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This is my first annual letter to the great Class of 1960 as your President. I am honored by being chosen to follow the path of those 12 before me. My immediate predecessor, Michael G. Southwell, has given extreme effort over these past 5 years. He will continue as Webmaster for our class. Mike will receive and distribute information sent by you, and this will be found on our website: https://Princeton1960.org. The other officers as listed on this letterhead will remain the same.

Princeton Class of 1960

Although this information has already been sent to you, I think it is important to make you aware of one of our most recent permanent memorials. There is now installed a stone memorial from the Class of 1960 on the Chapel wall with the inscription:

Once more, before our closing cheer, to Alma Mater sing! Step Song

Class of 1960 at its 60th Reunion May 2020

This is located near the back of the Chapel on the right side as you enter. We have to thank Rich McGlynn for shepherding this project from the beginning to completion.

We now have in place The Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship restricted to undergraduates. This was funded at its dedication July 8, 2019, with \$50,000.00 from our Class Funds. This endowment will be increased by ongoing contributions and bequests. The first winner is Clare Cressimanno '23, and she will receive an amount based on the market value of the fund at the time of the award. The recipient is selected by the Office of Financial Aid. This also has a place to check where donations to the Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship can be made.

A pre-Alumni Day Luncheon gathering was held February 22, 2020, at Prospect House, orchestrated by Evan Bush. Although sparsely attended, we met one of the Sachs Scholars, Gabriella Oseguerra Serra '20. The other Sachs Scholar, Yousef Elzahalany '20, we met later at the formal Alumni Day Luncheon itself. Both were extremely grateful to our class having received this distinguished award. The third winner of the Sachs Scholarship, a resident member of Worcester College, is Molly Daunt *20, who would have been on campus at the graduate school this fall but for the Pandemic, studying the Classics. Again, please note on your dues notice a place to contribute to the Sachs Memorial Scholarship.

After the Alumni Day Luncheon, our President, Mike Southwell, attended the Memorial Service in the Chapel where 13 members of our class were added to the University's Memorial Roll.

A loud tiger cheer for both David Dodge and Rich McGlynn for steering our class through a very successful Annual Giving campaign. They were ably assisted by 27 volunteer members of our class. The results for '60's 60th was a total amount of \$1,045,560.00 being raised. This was an impressive 99% of the original goal set. Our class had 61% participation, 293 out of 480, difficult to attain due to the Pandemic. David and Rich will continue to solicit contributions for this year's current campaign. Even a small amount will help out in both categories.

Princeton has been seriously impacted by the Pandemic. All fall athletic competitions have been cancelled. The spring competition schedule has yet to be determined. The eating clubs will be totally closed until January, 2021, and even this date is uncertain. The academic year has been modified such that only freshmen and juniors will attend in the fall, and only sophomores and seniors will attend in the spring. The academic sessions will also be modified to include virtual classroom teaching, some in person classroom sessions, and limited use of specified campus facilities.

The Pandemic also resulted in the complete cancellation of all Reunion activities for 2020. This was to be our 60th Reunion. We hope to celebrate our 60th in 2021. Our Reunion planning committee is working with the Class of 1961 to coordinate our Reunion with theirs, as we are a satellite class. All specifics have yet to be identified by the University and the Alumni Council, and consequently no accurate details can be given. We are currently and earnestly working with both '61 and the Alumni Council to resolve the complicated problems.

Enclosed is a request for Class Dues. For classmates this has remained at \$55.00. This amount will cover the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* (PAW), as well as functions necessary for our class to attend throughout the year. Enclosed is a dues request card. There are also places to check for donations to the Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship and to the Sachs Memorial Scholarship. Additional reminders will be sent as necessary by our Treasurer, Bob Sebring '60. Paying early does avoid these reminders.

For the Associate Members, dues are reduced to \$15.00 which also includes the PAW. These members must indicate on the dues card if they wish to continue receiving the PAW. If not checked, the PAW will not be sent.

As mentioned earlier, I serve as a class officer with great respect. In advance, I thank you for helping with what we do throughout the year. Check our Website at: https://princeton1960.org for the latest available information.

Sincerely,

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