



The Class of 1971's **45th Reunion**

Dear 1971 Classmate:

It is hard to believe that we have just come away from a **ROARINGLY GREAT** 45th Reunion after more than a year's preparation. A near record 242 of our Classmates were there—in total 439 participants, including spouses, partners, children and grandchildren—to enjoy every bit of it. **Jack and Ronnie Hittson**, supported by their terrific Reunions Committee, did a truly spectacular job with every detail.

Not to be outdone after the entertainment at our 40th, **Stu Rickerson**, and all the supporters of the Save the WILD Life Fund, magically produced two major music events: the first, Thursday night, featuring the founding members of **Credence Clearwater**, in partnership with the Class of 1976; and the second, a terrific reprise of our 40th, **The Beach Boys**, featuring **Mike Love h71**. Both nights drew huge crowds with each Band performing for nearly two hours to a mesmerized, dancing and singing audience!

This marks the 4th and 5th times that 1971 has brought Rock & Roll Hall of Fame bands to Princeton Reunion stages. Here's what Mike Love wrote Stu at 3:51 a.m. on Saturday morning, after the Band's bus drive to Washington, D.C., where they were scheduled to play on Public Broadcasting's "Capitol Steps" Memorial Day Concert: **"It was EPIC! What a great crowd, of all ages, singing and dancing for over two hours" I want to thank 1971 for making another Princeton Reunion happen for us!! The more one finds out about Princeton, the more impressed one becomes. It was pure joy for so many last night – ourselves included."**

Additional musical entertainment included the Alumni Battle of the Bands Friday afternoon, highlighting two of our Class of 1971 bands – Peacock Crossing (**Marc Stuart, James Machin, and Dan Masys**) and Occam's Razor (**Bill Metzger, Peter Robinson and Porter Shimer**). At Terrace, Classmate **Jack Craynock** and the Bulldogs entertained the crowd with great oldies Saturday afternoon. There were also wonderful sets by **Stu Nunnery, Peter Robinson and Porter Shimer** under the 1971 Tent on Friday and during Saturday evening's dinner. Topping off the fabulous entertainment for the weekend, The Right Mix played to a dancing crowd Friday night after Mike Love's superb performance; and on Saturday evening Liquid Pleasure closed our 1971 Reunion for a 5th time, with another non-stop show.

Friday morning the Class held a Memorial Service for those Classmates who are now with us only in spirit, planned beautifully by **Fr. Greg Winsky**. **Dennis Macaleer** gave an eloquent sermon. **Mark Swanson** (a man of many talents) opened and accompanied the service with wonderful music on the Chapel organ.

On the academic front, among the numerous, excellent Alumni-Faculty Forums held on Friday and Saturday, 11 of our Classmates participated in a wide range of panel topics. Mitch Daniels was empaneled on a fascinating discussion around the future of the University Experience. **Jeff Hammond** participated in a discussion around Gun Control, **Richard Sobel** on Immigration Policy, **Jay McAuliffe** on Lessons Learned about Health Epidemics. **Lex Kelso** participated on the panel on Inequality in our Society, **Dennis Macaleer** on the challenges of Aging, **Fred Lepore** on Health Care, Andrew Cheng on New Frontiers in Space Exploration, **Jim Hitch** on current Russian Political Tensions, **Luther Mumford** on K-12 Education, and **Kevin Loughlin** on Aging and Urology. **David Williams** hosted a Work-

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shop on Encore Careers in the Public Interest, which was sponsored by the Princeton AlumniCorps and '71's Legacy Initiative – themed around the possibilities for pro bono and paid non-profit opportunities for alumni with significant career and life experience, who are looking for the bridge to their next opportunity.

On Saturday morning **John Mavros** and **Kirk Liddell** led our Community Service Project supporting Community House, founded in the Spring of 1970 with members from the Classes of 1970 and 1971. Community House provides extra educational support and guidance to underserved youth and their families in the Princeton area. On Saturday a number of our Classmates met with high school students and their families, answering questions and providing perspectives on the process and challenges these students will face as they apply to and attend college in the future.

At our Class Dinner on Saturday evening, we announced the results of our Class Election, after an elegant a cappella performance by the Tigerlilies. All of the current Class Officers, with the exception of **Kirk Liddell** (our Vice President), stood for re-election and were re-elected by wide margins. **Gary Walsh** was voted in as Vice President. The new Executive Team slate comprises yours truly as President, **Gary Walsh**, Vice President, **Mark Swanson**, Secretary, and **Howard Zien**, Treasurer. **Jack Hittson** has agreed to continue as our Reunions Chair and **Stu Rickerson** as our SWLF Chair as we head toward our 50th. **Kathy Molony** and **Rob Slocum** have stepped into the Co-Class Agent, Annual Giving positions. **Alan Usas** will stay on our Technology Chair and **Bill Zwecker** as our Planned Giving Chair.

During Saturday's dinner, **President Eisgruber '83** joined the Class for a brief update on the state of the University. After his talk, **Jack Hittson** and **Stu Rickerson** were inducted into the Society of the Claw, in honor of their long service to '71's Reunions. The Society of the Claw honors those who have consistently embodied the spirit of Reunions through service and/or continuous attendance. Started in 1912 by the Class of 1894, the award was resurrected in 2009, after a more than 70-year hiatus. Previous recipients include Woodrow Wilson, Andrew Carnegie, **John Grier Hibben** (14th Princeton President), Moses Tyler Pyne, Mahlon Pitney (**Jamie Pitney's** ancestor) and Francis Landey Patton (12th Princeton President). The original award was a tiger claw mounted in gold to be used as a watch fob. An interesting aside: the Society proposed and funded the bronze stars placed on University dormitories in memory of classmates who died in World War I.

Joining us, as well, Saturday evening for our dinner and festivities were 3 of our 4 new **Honorary Classmates: Dottie Werner, Bill Hardt** and **Kenny Grayson**. **Jeff Graydon** was unable to join us for the evening, but wrote a wonderful note to us expressing his sincere gratitude for the honor. Each of our Honoraries has contributed in significant ways to the workings of our Class and we are thrilled to have them count "h71" among their honoraria. In addition, it is important to add that **Dave Livingston '72**, who started out in the Class of '71, reached out to us last Fall, expressing an interest in becoming more involved with 1971 activities and communications. We made Dave an Honorary Classmate at the end of the year and he is now in our Class database.

There is so much more to tell about our **GREAT 45th Reunion**, and I urge you to visit our Class Website at www.princeton71.org for more detail and to see the terrific pictures taken during the weekend. OR, IF YOU HAVE ANY TO ADD TO THE MIX, SEND THEM TO ALAN USAS AT webmaster@princeton71.org!

KEY ACTIVITIES TO REPORT FROM THE PAST YEAR:

- If you have not yet seen the analysis by **Chris Connell** and **Ray Ollwerther** of our Class Yearbook Survey (done for our 45th), please check it out on our Website www.princeton71.org. You will find some very interesting data on the Class.
- As of Reunions, there were 408 Classmates (53%) registered on the website. If you haven't signed up, please do so to access features such as the Class Directory, Class Notes, and more. It is very easy and the website is truly fun and easy to navigate. Just visit www.princeton71.org and click Sign Up in the upper right corner.
- Our Class balance sheet has continued to grow this year and is very well positioned as we head toward our 50th. Many thanks, again, to **Howard Zien's** careful financial management and to **Jack Hittson's** and **Howard's** excellent fiscal planning for our 45th, which ended in the black, given their careful oversight and strong attendance.

Annual Giving – The Class ended the year over-achieving its Annual Giving dollar goal for our 45th, with \$1,019,071 in donations and a **63.6% Participation Rate**. This is simply the best Participation % **EVER** in our history. We also beat the University's participation rate of 58.4%! Colossal thanks to **Jim Hitch** and **Bill Weigel** for their efforts as Co-Class Agents over the past five years – and for their stupendous efforts this year, along with a fantastic effort by **Henry Barkhorn**, **Bill Elfers**, and **Kathy Molony** and an extended phalanx of Classmates too numerous to list here. According to the Annual Giving office, '71 was THE story of the year. Traslyn Butler, our Development officer in Annual Giving, told me that, whenever she reported '71's progress during staff meetings, her colleagues applauded and wanted to know the secret to our success. Very frankly, the secret was a **HUGE** effort on the part of the 45th Reunion AG team...hundreds of calls and emails stressing the simple goal of participation, not the size of the gift. Thanks also to every Classmate who stepped up, whatever the size of your gift. Special thanks also to our anonymous, and very generous, Classmate, who gave us several challenges during the year – all of which we successfully met!

Finances – Our financials continue to be very strong. This year 244 Classmates contributed to Class Dues (32% of the Class). Dues participation has been consistent at this percentage in each of the past two years. Given the fact that we had such stellar participation in Annual Giving this year, it is understandable that Dues assumed a secondary role. Nonetheless, Class Dues are key to our ability to function as a Class – both to support Reunions, both Big Year (as in our 45th) and Off Year, and for our *PAW* subscriptions.

Website – Our new Class website – launched in 2012 – has become an important hub for Class information, and efficiently handled registration for our 45th. We noted above that over 400 Classmates have now registered on the site. All that you need, in order to register, is an email address that is on file with the University. Email is now the primary way the Executive Team communicates with the Class throughout the year. If you have not yet registered, please consider sending your email address to Alumni Records at alumrecs@princeton.edu. Once you are in their database, you can sign up for an account on the Class website.

Regional Events – Regional event highlights this year include tailgates in Providence, RI, hosted by **Tim Empkie**, and in Boston, MA, hosted by **Rich Hollingsworth** and **Kathy Molony**. The football pretext continued into early December, when several Classmates caught up with longtime NFL side judge **Laird Hayes** at a Monday night game in Washington, DC.

In February, **Geoff Smith** and **Stu Rickerson** hosted another San Diego extravaganza, organized around **President Eisgruber's** visit and a tour of the Museum of Contemporary Art. The day was capped off with a dinner at Tony's Jacal in Del Mar. Nineteen Classmates and their guests from as far away as Ottawa (**McNab**), Houston (**Harmon**), Oregon (**Fish**), Colorado (**Arigoni** and **Kirkpatrick**) and Pennsylvania (**Liddell**) enjoyed this now annual "business" meeting of our Class's Western contingent.

As if the February meeting didn't engender enough school spirit, three of the San Diego reunion attendees embarked on a "Rakes Journey" 16-day motorcycle trip cross-country from San Diego, ending at 45th Reunion Headquarters in Princeton. **Geoff Smith**, **Brad O'Brien**, and **John Drummond** – the three intrepid bikers – rendezvoused, along the way, with the **Machins** in Austin, TX and the **Liddells** in Conestoga, PA. There is a photo gallery and blog of the amazing journey on our website – www.princeton71.org under "In the News" on the homepage. Just click the link above the map of their journey.

Legacy Initiative – The Class of 1971 Legacy Initiative is entering a new phase and has, essentially, passed the baton to Princeton AlumniCorps (PAC) and Encore.org. Launched almost 10 years ago, '71 Legacy's mission has been to help interested Classmates leverage their experiences and find new value and opportunity in "encore" career work supporting worthy not-for-profit organizations. Thanks to the donations of a number of our Classmates, '71 Legacy sponsored the collaboration of Princeton AlumniCorps (PAC) and Encore.org, a national organization dedicated to tapping the experience of executives moving on from their corporate careers. Those, who have taken the encore career plunge, report huge satisfaction in their new commitments. Moving forward, we, as a Class, have the opportunity to benefit from the terrific resources and network available through PAC's ARC Innovators Program and through Encore.org's Encore Fellows Program. Check out the following links if you are interested in either organization: PAC ARC Innovators: http://home.alumnicorps.org/?page_id=164 and Encore.org at <http://encore.org/who-we-are/encore-org-encore-vision/>. We owe a great debt of thanks to our Classmates, **David William**, **Jeff Marshall** and others, who have shepherded this effort through the years.

Planned Giving/1746 Society – As of this writing, 37 of our Classmates are members of the 1746 Society. Please consider reaching out to **Bill Zwecker**, our Class Representative, at PGC@princeton71.org, to find out more about making a planned gift to Princeton.

COMING EVENTS THIS FALL AND WINTER:

Homecoming: Saturday, October 22, 2016. Princeton Football plays Harvard. 1971 will participate in the pre-game Tiger Tailgate, now an annual tradition, in Fine Plaza. After the Game, we will convene, for our 26th consecutive year, at 1971's annual FREE post-game reception in the 1971 Library at Tiger Inn. Be there with family and friends!

Alumni Day: Saturday, February 25, 2017. Anchored by the Alumni Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, along with Princeton's beautiful Memorial Service, there will be a full schedule of Seminars, Forums and Class Gatherings. Please join fellow '71ers for a terrific day together.

Reunions: June 1-4, 2017. It is never too early to start thinking about our Class Reunion. Our Off-Year Reunions are smaller, more intimate, and conducive to catching up, and Registration is FREE. Reunion activities start with a Friday night BBQ and end with our Class Reception and Dinner following the one and only P-rade. Please mark your calendars!

On a general note: we hope you will communicate with any or all of us whenever you have thoughts about our Class's process, events, opportunities, or regional activities. Here's how you can reach any of us:

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Thanks to each and every one of you who helped make this year a smashing success – on the Executive Team, on the Volunteer front, for your participation as a Classmate in Reunions and other Class Regional Events, and for being a key player in our Annual Giving Participation record. As we move (inexorably) farther away from our College years, our experiences, friendships and collective memories become more and more an important part of our fabric. I hope that ALL of you will continue to play a part in our future together.

It is an honor to have been given the responsibility of leading our Class for the past five years. Looking forward, I am certain I speak not just for myself, but for all of the Executive Team, when I say how privileged we have been and continue to be to work on behalf of all of the great Class of 1971.

With sincere thanks and a nod to the next five years, my best wishes,



Podie Lynch
President

A Few of the Many Great Pictures from our 45th...!



Holder Courtyard Entrance



Hayes & Stanczak with 2 of our very capable Reunions Team



Hollingsworth, Elfers, Molony and Ostrow under the Tent



Usas with Robinson at the piano



Liz & Tom Crocker, Nita & Tad Blundon



Karen & John Moffat, Bruce Sokler,
John and Lisa Kirkpatrick



Daniels discussing the future of Universities



After a Long Night's Work!



Fran & Bruce Corcoran with Jamie Pitney



Fitzgerald, Keith, Bengur
and Spouses



The Rakes made it to Princeton



Mike Love and the Beach Boys
playing to rapt audience



Pete McLaughlin and Gary Walsh
Happy Reunions Times



Margo & Scott Rogers with Sandy McAdoo



Scott Berg & Kevin McCormack
at the P-grade



Bob Schiffner Memorial Gathering -
L-R Ray Huard, Greg Winsky, Jack Hittson, Bruce Corcoran (background),
Bruce Weiner, Laird Hayes, Len Coleman, Chris Nicholas, Doug Blake'72,
Paul Colbern, Arnie Holtberg'79



'71 Crew Boat Dedication -

L-R Rob Slocum,
Bruce Beckner,
Karl Hofammann,
Mike Ladra,
Jay Paris,
Mac Watkins,
Don Paxton,
Oz Bengur,
Bob Barber,
Bob Wetmore '70,
Kneeling - Ronnie Brachman



The Townends & the McLeans at Saturday's Dinner



Crocker, Lapetina, Blundon & Beckner
with Spouses



President Eisgruber
with
Lynch and Hittson



Jack & Stu,
Society of the Claw Honorees