



# Class News



**COME TOGETHER**  
 45TH REUNION  
 CLASS OF 1971 | MAY 19-22, 2016

## **YOU SURE DID COME TOGETHER FOR A MEMORABLE 45TH!!!!**

The party may be over but the warm feelings will last forever. Thank you all for an unforgettable weekend. We learned, we laughed, we looked, we walked, and walked and walked – and ate – a lot. Our party numbered 103 with 92 classmates and 11 guests.

Mary Jane Gurdziel's photos will give you a glimpse of the fun and the campus, which was looking especially lovely. See them here: [Class of 1971 Photos](#)

Our class-sponsored offerings were well attended and much enjoyed. Thank you Kiki Smith, Susan Brundage, Ellen Lee and Shaunie Towers for running them. And didn't it feel great to be the hit of the Saturday Alumnae Parade ("if we must say so ourselves")?! We got many accolades for our signs and scarves and colorful bags enlivened by Sally Cruikshank's amusing take on the Abbey Road album cover. If you missed reunion and would like a bag, let us know since there are extras.

The Survey crew surpassed even our very high expectations, making serious data come alive in an entertaining and informative presentation at the Friday night dinner. Thank you Mimi Zaugg, Sandy Cate and team. For the results and survey instrument see the [Class Survey page](#) on our website.

On Saturday we hosted eight of our favorite faculty members for dinner, thanks to the efforts of Holly Falik and Betsy Johnson. We closed the evening with a slide show and audio clip from Gloria Steinem's commencement speech, complete with personal greetings to the class from Gloria and regrets that she was unable to join us in person. Carol Mann assures us that she'll be there to greet us at the 50th. Click [Words from Gloria](#) to view the show.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to keep our headquarters stocked with snacks and libations and to Anne Thistle who collected book recommendations on a bulletin board. Look for the suggested readings soon on the class website.

Congratulations to the new class officers elected to serve for the next five years led by Pinki Fontein and Cheryl Winter Lewy, co-presidents. For the full Team50 [click here](#). And kudos to Angelica Light for amassing a record-breaking class gift of \$ \$671,149 with 51% of the class participating. Wow!

Donna's Sunday morning Service of Remembrance brought this memorable weekend to a poignant close. Thank you Mary O'Keefe Kellogg and Randi Gronningsater Stroh for your

moving performances and to classmates who spoke so eloquently about their departed friends.

We were sorry to miss those of you who couldn't attend, but we know we'll see you at the 50th!

With love and admiration to all from your reunion co-chairs Sarah Peskin & Donna Smerlas.



*Caption: Donna Smerlas, Sarah Peskin, Holly Falik, and Liz Webster lead the 1971 parade contingent.*

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