Class Reunions

Details are included in your class’s section.

Class of ’52
Friday, Nov. 17 at Trader Vic’s in Emeryville at noon, 65th Reunion

Class of ’57
October 2017, 60th Reunion

Class of ’58
Planning 2018 Reunion

Class of ’62
A Reunion Planning Conference call on March 2 at 2 p.m.

Class of ’68
Quarterly Gatherings on June 3 in the North Bay and June 10 in the South Bay for 2017. 50th Reunion discussions are underway.

37 Claire (Jackson) Smith just celebrated her 100th birthday! Claire is part of a loyal Cal family: her late husband, Joseph Smith ’56; her children: Jay ’61 Boalt ’64, Brian M.S. ’64, and Jacquetlyn Wheeler ’67; daughter-in-law Sally Wade Smith ’63; and her grandchildren, Julie Smith ’88 and Trent ’98 and Kerry ’00 Wheeler. She loves Cal football (most of the time) and she started camping with her family at the Lair of the Bear in 1950. Her son Jay and grandson were Lair staffers, and Taylor and his family are still loyal Camp Gold campers. Claire was employed by UC Extension and was in charge of the travel program for retirees for many years. She now lives in Oakland and can be contacted through her son Jay at jdsnsh@cox.net.

50 Howard Erickson, who lives in Napa, enjoys going to Cal football games with his family. Yvonne M. Cazier recently filmed a segment on PBS for the Preschool for the Assistance League of Los Angeles. It will be aired on the program Visionaries. Bob Logan and his wife, Diana, hosted a festive Big Game weekend in their new home at the Peninsula Regent in San Mateo. Guests came from the Bay Area, Auburn, Idaho, and Pennsylvania. Bette Riley Huhn, Mimi Knox, Paul McKnight, Howard Erickson, and Gus Perscheid attended the Old Blues Luncheon, the annual holiday event hosted by Haas Business School. Sally Bronson Ingraham was recently honored with a proclamation from the California State Assembly for her past work as a Founding Member and Trustee of the Diablo Regional Arts Association. Class Secretary: Bill Woolley, 4300 Pasadena Dr #31, Boise, ID 83705, whwanlvilb@gmail.com

51 Memories of our 65th reunion are still very present. David Perkins of Walnut Creek told stories of his two children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Helen Koenig Fricke retired from 31 years as director of finance for the City of Burlingame, allowing her to take seven trips last year. Bill and Jean Hagler sent their heartfelt reunion wishes from Salinas where they live near their children. Dick Lewis spent 34 years at Mills High School in Millbrae where he taught history and coached swimming and water polo. He now lives in Santa Rosa. George Humphreys of Alameda worked for Kaiser for 37 years as project engineer and manager. He has been painting water colors for the last ten years and had a one-man show at the Alameda Library. He has four children and seven grandchildren. Don Berry wrote from Lynn, WA, near the Canadian border, where he lives near two of his five children. He had originally lived in Sonoma. Lefty Stern added that our class is the only one that can boast that we attended three out of four Rose Bowl games during our tenure at Cal.

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52 Greetings Classmates! Retired Major General William C. Groeninger III awarded a commemorative medal to another Marine veteran survivor of the Inchon invasion during the Korean War. In previous columns we’ve mentioned that our 65th reunion will take place on the Friday before the Big Game. Now that the football schedule has been announced, we can provide a date. The game is in Palo Alto on Saturday, Nov. 18. Our reunion will be on Friday, Nov. 17. Save the date and plan to join “The Golden Crew of ’52” at Trader Vic’s in Emeryville at noon. The Class Committee is working to assure a festive gathering—a lovely room at the restaurant with a great view of the Bay, a three-course lunch, no-host bar, valet parking, and an appearance by members of the fabulous California Marching Band. Invitations will be forthcoming, and the committee will be working with our Cal liaison to provide a wonderful event. See you there!

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53 Jens Christy is associate pastor at Capo Beach in Capistrano Beach. Jens is a Certified Addiction Counselor and Mental Health Worker providing counseling, recovery, and encouragement dealing with various forms of substance abuse.

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55 Donald Brown from Toledo, OH, continues to write for genealogical and historical publications, having four articles recently published.

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56 California State and federal grants have enabled the Preservation Department of the University Library to build its capacity to process and preserve audiovisual collections. The California Audiovisual Preservation Project has successfully preserved and made accessible historically significant library recordings. The Class of 1956 Humanities Preservation Endowment allowed the library to preserve some wonderful gems in time for the Class of 60’s reunion luncheon. Those films, presented by Pamela Jean Vadakan of California Light and Sound, were Campus Scenes (1950), Charter Day (1956), and Hail to California (1957). The program is now available online at californialightandsound.org. Tens of thousands more recordings are waiting to be preserved and made accessible, but time is running out. Additional coordinated effort and support are needed to save Cal’s history. The Class of 1956’s endowment has proven success in preserving collections and wants to continue this success with the audiovisual collections. A big thank you to the 297 classmates who donated $2,650,888 in honor of your 60th year. Of that, 862,465 went to our class endowment.

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57 Kathryn Mickle Werdogar announced her retirement from the California Supreme Court after having served 23 years. Kay, a moderate, played a crucial role in the once-conservative court’s ideological shift.