

## Class Reunions

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### Class of 1954

Homecoming weekend, October 2019

### Class of 1955

Planning for 2020

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Quarterly gatherings

**52** Greetings Class of '52! The following notes are the last I've received from our 65th Reunion so I will need more for the future. **Marily Farnsworth Johnson** met her husband, Tom, at Cal and they have been married for 65 years. Both sets of their parents were Cal grads, as well as siblings, children, and grandchildren. They live in Berkeley and never miss a home game. Marily runs a farm in Colusa County established by a great-grandfather in 1857—a land grant signed by President Ulysses Grant. **MaryLou Willis Berg**, member of the Class Committee, remembers details from the classes of Professors Norman Hinds and Ira Cross. And also, an 8 a.m. Education class on Saturdays to “weed out the unserious students.” Like so many of us, she recalls Margaret Murdock playing the Campanile bells. **Perdita Loomis Sheirich** worked on the *Pelican* magazine (1948–1951) and achieved the role of Women's Director. She was a Decorative Arts major, and her first job was in a fabric company in San Francisco. **Helen Crane Desai** earned her B.A. in the History of Art, followed by a secondary teaching credential, and an M.A. in History of Art. She became “a devotee” of her art department professors, Horn, Amyx, and Maenchen. She met her future husband while living at International House. They have traveled widely and continue to learn and to support educational organizations. Their children and grandchildren have followed them into higher ed, at Cal, UCSF, and UCLA. On a sad note, I must inform you that **Stuart Spence**, longtime member of the Class Committee and devoted Cal Alumnus, died in February. He will be sorely missed. A recent communication has come from **Hope Shuttleworth Pearce Herndon**. She writes of having traveled all over the world with her husband, Edward Herndon (also a Cal grad). They've enjoyed many years and five children together. Hope lives in Novato, and loves to cook and entertain. She has collected over 400 cookbooks from all over the world.  
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**53** The charming Tilden Room at the top of the student union provided a warm and friendly setting for 40 classmates at our 65th (yes, 65th!) Class Reunion last

fall. But now after all these years the Class of 1953 is officially broke! And that's OK. Members of the class reunion committee unanimously chose to donate the balance of our meager reunion savings account to the University Library Foundation. At the reunion, Beth handed a check in the amount of \$1,300+ to Jeff MacKie-Mason, University Librarian. Now, who's in for a 70th Reunion in 2023? Oski Wow, Whiskey Whee, We're the Class of '53! **Norman Mineta** and **Deni** flew in from a business trip to Japan just in time to attend our terrific 65th Reunion. Their three children live in the Bay Area so they fly out from Maryland as often as they can. Can we assume that they fly in and out of the Norman Y. Mineta, San Jose International Airport on these trips? Norm was a 20-year member of the House of Representatives and served as Secretary of Transportation in the George W. Bush Administration. **Janet (Mosure) Tomklins** and husband, Stan Rinne, split their time between Richmond and San Jose Del Cabo, Baja, where she enjoys sailing and charitable programs. Lucky folks. Janet started working for the Contra Costa County Social Services Department shortly after graduating, retiring in 2002 as Division Manager for refugee programs. She and Stan have one child, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.  
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**54** Spirits Soar with '54! In the fall of 1950, coed **Lesley Walsh** dreamed up this slogan for her freshman class, which quickly adopted it. We have carried this slogan on our class banner at many University events, and it also appears in a bronze class seal set in the pavement at our Cal '54 Gate. Our spirits will definitely soar this fall when we celebrate the 65th anniversary of our graduation! It will be on Homecoming Weekend Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 at three events. We will have special tables at the Golden Bear Luncheon on Friday in the Pauley Ballroom. Parking will be available in the same building for this event. Friday evening will feature the Chancellor's Reception, a buffet picnic on Memorial Glade. On Saturday at 10 a.m. classmates will rendezvous at our gate for a nostalgic visit before walking to the nearby Berkeley Seismological Laboratory in McCone Hall where Professor Richard M. Allen, recipient of the Class of 1954 Endowment Chair, will bring us up to date on the earthquake early warning system and other projects. At noon we will take a short walk to our tables at the Bear Affair Tailgate BBQ in

the shadow of the Campanile. On July 1 Homecoming registration will open and mailings will go out. Questions? Write to [Classof1954@berkeley.edu](mailto:Classof1954@berkeley.edu). **Bob Merrick** heads the reunion committee with the help of **Bill Morrish**, **Bonnie Kerby-Miller**, and **Beryl Voss**.  
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**55** Calling on all members of the Class of 1955. Do we want to hold a 65th reunion luncheon next year? We need to have your feedback. Email your class secretaries if you would attend, probably homecoming weekend, and let us know if you would be willing to be on the organizing committee.  
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**61** We can be very proud of our amazing class. The San Diego Press Club recently awarded **Gary Aguirre** first place for Excellence in Journalism. He was honored for the publication of a paper in *Wall Street Lawyer*, “Blockchain for Securities Trading: Black Swan or In-House Pet?” Gary has demonstrated his Berkeley style of whistleblowing and concern for the public interest. He currently practices law in San Diego where he resides with his wife, Maria, and two teenaged daughters. Coincidentally, the editorial board of this journal is chaired by **John Olson**. John has recently retired from his 54-year career with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, a Washington, D.C., law firm with prestigious international clients. He joined this firm in Los Angeles after his graduation from Harvard Law School in 1964 and moved a branch to Washington in 1977. John currently shares his knowledge as a Visiting Professor from Practice at Georgetown University Law School and is on several editorial boards. Retirement is allowing him more time for his seven grandchildren and husband, Tom. **Joy Holmes Maguire** represented our class at this year's Leadership Award Recognition Luncheon. She sat with two of the outstanding students who are recipients of our alumni scholarships and the recipient of the **Peter** and **Robin Frazier** scholarship. It seems that our class members are still using the excellent education we got at Cal and are ensuring that the torch is passed on to future generations.  
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**63 Ed Blakely, MA.**, retired from Berkeley as prof emeritus in 1996. He is now living and working in Sydney, Australia. Blakely received a Master's in Law on his 80th birthday from Northwestern University. He is using this degree as a member of the New South Wales and International Bar to serve Australian Aboriginal Communities with Australia's leading firm.

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**66 Richard Vondrak** completed his Ph.D. in space physics and astronomy at Rice University with a rocket experiment to study the aurora, followed by lunar research during the last three Apollo missions. He and his wife, **Mary Conway** (M.S. chemistry '66), have two children as well as two beautiful granddaughters. **Anthony Wasserman** went to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he received a Ph.D. in computer science. He was a Professor of Medical Information Science at UCSF until the mid-1980s. Since 2005, he has been with the Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley campus and led the creation of their Software Management program. He enjoys travel (more than 70 countries!) and photography. He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren. Having earned an M.F.A. in theater arts at UCLA, **Karyn Watson Traut** has had a successful career in the theater. Now living with her husband, Tom Traut, in Chapel Hill, she has two sons and four grandchildren. In 1989, she was North Carolina Writer in Residence at the Headlands Center for the Arts. She started her own theater company, Perihelion Theater. After a successful career running the Sierra Club's bookstore, **Kirsten Barrere** had a second career as a Budget Analyst with the Sheriff's Department at Alameda County. She is now volunteering with AARP Foundation's Tax Aide Program. In her second year as the District Coordinator, she coordinates 14 sites and 80 volunteers in the Oakland/Berkeley area. Kirsten has one daughter. **Barbara Spector, Esq.**, has joined JAMS panel in Silicon Valley. With more than 40 years working as a lawyer, mediator, and arbitrator, she brings an array of expertise and experience in both state and federal courts.

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**67 John Lovewell** emails that he is "still working as a Silicon Valley commercial real estate developer, but spending most of my time as Vice Chairman of The Institute of World Politics, a graduate school of national security and international affairs in Washington, D.C. The mission of the school is to improve the culture of leadership in D.C. by educating ethical, informed military,

intelligence, diplomatic, and legislative professionals on integrated soft and hard power strategy and 'winning without war.' The Institute was founded by another Cal Grad, Dr. John Lenczowski, who advised Reagan on the Cold War Strategy." **George Lukes**, a charter member of the Brick Muller Society, notes that he and Jane "have been living in Alexandria, VA since leaving Cal. I continue to work at the Institute for Defense Analyses. Our daughter and two grandsons live nearby keeping us entertained and busy." **Dan McIntosh** is in Rochester, NY, where he and his wife, Amanda Parsons "settled a year ago after I retired from 40+ years of law practice in Los Angeles. Though no longer practicing law, I am presenting workshops on legal and business issues affecting composers and musicians to Eastman School of Music students (in between travel adventures) and have just joined the Eastman Advisory Council to assist Eastman in forging additional entertainment industry and international partnerships and initiatives. We are also able to access classical and jazz concerts and recitals on a near daily basis. And I'm taking jazz piano lessons! Winters are obviously much colder here than in LA, but autumn and spring are glorious, especially on Lake Ontario, where we have a cottage. We still return to Berkeley regularly so hope to connect with classmates and other friends when possible."

**68** Class of '68 Gatherings continue in 2019. In March, a record number of classmates gathered at Rick and **Janet Cronk's** home in Lafayette where they reconnected with each other and heard Cal Professor Ikhlaq Sidhu speak on Artificial Intelligence, its history, applications, research, economics, and future. Upcoming 2019 Gatherings are June 8 in the South Bay Area, and September 7 and December 7 on campus. To participate and stay informed, join the class email list; contact Cal68@blueconnect.org. The Goldman School of Public Policy Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement (CCDE) was founded by the Class of '68 to honor the unique legacy of our class. CCDE has played an active role in promoting debate about free speech on the Berkeley campus, as well as a better understanding of First Amendment law and practice. CCDE co-sponsored the March 20 "Great Debate" event featuring the Cal Berkeley Democrats and the Berkeley Conservative Society; CCDE also co-sponsored an October 29 politics colloquium featuring former Representatives Patrick Murphy (D-FL) and David Jolly (R-FL). The Center continues to provide several funding awards each semester to Goldman School of Public Policy graduate students for Advanced Policy Analysis (APA) projects and to undergraduates who attend the University of California Washington, D.C., Center (UCDC) each semester. For CCDE programs, including digital recordings of all public lectures, or to

make a contribution see [gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde](http://gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde). Thank you to all of those who support the center.

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**69 Brian Kahn** of Helena, MT was inducted into the Sonoma Valley High School Hall of Fame on May 11, hometown recognition of Brian's many accomplishments. Brian is a graduate of Boalt Hall, former president of the California Fish and Game Commission, and former Head Boxing Coach at Cal. Brian also is an author, journalist, and public radio host. His weekly public affairs program *Home Ground* is broadcast on 50+ stations/translators in the Rocky Mountain west. On the air since 1996, it has been named Montana's Outstanding Non-Commercial Radio Program. Kahn is the winner of the 2009 Montana Governor's Award for the Humanities. His book *Real Common Sense* was published in 2011 and a new book, *America: Rediscovering My Country*, will be published this June. Brian led the creation of "American Jobs for America's Youth: A Montana Proposal to the Nation." This program guarantees a job opportunity at a living wage for every high school graduate who puts in a year of national service. You can learn more about it at [americanjobs4youth.org](http://americanjobs4youth.org). **Mack W. Borgen** published his second series of books entitled *Dead Serious and Lighthearted: The Memorable Words of Modern America*. The series has already received considerable critical acclaim and book awards including at the San Francisco and New York Book Festivals. *Class Secretary: Richard Carter, 99 Florida Ave, Piedmont 94610, camktgrp@comcast.net*

**73** JAMS dispute resolution services is pleased to announce the addition of **Hon. Terence Bruiniers, J.D. (Ret.)**, to its panel in San Francisco. Judge Bruiniers joins JAMS after a storied career including seven years as deputy district attorney in Alameda County, 11 on the Contra Costa Superior Court, and most recently serving as justice on the First District, Division Five, California Court of Appeal. *Class Secretary: Emily Marks Divine, 9864 Big View Dr, Austin 78730, emdivine@gmail.com*

**75 Jennifer Keller** has been named to the "Top 10 Southern California Super Lawyers" list for 2019; she was also selected in 2018. *Class Secretaries: Gina Gutru Smith, 2741 W. Hannon Hill Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309; Lynn Nakada, 58 Mozden Ln., Pleasant Hill 94523, Lynn\_Nakada@berkeley.edu*

**83 Andrew Shapiro** was recently elected Chairman and President of the Mill Valley Library Foundation, where he has served in other board leadership roles over

the prior 6 years. Andrew's activist investment management firm, Lawndale Capital Management, recently celebrated its 26th anniversary. Andrew continues to regularly speak at national conferences and director education programs on corporate governance and activist investing topics. He just completed a multi-year tenure as Chairman of the Official Equity Committee in the Premier Exhibitions/RMS Titanic bankruptcy cases.

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**85** **Jeff D. Kimball** lives in Budapest, Hungary and welcomes the chance to meet anyone travelling to Budapest. He currently serves as the VP of the Hungarian Metals Association and Eurometrec as well as the Commercial Director of Loacker Recycling.

*Class Secretary: Flora Lee, 224 Congo St, San Francisco 94131, bearbum1@aol.com*

**86** **Rachel Vandenberg** has been promoted to senior vice president at Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, in the Long Beach office. With nearly 30 years of industry experience, Vandenberg has five years' experience with Dewberry and has overseen the growth and expansion of its ports and intermodal practice across the east and west coasts.

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**88** **John T.A. Rosenthal** has significant experience in representing clients in a wide variety of litigation matters in state and federal courts across the country, as well as before various regulatory bodies, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Copyright Office, and the Federal Trade Commission. An accomplished speaker, Rosenthal obtained his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review, and the Civil Practice and Procedure Editor. **Anne E. Beaumont**, Friedman Kaplan partner, will join the firm's newly formed Management Committee, taking over responsibility for firm management from longtime Managing Partner and founder Eric Seiler.

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**89** **Lisa Lott** was elected Superior Court Judge for Georgia's Western Judicial circuit in May 2018 and took the Bench on January 1, 2019. Lisa is the first woman to be elected to Superior court in the 118-year history of the Western Judicial Circuit. She received her J.D. from Emory University Law School in 1994. Lisa has previously served as a public defender and a prosecutor. She lives in Athens, GA, with her husband and two

teenage children. **Pamela Bhatti**, who graduated with her B.S. in bioengineering, has been named as associate chair for innovation and entrepreneurship in the School of ECE at Georgia Tech. **James Devitt** was named managing director of public affairs at New York University.

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**90** Wendel Rosen Black & Dean announces today the addition of **William "Buddy" Rowell** as a partner in its Litigation Practice Group. Rowell has 25 years' experience in litigation, and he joins the firm from Buty & Curliano LLP in Oakland.

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**92** **Lisa Barnett Sween** has been named Office Managing Principal in the San Francisco office of Jackson Lewis P.C. Ms. Sween represents employers in all aspects of employment law and litigation. In addition to her litigation expertise, Sween regularly counsels employers on preventative employment policies and practices involving all areas of federal, state and local employment law.

*Class Secretary: Kristine Bryson McCabe, 3477 Crane Way, Oakland 94602, kbina@hotmail.com*

**93** **Carrie (Walker) Oliphant** was just named Coachella Valley Water District's Director of Engineering. CVWD is a one of only two water districts with both state and federal water rights and provides seven different types of services to a 1,000 square mile area. This position is a significant one in the California water industry.

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**96** **Marissa Raderman Kennerson** has a new YA novel coming out with Penguin Teen's Razorbill imprint called *Tarot*.

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**99** **Dr. Jeffrey Shneidman** has been elevated to principal in Fish & Richardson firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Group in Boston. Shneidman focuses on patent licensing, patent and trade secret litigation, and post-grant matters. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 2011, his Ph.D. in computer science from Harvard University in 2008, and his B.S. in electrical engineering from Berkeley.

**02** CDF law firm is pleased to announce **John R. Giovannone** has joined the firm as a partner in its Los Angeles office. With nearly 15 years of employment law experience, he will support employment litigation

for CDF across a wide range of employment law matters.

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**03** **Sarina Saluja** has been selected by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity to be a member of the 2019 class of Fellows at the Los Angeles office of Fisher Phillips.

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**07** **Stet Sanborn M.A.** has been promoted to principal at SmithGroup's San Francisco office. Stet is a mechanical engineer who is passionate about Net Zero Energy design; his recent work includes a new city hall building for the City of Sunnyvale.

**11** Water rights attorney **David E. Cameron** has recently been promoted to counsel at Downey Brand, LLP in Sacramento. Cameron provides counsel regarding many aspects of water rights and management, and related environmental and endangered species issues. He represents public agencies including water districts, irrigation districts, cities, counties, as well as agricultural interests large and small, statewide.

*Class Secretary: Lizz Campos, lizzcampos@berkeley.edu*

**14** **Roxana Bostwick** was selected by *PR Week* a Champion of PR for 2018. Roxie, a Media Studies major, is communications lead for Skillz in San Francisco, a mobile esports startup company.

*We currently have no class secretary listed for the following classes: '29-'31, '35, '41, '49, '04-'08, '10, '12-'14, and '16-'19. If you are the class secretary, please contact the magazine office at 510/642-5981.*

**Class Secretaries:** email your notes (classnotes@alumni.berkeley.edu) with "Class year" in the subject line. You can also fax them to 510/642-6252 or mail a hard copy to Class Notes, California magazine, CAA, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520. Please bold class members' names; each class is limited to 250 words. Read our submission guidelines at [alumni.berkeley.edu/classnotes](http://alumni.berkeley.edu/classnotes). Class notes may be posted on CAA's website.

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