



Princeton Class of 1960

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Dear Classmates,

Occasionally one of my two children will start a phone call to me by asking "Hey, what's goin' on?" This annual President's letter addresses that question as it pertains to the Class with the response—"Quite a bit actually."

During the course of the 2011-12 year which ended June 30, 2012, we held our usual Class functions. The Class cocktail party at Terrace Club after the Yale home football game given in conjunction with '59, the Alumni Day lunch and Memorial service at Princeton in February, our annual dinner in New York City with '61 in March and our Class lunch at the Nassau Club and the P-rade at Reunions. Great opportunities for Class camaraderie. Our forthcoming 53rd reunion, to be handled by Evan Bush, will be on May 30-June 2, 2013 (after Memorial Day weekend). Please save the date. Our last reunion, which brought back 17 Classmates and a group of at least 25 in total, witnessed the unveiling of the Class of 1960 Quenby Williamson Reunion Banner given to the Class having the best Reunion Costume. Quenby had conceived and developed our distinctive reunion jacket. The banner was carried in the P-rade by the Class of '61 which won it last year, the first time it was awarded. This year's winner had not been announced at the time this letter was written.

As previously mentioned, a focus has been made on having more mini-reunions. Upcoming will be a trip to Cuba (Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad) on October 20-27, 2012 organized by Princeton Journeys which is affiliated with the University. Limited to only 30 people, the trip was fully subscribed on the first day applications were allowed. Ron Katsky has stepped up and will help organize another Class mini in Los Angeles probably in the Fall of 2013. Stay Tuned. Yet another opportunity may be in Florida.

The Class is now forever memorialized in the archives of Princeton. We have fulfilled the request made by Princeton's Memorabilia Committee to all Princeton Classes to provide examples of our beer jacket and Reunion coat. Our classmate, Bob Murphy, donated his beer jacket and Jeanne Hall graciously gave the reunion jacket formerly worn by the late Perry Hall. These items will be on display in the Student Center at the time of our major reunions and will no doubt be an inspiration to all.

Our Class continues to distinguish itself with our participation in Annual Giving, an effort coordinated by our Co-Chairs Dave Dodge and Rich McGlynn and a team of Section Heads. Final results showed Class participation of 67.7%, slightly less than last year but well over the average for the University as a whole, and contributions of \$193,000 which is the second best ever for our Class in a non-major reunion year. Our thanks to all who contributed and worked on this campaign which allowed Princeton to raise a record \$57 million and successfully conclude the five year Aspire Fund Drive which exceeded its goal to raise \$1.75 billion. I hope that next year we can reach the somewhat elusive goal of 70% participation.

For those of you who didn't give this year, please consider making Princeton part of your annual charitable contributions. Your gift, in any amount, will help us to break the 70% goal. As it is, having over two thirds of our Classmates supporting Princeton annually is a great achievement.

Many parts of Princeton elicit your participation and support, including, Annual Giving, sport teams, extracurricular activities, Clubs and other Associations, the Arts, etc. All are certainly worthy and we identify with some more strongly than others. But I hope we are united in all being members of one great Class and it is in all our interests to promote our welfare and the reputation of '60. Here's my point. This letter begins the solicitation of Class Dues for the 2012-13 year. We can't operate Class functions without your contributions. The \$55 amount requested from Class members has not changed in well over 10 years or more. Dues pay for the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, helps fund the University's Alumni Council and its subcommittees, covers mailing costs, helps provide for Class gatherings and the costs of the publications and yearbooks distributed at major reunions. Although over 2/3rds of the Class gives to Annual Giving a much lesser number supports the funding of the Class. Please respond to our needs by returning the envelope enclosed with this letter with a tax deductible contribution of the requested \$55 or more if you feel so inclined. If you prefer, you can now make your contribution by credit card through the use of our new PayPal account. If you want to pay Dues or make a contribution to the Class or Sachs Class of 1960 Graduating Scholarship fund, go to the Class web site at <http://princeton1960.org> and click on the PayPal button on the left side. We also solicit Dues from Associates (widows of deceased Classmates) but are now modifying procedures of previous years by requesting a smaller contribution in order to encourage involvement and to assess interest in Class and University activities. They can also use the PayPal credit card option.

Usually in conjunction with a request for payment of Dues we ask for voluntary, tax deductible, donations to the Dan Sachs Class of 1960 Graduating Scholarship. We will continue to do this but also plan to have a separate major fund raising effort which is focused on significantly increasing the principal amount in the Sachs Fund in order to ensure its continuance and preserve the only enduring legacy that exists of the Class of 1960 at Princeton. This one time fund drive will begin this Fall and continue into the beginning of 2013. We sincerely hope all members of the Class will be generous in support of this major task to perpetuate the commemoration of Dan Sachs and what he stood for and to promote the stature of this highly visible Scholarship associated with the Class of 1960. As our number decreases, our objective is to endow the amount that the Class annually sends to the Sachs Scholarship so that the level of our current contributions will continue after we are gone.

In conclusion the Class is in good shape. We appreciate your support and thank you for your participation. In the hopes of promoting more interest in Princeton's activities let me make you aware of various web sites that might be of interest.

- The Sachs Scholarship <http://princeton.edu/sachs/sachs-scholars-news/>
- Class of 1960 web site <http://princeton1960.org>
- Princeton Athletics <http://goprincetontigers.com>
- *Daily Princetonian* <http://dailyprincetonian.com>
- *Princeton Alumni Weekly* [http:// paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu)

All the best,

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