Class Reunions

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Class of 1951
November 9th, 65th Reunion at Trader Vic’s

Class of 1952
Planning 65th reunion for Friday before Big Game, 2017

Class of 1953
April 21st, 2017 Reunion on Cal Day of 2017

44 A broken ankle recently kept Sharon Wells Banker away from her walks, but it did not interfere with another pleasure: bridge. Nancy Taylor Dupuis, in Orinda, a parliamentarian of the local Republican Women’s Club, found this year to be busy and interesting. She is even giving lessons in Mah Jongg, and recently she drove two friends to Burbank; the years have not slowed her down. Dorothy Wahrgaftig Lindheim is happy to remain in her Berkeley home, delighting in its lovely view. Dorothy has one son and two daughters, (another daughter was killed in an accident many years ago) and five grandchildren. After she retired from social work, Dorothy wondered how she found time for a job. She is busy all day, every day, but doesn’t find much to show for her efforts. Her positive attitude contributes to her well-being. Class Secretaries: Dick Duhring, 13871 Robleldo Rd, Los Altos Hills 94022, jfd@duhring.net; Virginia Pearson Anderson, 100 Bay Pl, #2001, Oakland 94610

49 Mary Elizabeth Kimber Nurser and her husband, John Shelley Nurser, celebrated their Golden Jubilee on August 20. Their large family joined in the festivities at the Mill House Hotel overlooking Stour River in Sudbury, Suffolk, U.K., where the couple moved after retirement. Her sister Clarissa Kimber and her brother Robert John Kimber ’54 joined them by telephone from Texas and California respectively. She had just published with her son-in-law, An American on the Western Front, the First World War Letters of Arthur Clifford Kimber, 1917-18, printed in 2016 by the History Press. Class Secretaries: Harriet Williams, 33 Linda Ave, Apt 2304, Piedmont 9461, harrietwilliams@prodigy.net; Gilbert Pavlovsky, 41 Moncada Way, San Rafael 94901

50 Frank Brunk, Chuck and Carol Carmichael, Sallie Carter, Irving Katuna, Betty Vevoda King, Mimi Knox, Sally Lyding, Paul McKnight and Joan Williams live in Rossmore-Walnut Creek and are members of the Rossmore Cal Club. Tom Tugend, who has worked for the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and the Associated Press, continues as an active journalist at 90, primarily for Jewish publications. Bob Logan and his wife, Diana, relocated from their home in San Mateo to the Peninsula Regent. Norm Dolby celebrated his 90th Birthday on July 31st with a party at his home in Emerald Bay. Class Secretary: Bill Woolley, 4018 Edgemont St, Boise, ID 83706, whvan0l8@gmail.com

51 The class of 1951 will be holding their 65th reunion at Trader Vic’s on November 9th! Our fearless leader, Lefty Stern is contacting us through email and generating warm responses. By the time this is published there will be glorious memories of seeing enthusiastic classmates greeting one another with bear hugs. More on the attendees in the next issue. The Cal Alumni Association announced donors to the CAA Fund Society. Among Class of 1951 donors are: Bruce and Daphne Geernaert and Elayne McCrea. The 2016 fundraising goal has a year-end deadline. Gifts help ensure continuance of essential programs, scholarships and services to hundreds of students each year. Recently, we have been told that our class has donated $1,182,761 as of September, 2016 from 113 donors. After our reunion, $2 million dollars sounds feasible. Go Bears!

52 Lloyd Grable of McLean, Virginia, writes that he will be 90 years old next year and plans to celebrate by coming to our 65th reunion. He served in the First Cavalry Division, attended Cal on the G.I. Bill, and served with the Navy for 30 years. He lost his wife, Esperanza, after 65 wonderful years. Their four children have given the Grables ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lloyd still loves to travel. And he hopes that the state of Virginia will let him keep driving. It is my hope that many of you, like Lloyd, will plan to come to our reunion, Friday before the Big Game. More to follow! Lee Talbot, who was awarded the Cal Alumni Association’s Excellence in Achievement in 2008, was awarded again in March by the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. This time he earned the John Wesley Powell Award for Career Achievement. Lee writes, “Life is great!” He is on the faculty at George Mason University where he teaches and mentors graduate students. He also serves as environmental advisor to the World Bank, United Nations organizations, and foreign governments. He and his wife, Marty, continue their travels with recent trips to Laos, Costa Rica, Galapagos and Peru. They do an annual “Sierra Fix,” that includes hiking and climbing in the eastern High Sierras. Add to that 11 first places in Vintage Road Races! Lloyd and Lee—keep on driving!

53 Oski wow! Whiskey whee! Join the class of 1953 for our spring reunion on Friday, April 21, 2017, which also happens to be Cal Day on campus. Details of the luncheon in the Pauley Ballroom will be mailed to you by the University after the first of new year. Meanwhile, put April 21st on your calendars! This is in addition to our traditional 5-year reunion set for 2018. Elaine Oldham is still involved with the San Francisco chapter of the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation, after serving on the board as chair of communications. Each ARCS chapter in the U.S. gives generous awards to local doctorate-level science students. Classmates were saddened to learn of the passing of Nancy Davis Baker early in August. Nancy was an Alumni Field Director for the Cal Alumni Association and Manager of Board Affairs & Special Events. She was recognized at the 1990 Charter Day Banquet with the CAA Excellence in Service Award for her volunteer work.

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54 We’ve lost a very devoted friend of Cal and the Class of ’54 this year. Peter Zischke died on June 21, at age 85. Many of us thought he was a classmate, but his alma mater was Dartmouth. On his first trip to California, at the end of his freshman year, he met his future life companion, Midge. They stayed in touch until he graduated, and were married in Oakland in 1953. Midge became very involved in ’54 fundraising with two other classmates, Don Denton and Bill Morrish. They headed the drive to raise the CALIFORNIA WINTER 2016 CAL3
Class of 1954 Gate at Northside. Through all this, including our 60th Reunion, Pete stood with us, whatever our project, and enjoyed our events as much as we did. As long as we’re around, we’ll raise a toast to him and Midge. Beryl Voss and Don Denton represented the Class of 1954 at the Alumni House Achievement Award Program. For 2016, the Class of 1954 Scholar is Brandon Shachi.

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James E. Lieberman writes: “I attended UC Berkeley from 1951-55, then crossed the Bay to UCSF. It was a good academic experience and the price was right (only a fee for gym locker). Organic chemistry class on Saturday mornings at eight in the morning was a minor hardship. I studied German at Cal and later discovered Esperanto, which took me to Iceland, Europe and China. After internship in Staten Island, I took a psychiatry residency at Harvard plus a year of public health. The Vietnam War shrunk the National Institute of Mental Health program in Bethesda where I served from 1964-1970, and thereafter I practiced psychotherapy. Through a study group I learned about, and applied, the psychology of Freudian dissident Otto Rank and later wrote a biography of Rank. Now retired for a decade, I do book reviews for Library Journal and other publications. With my grandchildren nearby and in California I enjoy having my extended family around and traveling with my wife, Carol.”

Class Secretaries: Bob Leslie, 40 Windward Hill, Oakland 94618, relarbnd@aol.com; Rosemary Meehan Mein, 3748 St. Francis Dr, Lafayette 94549, fax 925/283-2318, roosemein@comcast.net

The Class of 1956 celebrated its 60th reunion on Sept. 30 in the Tilden Room at CAA. Bill Floyd, a member of the Gift Committee, reported that our class raised $1,597,452 for the University and donations are still being added to the total. The Class of 1956 Humanities Preservation Endowment for the Library is valued at approximately $1.2 million, and still growing, thanks to our dedicated classmates! The Class of 1956 conservator Emily Ramos and audiovisual preservation project coordinator Pamela Vadakan discussed their work. Attendees enjoyed viewing film from the 1950’s from the University archives. Keith Jewell said he recently passed The Royal Conservatory of Music’s level five piano exam with honors. Keith only began piano lessons 14 years ago. After retiring from an international banking career he “couldn’t find middle C” but is now playing Beethoven, Chopin, and Tchaikovsky. On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Ron Plomgren. While on campus, he was staff photographer for several publications. He spent 51 years with Longs Drugs stores and retired as senior vice president and CFO. He was truly an Old Blue and never forgot his class.

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Jim Kidder, now living in Nevada, continues to be as active now as he was while at Cal. He was awarded the University of Nevada, Reno, Alumni Association’s 2015 University Service Award last fall. He also received the award in 2001. Tom and Marilyn Morrish have enjoyed interesting wanderings since leaving Berkeley. Tom went to Stanford for his master’s, then to Hawaii for oceanic and tourism businesses. The Morrishes raised three sons and came back to the Bay Area to create and manage Village Resorts, Inc., before moving to Santa Fe to retire. They are now back, at Rossmoor, just over the hill from Berkeley. Marilyn’s interests have largely been in support of the performing arts, while Tom’s are largely environmental. The highpoint of their year is the annual family reunion at their Sierra cabin—now with the fifth generation—on Wrights Lake.

Class Secretary: Judy Thomson, 647 Cragmont Ave, Berkeley 94708-1329, judy@pandjthomson.com, 510/542-0568

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We are only months away from the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Cal. Hard to believe, huh? I hope you are all thriving; but since I receive so few updates, I am really not certain. Please get those to me before January 2 so that I may make our column for the Spring 2017 issue a real sight to behold! Tell us about your retirements, grand-children, second and third careers, etc., and let us know of any events that are open for class members to attend. Speaking of second and third careers, Sandra Sayre Flattery is creating fantastic photography. Nancy Rubin’s solo photography show, “Faces of Fatherhood”, at Kaiser Richmond through 2017, portrays Bay Area dads with their kids. Also, Rubin uses social media to post “images and words that capture the beauty, …”
Surprisingly, the class of 1969 submits class notes about once every five years. Class secretary Richard Carter writes, “No one has submitted a note to me and I can’t think of something a classmate has done to write up. In earlier years when this happened my late, wonderful father, Carl Carter ’36, was disappointed. He always wanted to see something in the magazine from me. I did coach the Piedmont High JV Football Team for the 11th year this fall. It’s a lot of fun to work with the boys and it’s one of the only situations where it is socially acceptable to yell at 15 year olds. The parents even like me for doing it. So, all of you lazy members of the Class of 1969, get off your dead dimes and send me a note!” Class Secretary: Richard Carter, 99 Florada Ave, Piedmont 94610, richard.carter@cal.berkeley.edu

Your class secretary Lynn Nakada retired from Berkeley in February after some 40 years as a campus employee. She looks forward to continuing her active affiliation with Cal as an alumna volunteer and donor. Go Bears! Class Secretaries: Gina Gatu Smith, 2741 W. Hannon Hill Dr., Tallahassee, FL, 32309, gsmith@butlerpappas.com; Lynn Nakada, 58 Moxzen Ln., Pleasant Hill 94523, Lynn.Nakada@berkeley.edu

David LaPensee has taken a position with Integrated Behavioral Health in Costa Mesa as a telephonic case manager. He is thrilled to return to the state he has always felt is his one true home, and looks forward to being closer to Berkeley and becoming active in alumni events in the Los Angeles area. He also plans to start a part-time private practice in Orange County upon obtaining his California LCSW license. He would love to hear from other Golden Bears at davelapens@aol.com. Class Secretary: Dan Ahern, 21 Sea Wolf Passage, Corte Madera 94925

Yesterday, your class secretary Kevin Johnson toured the improved Memorial Stadium. Amazingly beautiful! Larry Sue reports that “after 30-plus years in software engineering, I’ve retired, and my wife [Carla] and I have moved to more affordable digs in the lovely city of Holland, Michigan. Essentially, we’ve quit our day jobs to be professional musicians!” Check them out at larryandcarla.com. The classes of 1980 and 1981 were well represented at Cal football’s stunning defeat of Texas in September. After dinner at Brennan’s on University Ave, your class secretary and Leo O’Farrell met Mike Neal ’81 and Jeff Templin ’81, both dentists in Sonoma County, at the stadium. John Holroyd, a friend from the Unit Two dorms circa 1976–77, was also in attendance. Mike Quigley was there in spirit, checking regularly on Facebook from South Korea where he practices law. Still based in Paris, Bill Hinchberger (@hinchberger) just returned from Luxophone Africa, where he explained the U.S. electoral system to journalists and the general public through a State Department program. Bill appeared on Mozambique’s leading talk show and Cape Verde’s top public affairs program. Bill covered the COP21 climate change summit in Paris in December of 2015. Class Secretary: Kevin Johnson, 232 Tern Pl, Davis 95616, kjohnson@ucdavis.edu

In May, Jim Rollston became the 150th American and the 233rd person in the world to pass the Master Sommelier exam. He is currently the wine director for the Michelin 3-star Manresa in Los Gatos and lives in the Santa Cruz mountains. Jason Mikami’s family winery, Mikami Vineyards has been awarded 90 points by Wine Enthusiast for its 2013 Zinfandel and earned a double gold medal earlier this year from the San Francisco Chronicle. Separately, Jason serves as vice president of engineering and operations at cloud technology provider Bitcasa. Class Secretary: Kristine Bryson McCabe, 3477 Crane Way, Oakland 94602, kbmina@hotmail.com

Jodi Harskamp is now a B-737 captain at Alaska Airlines, which has fewer than 20 female captains (out of 1,700+ pilots). Mary “Merv” Ladd is the author of The Wig Report, a hilarious insider’s gift book on navigating cancer. She also features in Agony and Absurdity: Adventures in Cancerland, a book of stories about living with breast cancer. Michael D. Husser has published Husser’s Hints for College Success as a first release from his company TigerKat Publishing (tigerkat-publishing.com). He has also recorded four CDs of original song material as part of The AH Factor Band, and is preparing to write his memoir about life as a professional musician. Class Secretary: Staci Goussev, staci@alum.calberkeley.org

Devin Kinyon was promoted to associate clinical professor of law at Santa Clara University, where he has worked for the past five years. In July 2015, Lilian C. Tsai was hired as legal counsel of software at Hewlett-Packard. Since 2011, she has worked for the U.S. House of Representatives, advising member offices and the business units that ran the operational side of the House. Class Secretary: Stephanie Huang, wonstern@yahoo.com

Allianz Global Corporate & Security promoted Emily R. Donovan to regional head of cyber and U.S. deputy head of E&O. She authored AGCS’s first-ever U.S. Cyber and Specialty PI policy wordings. Emily’s previous experience spans more than a decade of cyber, technology, and specialty E&O-dedicated experience. Class Secretary: Oupracha Jiwajinda, jiwajinda@alum.berkeley.edu

Nicole Kenley accepted a full-time faculty position in the English Department at Simpson University, a liberal arts college located in Redding. Kenley teaches American literature, film, and composition.

David H. Simon received his Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently employed at the Air Force research lab in Albuquerque.

Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York announced that Jesse Solomon is now a partner in its firm. He is in litigation, practicing in the Washington D.C. office. He provides general antitrust counseling and represents clients in antitrust investigations undertaken by the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

We currently have no class secretary listed for the following classes: 29–31, ’35, ’97, ’04, ’07, and onward. If you are the class secretary, please contact the magazine office at 510/642-5981.

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