keep your email address information current with either Alumni Records or Alan. Alan, we thank you for your energy, good humor, dedication and thoughtful contributions to our Class welfare! **READ and SEE MORE** at princeton71.org.

Service of Remembrance February 2023

This year, the following 7 Classmates were remembered: Bruce Beckner, Vassilios Dougalis, Homer Henderson, Bill Lewis, Chris Nicholas, Steve Noller and Roy Perlmutter. Thank you again to Tech Chair Alan Usas who represented the Class this year and placed a carnation in the now traditional wreath which stands at the front of the Chapel during the Service.

Finances

This past year 264 Classmates contributed \$28,514 to the Class dues account. The average dues payment was \$108. This number is very consistent with prior years and was better than any year other than 2021. A locomotive cheer to all who helped!

Class dues will remain at \$71 per Classmate and continue to pay for the Class website, mailings, the Alumni Council annual class assessment, credit card fees for online donations, the fall football homecoming reception and the off-year reunion lunch and cocktail hour. As explained in last year's letter, following University guidance, annual dues donations are no longer considered tax-deductible. If you have any question, however, please consult your tax advisor.

The Class of 1971 continues to be fortunate that Howard Zien agreed to extend his ten years as our Treasurer until June 30, 2026. To quote Howard, serving as our Treasurer "has been a little bit of work and loads of fun. I have learned so many things and even more important, I have met so many of you, my Classmates!" Howard, thank you for your ongoing service to our Class and to Princeton!

Class Notes and Memorials

Please keep sending your news to Class Secretary Linda Carroll. Linda reports that Classmates have steadily been providing content for our PAW Class Notes. Send your update to Linda via the enclosed card or by email to secretary@princeton71.org. In a more somber vein, please contact Mark Swanson '71, Class Memorialist, via email at memorialist@princeton71.org, if you have information on a deceased Classmate. Thank you Linda and Mark. ***FIND MORE about Class Notes and In Memoriam at princeton71.org***

Save the WILD Life Fund (SWLF)

For many years the Save the WILD Life Fund (SWLF) has provided significant financial support and "nice to have extras" for Class of 1971 Reunions. Most notably that support has brought us Rock & Roll Hall of Fame members Smokey Robinson, Darlene Love, Creedence Clearwater and Mike Love with his Beach Boys which helped to shape 1971's reputation as the place to be to see "Bands of Our College Times" all without increasing Classmate Reunions fees. This past year SWLF provided financial support for our 52nd Reunion. ***READ MORE about SWLF at princeton71.org***.

Since its inception in 1991, SWLF has been supported by many Classmates and led by its well-known Chair Stu Rickerson and a small group of trustees. We thank Stu for his Tiger spirit and creativity which have been so much a part of all our Reunions. We also thank the SWLF trustees.

The Class looks forward to continuing to collect your donations for SWLF primarily as part of our several forms of Class dues solicitations. Your donations are periodically turned over to Stu and his trustees to determine how, in collaboration with '71's Reunion Chair, they will be spent for Class Reunion expenses and thereby to reduce registration fees. We look forward to SWLF financial assistance for our Class gatherings, including our next two off-year Reunions and our 55th!

University guidance advises that payments and donations provided to pay expenses of reunions, such as donations for SWLF, are not tax-deductible. If you have any question in this regard, however, please consult your tax advisor.

Annual Giving

Kathy Molony, Annual Giving Chair, reports that, for the July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 year, the Class of 1971 contributed \$192,316 and achieved 42% participation which is a great showing for our 52nd. Overall, University giving was an impressive \$73.8 million and participation was 47.5%. Thank you Kathy!

Planned Giving

Chair Bill Zwecker '71 reports we now have 49 Classmates who are members of the 1746 Society, indicating they have included Princeton in their estate planning. The total value of our Planned Giving fund was approximately \$1,441,121 as of August, 2023. Please contact Bill if you have any question about the 1746 Society. Thank you Bill!

THIS YEAR...

On Campus Events

Fall Reception after the Harvard Football Game, October 21, 2023: Please join us for the annual Class of '71 reception in Tiger Inn's Class of 1971 Library after the football game. If you plan to attend and you can inform Reunions Chair Jeff Hammond at reunions@princeton71.org of that in advance, it will be of great help in planning food and beverage service. As for more than a quarter century, the cost of this event is paid by the Class.

Alumni Day 2024: On Saturday, February 24, 2024, please join us at the Class of '71 table(s) for the traditional Saturday lunch in Jadwin Gym and participate in other Alumni Day and weekend events, including the Service of Remembrance.

53rd Reunion, May 23 – 26, 2024: Reunions Chair Jeff Hammond is currently planning our 53rd Reunion. **Please note that lodging is always very tight in and about Princeton around Reunions time. You should consider reserving a hotel now with a good cancellation and change policy.** Please check our Princeton University Class of 1971 website, princeton71.org, for more information now and in the weeks and months ahead. If any Classmate would like to be part of a Class Reunions planning committee, please contact Jeff at reunions@princeton71.org.

Mini-Reunions, Excursions, Outings Off-Campus and Zooms

Chicago Mini-Reunion, September 27 – October 1, 2023: At this writing we are expecting 39 Classmates and guests in Chicago. Details are on the Class website, princeton71.org.

San Diego, February 4 – 5, 2024: The now traditional Class of 1971 winter gathering in San Diego is planned for the weekend of February 4th and 5th, 2024. Details to follow via email and at princeton71.org. Please save the dates!

Classmate Meetings, In Person or via Zoom, Anytime, Anywhere: At any time you can get together with a group of your local Classmates, or sign on to one of the many affinity group or other Zoom calls that started up before and during our virtual 50th Reunion, two of which are described above. Send a picture of your group to Class Secretary Linda Carroll at secretary@princeton71.org. If you are interested in hosting a Zoom meeting with other members of '71, you can reserve a time on the Class Zoom account by contacting Technology Chair Alan Usas at zoom@princeton71.org.

Class Leadership

If you have any thoughts about Class activities or other matters, please contact any of us on the current Executive Committee (so called in our Class of 1971 1985 Constitution and our more recent Bylaws).

To conclude, and not knowing how many of you and yours are faring in these still challenging times, it is my hope that at least some of what you find in this letter may encourage you to continue or renew your connection to your Princeton University Class of 1971 and the people in it.

With appreciation,



Jamie Pitney
President

1971 Enjoys Mini Reunions



'71 Mississippi Cruise, Fall 2022



'71 San Diego gathering, Winter 2023

Our 52nd Reunion - 2023!



'71 Receiving the Class Awards for best attendance at a non-reunion event - The Fall Gathering in 2021!

Class
Dinner
at
Prospect
House



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before the P-rade