CALL TO ACTION! From your reunion co-chairs, Beth Sweetow and Lisa Getto

Dear Classmates;

We are only a little over a year from the 50th reunion of the Class of ’69! Momentum is building and we hope you all enjoyed the January newsletter which was sent electronically. It can also be found on our Smith class web site. It will be a fabulous event on May 16-19, 2019. Besides being that special time to re-connect with old and new friends, there will be a Visual Art Exhibit in a gallery setting, the addition of a Virtual Performing Arts component, a beautiful professional Class book of all out classmates, and a Memorial Service in Helen Hills for the college community that we are formulating, including music by former Glee Club members and Chamber Singers, our traditional fabulous Parade and many other experiences.

Here's what we need from you now! Even if you do not know yet if you will be able to come to Northampton, we need your help and input at this time for planning purposes. Please read all the way to the end and RESPOND NOW. Thank you so much.

➢ CLASS SURVEY

We are just getting rolling on a class survey for our 50th reunion in 2019. We’ve done surveys before, although not since 2004. The idea is to produce a reliable profile of our class by reaching just about everyone and asking for anonymous responses.

The Class Book will be where longer, more thoughtful answers can be provided. For the survey, here are the typical categories we’ve asked about in the past:

- Background, marital status, family
- Education and paid or volunteer work outside the home
- Lifestyle
- Health and aging
- Finances
- Religious beliefs and practices
- Politics

We’d like to make some comparisons over time. Do these topics resonate? Are there other topics you’d like to learn about for our 50th? Please let us know BY MAY 15! We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

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ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

One of our priorities is to make our reunion pleasantly accessible to all. To that end we have been working with the class of 1968 that has established this position.

1. Determine need. Through e mails, ask classmates who will need assistance to contact the coordinator. We know we will need to remain flexible up to and during reunion.

2. Provide assistance. At reunion we will need to assist with wheelchairs and Smith has agreed to provide a means of transportation, hopefully golf carts, so everyone can be fully engaged in the Parade, which is such a highlight of reunion. In addition, there will be ever-present vans throughout the weekend to take classmates to events and houses.

PLEASE CONTACT EITHER OF US TO VOLUNTEER - Beth and Lisa
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And if you would like to volunteer to help on class headquarters or in creating a Then and Now presentation similar to our 45th, please get in touch.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

An e mail has gone to individuals who were members of the Glee Club and Chamber Singers to participate in a meaningful way at the Service. If you did not get this invitation, please let me know. If you want to participate musically, PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 15 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING!

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Our class Memorial Service will be a time of reflection upon friendship and the power of memory. We hope to offer readings and music and invite you to make suggestions and offer to participate as a reader. The Service is not just non-denominational but also meant to be inclusive of other religions and spirituality.

In addition, there will be a reading of the names of our class members who have died and a symbolic remembrance of each. Some classes have used a flower as a symbol. It has been suggested that these be taken to our class memorial tree at the end of the service. This is meant to be your service. In this way we look forward to being in community with classmates at Reunion. Suggestions are welcome so, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF US BY MAY 15!

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ARTS EXHIBITION / PERFORMING ARTS

Calling All Visual Artists! As you'll remember, during the last two reunions, we organized shows of our class's artwork, which were displayed in our reunion house. This reunion, we will be exhibiting the show of Class of 1969 art in a gallery space - the Oresman Gallery in the Fine Arts Building. The space is clean and professional and we can hang on the walls (yay!!), so the art will look terrific.

We'll start by finding out who would like to participate. If you are, email us BY MAY 15 and we'll get back to you about what to do next. If you know any other classmates who should participate, please reach out to us or to them.

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Calling All Performing Artists! Musicians, conductors, composers, arrangers, dancers, actors, filmmakers, videographers, animators, puppeteers, ventriloquists, mimes, impersonators, comics, game designers and other performing artists not mentioned!

In addition to a visual art exhibit, we are providing an opportunity to showcase the performing arts at our 50th Reunion in May 2019. Please plan to submit a digital video file of your performances to be assembled on a DVD loop that will be shown on a monitor in the same space as the visual arts exhibit, place to be determined. Since time and space constraints limit the class to a performing arts exhibition of this kind, Ellyn will put the call out at the beginning of 2019 for submissions through the newsletter, our web page and Facebook.

What can you submit?
• Slide shows of any performing art forms including head shots, scenes, programs, performances
• Excerpt or trailer for a film or video shoot
• Recording of music with or without images
• Video of dance, music, theatre or any other performing arts forms including animation.

Since this is a new enhancement to reunion, and we need to anticipate demand and encourage participation, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR E MAILING A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK NO LATER THAN May 15. The actual submission of digital video files for showcasing will occur in early winter 2019. We look forward to seeing and hearing YOU and YOUR WORK!

Amy Finley Scott amy@amyfinleyscott.com

Reconnects

We have had three very successful “reconnects” in Maine, NYC and San Francisco bringing local classmates together to hear about Smith today, to ask questions, exchange ideas and promote reunion attendance. It’s not too late to plan one in your region.

We hope to have several more reconnects in 2018. They are fun and easy to organize. We can get you contact information on local classmates, send you the quiz and help you with whatever you need. Please consider hosting a reconnect in your city. For questions or help, contact:

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