

Harvard and Radcliffe Class of 1968
Forty-fifth Reunion
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Class Website

classes.harvard.edu/college/1968
Visit the class website for additional information on the reunion program and any updated information or special announcements.

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Dear Classmates,

Following the record-breaking results of our Forty-fifth Reunion Campaign efforts, we are hoping that you will join us as we gather for the Forty-fifth Reunion in Cambridge. We hope to complement our fundraising with record-breaking attendance at the reunion events as well. Like the MFA's Gauguin masterpiece *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?*, our Reunion enables us to appreciate life lessons in how our classmates live and how they address the future.

A full schedule of events and information is included in this mailing. Highlights include a welcome from Elizabeth Cohen, dean of the Radcliffe Institute, at Thursday's opening reception, and Friday's class memorial service and afternoon symposia. We will be welcomed to Leverett House on Friday evening by classmate and Housemaster Howard Georgi. Class rock and roll band Central Park Zoo, which performed at our last three Reunions, will keep us dancing late into the evening. Saturday's football game should be a great opportunity to watch the Crimson take the field and add to our class spirit. Saturday evening features the iconic and must-see Cabaret program. Our Class created the tradition of a class show at every Reunion, beginning with the Fifteenth. Sunday afternoon's "Glimpses" will be a new feature at this Reunion, together with a venue for showcasing nonprofit interests of our classmates, to be followed by a repeat of the Fortieth's wine bar/open microphone and farewell toast.

Our record attendance at Reunions doesn't come simply from interest in rejoining suitemates or others we knew during our four years, but also a wish to meet those who have traveled many roads similar to ours, or those who link to each of our experiences since 1968, whether through family, professions, avocations, dreams, aspirations, or even disappointments. Many participants have remarked that it's akin to a prescreened self-help group, where we find those who have succeeded or failed at their dreams and nonetheless addressed life's challenges in so many ways. Reunions are ways not only to reconnect but also to form new friendships through conversations that are rare in our daily lives.

Now is the time to make your hotel reservations, if you haven't done so already. The Class has blocked rooms at several local hotels (information on verso of this letter) that you should find convenient, though you are welcome to make arrangements on your own, perhaps at bed-and-breakfasts or with classmates who live in the area.

The reunion fee structure covers the costs incurred in producing these events, from meals and mailings to sound equipment rentals and all those things that are otherwise boring details. We are aware that the cost can be prohibitive to some, and because of our successes at earlier Reunions we are lucky to have a class treasury, well-managed by Ed Gotgart. He will be dispensing confidential financial assistance to classmates who otherwise would be unable to attend because of cost. Contact him at egotgart@comcast.net or 781-237-3287.

You may register today with the enclosed form and a check or use the secure online form and process your registration fees on a credit card. A list of registrants will be updated and posted to the class website.

Please come, renew, reengage, and reflect. Let's learn about how our past will launch our next steps, as we on the reunion program committee sing the Beatles' welcome: "Come together, right now."

We look forward to seeing you next month,

Don Chiofaro and Eva Kampits, reunion program committee co-chairs

Reunion Check-in Locations and Hours

Thursday, October 24

5:00–9:00 PM

First Floor, Knafel Center at Radcliffe, 10 Garden Street

Friday, October 25

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Lobby, Maxwell Dworkin, 33 Oxford Street

6:00–9:00 PM

Leverett House Dining Hall, 28 Dewolfe Street

Saturday, October 26

10:30 AM–2:00 PM

Hall of History, Murr Center, 65 North Harvard Street, Allston

5:00–11:00 PM

Littauer Building, 79 JFK Street

Hotel Information

The following hotels have offered group rates during the Reunion. All rates are per night, single or double occupancy, plus applicable local and state taxes. Rates are valid through September 24, 2013, or until the blocks are full, whichever comes first. Please request “FAS Celebration” group rate when making your reservation.

The Hotel Veritas

One Remington Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

617-520-5000

Group rate: \$329

Reservation code: “FAS Celebration”

Sheraton Commander Hotel

16 Garden Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

888-627-7121

Group rate: \$289

Reservation code: “FAS Celebration”

Harvard Square Hotel

110 Mount Auburn Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

800-458-5886

Group rate: \$289

Reservation code: “FAS Celebration”

Le Meridien Hotel

20 Sidney Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

617-577-0200

Group rate: \$269

Reservation code: “FAS Celebration”

DoubleTree Guest Suites Boston

400 Soldiers Field Road

Boston, MA 02134

800-222-8733

Group rate: \$239

Reservation code: “FAS Celebration”

Parking Information

The Class has arranged for complimentary parking for reunion attendees anytime Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Oxford Street Garage, near the Harvard Museum of Natural History and at the intersection of Everett and Oxford Streets.

For events in the Soldiers Field Athletic Area on Saturday, parking will be available in the Harvard Business School lot at the cost of \$10 per car.

Additional Attractions

In addition to the specific offerings planned for Reunion, many Harvard facilities are open to all participants during Reunion. Admission is gratis with your reunion name badge. Visit websites listed below for additional information and hours of operation.

Harvard Museums

Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments

One Oxford Street (Science Center, First Floor),

www.fas.harvard.edu/~hsdept/chsi.html

Harvard University has been acquiring scientific apparatus for teaching and research since 1672, and in 1948 established this collection for its preservation. View intricate, pioneering instruments dating as far back as c. 1400. The current exhibit, Time and Time Again, explores how science and culture shape the past, present, and future.

Harvard Museum of Natural History

26 Oxford Street, www.hmnh.harvard.edu

See the newest exhibition, Earth & Planetary Sciences, as well as New England Forests, Fishes, and the Language of Color at the University’s most visited museum. View Harvard’s world-famous exhibition of 3,200 glass models of botanical specimens—exquisitely realistic flowers, fruits, and plants crafted by Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka from 1886 to 1936. Also on display is Mollusks: Shelled Masters of the Marine Realm, glass models of sea creatures crafted by the Blaschkas before they began making the Glass Flowers.

Harvard Peabody Museum

11 Divinity Avenue, www.peabody.harvard.edu

From towering Native American totem poles and large Maya sculptures to precious ancient artifacts, the Peabody Museum—among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world—contains one of the finest collections of human cultural history found anywhere.

Experience Digging Veritas: The Archaeology and History of the Indian College and Student Life at Colonial Harvard. Using archaeological finds from Harvard Yard, historic maps, and more, the exhibition reveals how students lived at Colonial Harvard, and the role of the Indian College in Harvard’s early years.