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## 1972 Classmates,

As tradition grants, I will briefly review the previous year's events and share upcoming Class opportunities. This letter will update you on our historic volunteer programs which support both the Class and the University.

Please recognize the Class website, [www.Princeton72.org](http://www.Princeton72.org), as an invaluable resource for all Class activities. Specifically, the major funded class programs and annual class events which are cited in this letter are extensively documented through formal annual reports and extended updates on the class website. The website is the active primary Class resource: timely, extensive, and ably supported by webmaster Doug Harrison.

I begin by sharing my appreciation for the help of our elected Class Officers: Vice Presidents: Chris Loomis and Nikos Monoyios, Treasurer: David Kimball, and Secretary: Ruby Huttner. They are consistently engaged, thoughtful and clear-sighted leaders on behalf of the Class.

Additionally, I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee who have invested time and effort to support a positive direction for the Class.

I am especially pleased to thank the program leaders who have been instrumental in supporting our Class projects. They include:

Ron Brown

Chair of the Scholarship Committee and  
Gift Planning Chair

Skip Rankin

Chair of the Teaching Initiative

Grif Johnson,

Barbara Julius, Helene Fromm

Co-Chairs of our Community Service Initiatives,  
including our Civic Engagement Fund

Rob Smart and Owen Curtis

Co-Chairs of the Associates Committee

Ruby Huttner

Chair of the Cross-Generations Program

Daryl English

Chair of Women of 1972

Ed Strauss

Class Historian and Archivist

Merc Morris and Ed Strauss

Co-Authors of the 50th Reunion Book

(Soon to be on your nightstand!)

Skip Rankin and Bob Wright

Drafters of our new Class By-Laws

Chris Loomis

Chair of our initiative, requested by the Alumni  
Council, to adopt programming around Diversity,  
Inclusion and Equity.

A very loud and appreciative Hip! Hip! to Robby Robinson, and Fritz Cammerzell for their Reunions leadership and consistent Class fanaticism!

### Executive Committee

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Tom Hoster: Amazing Job. 31 years leading Annual Giving with a smile and spirit. Unbelievable! THANK YOU! Further accolades below.

The Class has enjoyed an energetic and gratifying year following a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of singular fun and invaluable memories. Through this letter I will share the efforts of the leadership group to continue this great tradition of Class comradery. An early highlight of the year was the dedication of our Class Gift to the University in recognition of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The dedication was ably reported by our Class Historian, Ed Strauss. Edited copy follows:

**Dedication Ceremony October 29, 2022, Class of 1972 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift to the University:**

*"Forty of our classmates and guests attended the dedication ceremony of our 50th Reunion Gift to Princeton University on Homecoming Day, Saturday, October 29, 2022. Silas Kopf's magnificent piece of marquetry furniture was introduced by Class president, Michael Schneider as a class legacy and our commitment to Princeton. Silas's art furniture provokes innovative and imaginative thinking and will act as a natural embellishment of our addition to the 1972 Dining Room in Whitman College. You may recall that this room was given to the University by our class at the Whitman College dedication in 2007.*

*James "Robby" Robinson reminded us of the background of the naming of this special room and how it came to be starting with Project '22, which was a Memorial Fund started after our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. That was the progeny of the great success of Project '97 which was started at our graduation. Since the funds for Project '22 was not enough for naming rights, four classmates stepped up to make up the difference. They are acknowledged on a plaque at the entrance to the dining room. The Class of 1972 Dining Room was established in September of 2007 alongside the Murley-Pivrotto and Wendell Halls, all with '72 connections.*

*Following Robby, Claire F. Gmachi, the Eugene Higgins Professor of Electrical Engineering and Head of Whitman College encouraged us to "let our spirits soar," as she described how buildings shape the educational community and will be enhanced through this showcase marquetry. It defines our camaraderie as it is filled with memorabilia showing our cherished Class friendships and memories. This incandescent masterpiece will engage undergraduates today and tomorrow, and how it will initiate their path as alumni.*

*We then had the pleasure of hearing from Alexandra Day '02, Princeton's Deputy Vice President for Alumni Engagement. She not only complimented The Great Class of 1972 for its generosity, but also our leadership in programs, such as the Scholars and Memorial Scholarship Fund, Civic Engagement, Community Service, Teaching Initiatives, and the value of our Across the Generations Program.*

*Finally, Silas enlightened us of the generation of the project, acknowledging the earliest impetus coming from our Class Treasurer, David Kimball. Silas then described its place in the '72 Dining Room with architecture filled with oak and limestone. Silas assembled wood through donated limbs from campus trees assuring all incorporated materials to be natural to the campus. He sawed these limbs into veneers using the colors he needed from cherry, oak, ash, maple, walnut, birch and zelkova. The only coloring he added was for the orange, as there was no natural wood shade. He pointed out, and we all agreed, "you cannot have a tiger without orange!"*

*To complete the ceremony, Silas received his "second" Princeton diploma from Michael, a plaque beautifully stating:*

*"Classmate Silas Kopf is recognized for his proficiency of the crafting of art-furniture and technique of marquetry. Sharing this skill, he has fashioned a singular display case allowing his Class to share memories and memorabilia of their Princeton experience. As America's most adept practitioner of modern marquetry, he has consistently advanced his craft beyond the accepted limitations of its artistic technique. With this journey he has achieved creative self-awareness and a component of subtle and self-reflective whimsy, which is unique to his aesthetic sphere. We prize him as a classmate and artist."*

*As a practical gift, Silas also received a tray embellished with a tiger to use for his hot chocolate and toddy on those cold winter nights in central Massachusetts.*

*We all had a great time!" Ed Strauss*

## **Class Memorabilia**

In recognition of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and our Class gift, '72 classmate, Mark Markiewicz '72, \*74 has produced commissioned architectural sketches of the 72 Dining Room and Silas Kopf's marquetry display case. Mark has a long history of rendering sketches of the Princeton campus and our fabled buildings. He has authored a stunning small booklet sharing the history and visual beauty of our campus: "***Princeton University: A Pocket History***." His works will be available in multiple formats: specifics will soon be available on his personal website [www.markjmarkiewicz.com](http://www.markjmarkiewicz.com) and the Class website. A personal thank you to Mark for sharing his time and artistry on behalf of the Class.

## **Alumni Day February 25, 2023**

In person activities for Alumni Day returned to campus post pandemic hiatus and allowed the University Community to celebrate the Alumni and academic awards presented at the Alumni Awards luncheon. The energy and community joy were profoundly evident across the Jadwin participants.

The Princeton University Chapel, the third largest university chapel in the world, was the site for the Annual Service of Remembrance commemorating the 9 lost classmates of '72 and those of the wider University family.

Professor of Religion Eric Gregory was our keynote speaker at the evening Class Reception and Dinner attended by 70 classmates, partners, and guests. The Nassau Club hosted a warm memorable gathering.

## **51<sup>st</sup> Reunion May 25-28, 2023**

The year ended with an energetic off year reunion. The Class of 1972 was hosted as a satellite to the Class of 1973 in Blair Courtyard. We enjoyed excellent weather tasty food, good music, and good classmates.

Friday evening the ever-hospitable Fritz Cammerzell hosted a record off-year dinner with 100 classmates: a long cocktail reception great food and casual time to share with old and new friends. Just a pleasure for all.

On Saturday morning the Class entered a shell in the Annual Reunion Rowing festivities. All participants survived and the effort was declared a success!

The P-rade enjoyed more than 150 Class of 72 marchers and high banners waved for both the Class of 1972 and Women of 72!

## **Class Dues and State of the Class Treasury**

David Kimball reports that our Class finances are in solid shape. Based on our continued robust performance in receiving dues payments and careful management of expenses, we will continue to maintain the current dues level at \$50 per year. Dues support our Class contributions to the Alumni Council, help sponsor Class events, cover expenses generated by Class mailings, website management, etc. Enclosed you will find an annual dues payment card and return envelope for paying your dues. Please make your check payable to Princeton University, Class of 1972.

You should mail your check and dues card to our Class Treasurer:

**David B. Kimball**  
**76 West Shore Drive**  
**Pennington, NJ 08534**  
**(dbkimball@gmail.com)**

You may also go online and pay your class dues by visiting the Class of 1972 website at [www.princeton72.org](http://www.princeton72.org). We will maintain an Honor Role on the website listing all classmates who have paid their annual dues. Note that the Class follows the University's fiscal year for tracking dues payment. The current fiscal year runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Please be attentive to your payment timing for personal tax purposes.

Please consider an additional contribution to the Class of 1972 Civic Engagement Fund to support the summer internships our Class offers undergraduates.

Finally, we encourage you to take the opportunity to pay any past missed dues. Such payments go directly to the bottom line and help us maintain our modest dues level.

The enclosed dues card and envelope also offers the opportunity for personal news items to be shared with our Class Secretary, Ruby Huttner, for inclusion in PAW Class Notes.

### **PAW Class Notes**

Class Secretary and Scribe Ruby Huttner reminds all classmates to share their interests and unique events with the Class and the greater Princeton community through the Class Notes section of the Princeton Alumni Weekly. He encourages updates and activities of classmates whether major life events or plain fun happenings. Photos are welcome. Write to Ruby at his new and dedicated email address [pu1972sec@gmail.com](mailto:pu1972sec@gmail.com). A special thank you to Ruby who has used his secretarial role to engage and exchange with classmates in a unique, personal, and receptive style. Many classmates are newly engaged with '72 because of Ruby's very singular efforts.

### **Annual Giving**

Tom Hoster and his University support team including honorary '72 Classmates Traslyn Butler and Marybeth Regan and his resolute classmate team have produced an amazing result:

For the Annual Giving year 2022-23 – our 51<sup>st</sup> Reunion year – the Class contributed \$296,000, while achieving a participation rate of 66.8%, with 516 out of 773 classmates making a gift. Remarkably, our participation was the third highest of all 83 classes with living alumni, trailing only the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion and the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion classes in participation and higher than every other off-year class.

Our participation rate of 66.8% marks the twenty-fifth year in a row that the Class of '72 has been above the magic 60% level.

Tom's full report is available on the Class website. I share a brief note I sent to the Class Executive Committee as this year's AG results were announced:

*"I am privileged to share a brief introduction to Tom Hoster's 2022 – 2023 Annual Giving Report.*

*The full report is attached immediately below and will be shared in the full Class letter later this summer. It outlines in detail the quality of our Class's stellar efforts and performance. It particularly underscores the leadership from Tom Hoster and a group of diligent classmates who help amplify his tireless energy. The report emphasizes the pronounced resources and support from the University Alumni Giving Office and offers a particular spotlight on our tour honorary classmates: Traslyn Butler and Maribeth Regan. As Tom often reminds us: "it takes a village." Fortunately, Tom is our perennial Mayor!*

*Being one of the perennial top performers in Princeton Annual Giving History is itself a special accolade; yet deserves noteworthy credit given Princeton's performance on the national stage of philanthropic performance. It is remarkable to note that Princeton University is the number one university or college in alumni giving participation year after year. This year achieving 47.5% global participation of the alumni body when the average annual giving for private and public universities in the United States is at 8%. Dollar performance this year garnered a university wide total of \$73.8 million, second greatest total in Princeton giving history.*

*Yes, the Class of 1972 is great but made greater by our historic financial support to the University."*

Tom, the Annual Giving staff, and our soliciting classmates deserve our thanks and loud cheers!

### **Special Program Initiatives:**

#### **Scholars and Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Ron Brown ably chairs the Class of '72 Scholar Selection Committee which includes eight voting Class members. The fund now has a market value of \$2 million which allowed grants totaling \$76,887 to be awarded to our Class Scholars in the 2023-2024 academic year:

Amelia Liu '23, Scott Bandura '24, Ellen Toberman '25, and Matthew Zhang '26.

The Scholars of '72 have been ever present friends and partners with our Class. At the request of Ron Brown, 23 of the 29 scholars forwarded personal updates for recent inclusion in the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion record. The Scholars of '72 have demonstrated the highest level of engagement in all activities at the University and with our Class. We proudly note that two of our 29 scholars have been awarded the Pyne Prize for exceptional academic performance.



## **Civic Engagement**

This Program was instituted in 2017 to allow undergraduate Princetonians to have both experience and influence at home or abroad. The '72 Civic Engagement Fund has awarded 31 internships since inception through partnership with Princeton's Internships in Civic Service (PICS) and Princeton's International Internship Program (IIP). At present the Fund shows a Market value of approximately \$460,000, with an annual payout of approximately \$20,000. Interns receive \$5,000 - \$7,000 in support depending on the length of the Internship and the cost structure.

### **The 2023 Internships included:**

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Climate Change Unit, Trenton, NJ (PICS)**

Ashley Park '26 (Wyckoff, NJ), School of Public and International Affairs

**The SEED Foundation, Washington, DC (PICS)**

Rachel Bejo '26 (Germantown, MD), Economics

**Osa Conservation (Farming and Conservation), Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica (IIP)**

Yi Jin Toh '25 (Telok Panaglima Garang, Malaysia), Computer Science

**Osa Conservation (Conservation Technology), Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica (IIP)**

Kaila Avent '24 (Hastings, NE), Anthropology

The leadership of Grif Johnson, Barbara Julius and Helene Fromm has been notable for their enthusiasm and personal commitment to this program.

### **Teaching Initiative Class of 1972**

The Endowment Fund for Initiatives in Undergraduate Education was funded after our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion. We have now supported 27 courses over the life of the fund, typically supporting two courses per year. The fund has a market value of approximately \$1.3 million with a yearly available payout of approximately \$53,000. This year we are supporting two courses:

**Robots in Human Ecology: At the Frontiers of Anthropology and Engineering**

*Ryo Morimoto (Anthropology), Alexander Glaser (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)*

**Mutualism and Symbiosis**

*Andy Dobson (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)*

Professor Dobson has shared pictures and course insight of the 18 students studying on the banks of the Panama Canal on our Class website under the website's Philanthropy heading. The Teaching Initiative has been led under the wise stewardship of both Skip Rankin and Robert 'Bob' Wright over 25 years.

### **Women of '72**

Daryl English's diligent energies efforts on behalf of the Women of '72 remain largely focused on sharing life stories among our women classmates while building a collective story to be preserved as part of our historic class archive. Individual profiles and "cameo" snapshots are circulated regularly to our women's online community along with posting to the women's section of our class website for all to access and appreciate online – and for which webmaster Doug Harrison continues to provide invaluable support. The information shared within The Women of '72 posting on our website deserves a thorough read.

Many of those stories are reflected in the essay co-edited by Daryl and Janet Howard for our 50th Reunion Class Book. Daryl is also editing expanded and additional stories as part of a collection of student-year remembrances intended to preserve some of our women's "coeducation pioneer" experiences for the University Archive. This has proved an invaluable addition to the history of our Class and the greater University.

Albeit in smaller numbers than our historic turnout for the 50th, the women marching behind the Women of '72 banner for this year's 51<sup>st</sup> Reunion fondly recall enthusiastic sideline cheers along the P-rade route.

Daryl also wants to spotlight another important initiative which, while not officially affiliated with the university, represents an enthusiastic collaboration among many '72 classmates. Under Susan Squier's leadership, several dozen women classmates are participating in an Action Team formed in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v Wade in June 2022, and Susan's protest letter was widely circulated when the SCOTUS draft was leaked a few weeks earlier.

Joined as well by a growing contingent of '73 women, with many of our male classmates eager to join, this group is pooling federal, state, and local information and other action resources through its own online library, as well as regular Zoom meetings. Other interested classmates can join the Action Team by contacting Susan (susan.squier@gmail.com) and will be welcome to participate in the September 12 Zoom meeting focusing in part on important October and November ballot initiatives in various states.

### **Class Associates**

Rob Smart and Owen Curtis are adding new energy and content to the Associates Program. This is an especially valuable and sensitive resource for those surviving our lost classmates. Many surviving partners share their interest and desire to stay apprised of our Class activities. Rob and Owen have plans to engage the Associates more directly with a formal subcommittee populated by Associates to aid in defining and engaging surviving partners in a valued manner. We particularly stress the opportunity for recent surviving partners to join the Class and University community for Alumni Day and the associated Service of Remembrance which thoughtfully celebrates their lost partner.

### **Class Trips**

Our classmate Helena Novakova will be leading a second trip to the Czech Republic in late August 2023. Presently the trip is fully subscribed. We look forward to reports on their adventure. Robby Robinson is currently planning travel events for 2024 and beyond. More to come.

### **The Class of 1972 Cross-Generational Program**

Ruby Huttner has conceived and implemented a wonderful program. Over the last years, the program has proved a wonderful University-wide model for a broadly engaged alumni body. '72 has been energized working with the younger Classes. They have enjoyed and benefitted from our programing and communication tools.

Arising from this Class partnership, Ruby and the Class leadership are organizing several events built around the Class of 2027 pre-read: Nobel Peace Prize recipient Maria Ressa's '86 book "How to Stand Up to a Dictator". We additionally look forward to sharing our Homecoming Post-Game Reception with returning classmates from our partner Classes on the evening of October 21, 2023.

### **Save these Dates:**

- **All Alumni Tailgate & Football Homecoming – Harvard, October 21, 2023**
- **Orange & Black Day – October 22, 2023**
- **Alumni Day – February 24, 2024**
- **Reunions 2024 – May 23-26**
- **Reunions 2025 – May 22-25**

I close by reflecting on how productive and engaged our Class leadership has been over the 51 years of our alumni status. Core leadership has been exceptional and well-focused. My personal commitment is to continue that focus and energy. Importantly, I, your Class Officers, and Program Directors, look forward to engaging more members of the Class in these activities especially noting that our professional responsibilities are taking less of our personal time. What better way to spend your time than with your fellow classmates from 1972!

**Respectfully offered,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.