



# Princeton Class of 1960

*Going Back  
Looking Forward*

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Dear Member of the great Class of 1960,

One highlight of serving as your President is staying in touch with you via this annual letter. I view this not as a chore but as an opportunity to connect, albeit remotely and briefly, here.

After our big 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015, this year has been relatively quiet. A small but enthusiastic group of classmates attended the Alumni Association's tailgates and our traditionally outstanding cocktail party before and after the Yale game in November. Alumni Day in February provided another chance for classmates to get together. And finally, our 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion in May featured an excellent off-year turnout, sparked again by Evan Bush's institution of a pre-P-rade luncheon.

Another highlight of the year was of course the naming of this year's class of Sachs Scholars, Sarah Cen and Ogemdi Ude, who are continuing the Scholars' tradition of staggering accomplishments. As we all know, the Sachs Scholarship is our Class's enduring legacy to the University.

Annual Giving, under the able leadership of Dave Dodge and Rich McGlynn, collected a very nice total of \$187,624 from an even nicer 65.3% of the Class. This is the single most important thing our Class does to support the University. Historically, we have done exceptionally well, and I hope we will be able to continue that tradition. So when you get those appeals from Dave and Rich, please respond. Remember that I quoted two separate figures above; even if you may not be able to significantly impact the first, even a modest donation will impact the second.

As I suggested in last year's letter, looking ahead to the next couple of years, we expect to continue our recent tradition of weekend mini-reunions. Locations such as Sarasota (or Miami), Buffalo and the Erie Canal, Boston and/or the Berkshires, and Bermuda have already been suggested, and I am now ready to move forward with more detailed planning. If you have ideas or would consider organizing one wherever you are, please let me know.

Already planned for next year are three traditional events: class tailgates and a cocktail party at the Harvard game on 22 October, Alumni Day on 25 February 2017, and our 57<sup>th</sup> Reunion on 1-4 June 2017.

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Enclosed with this letter is a request for Class Dues. We have been able to continue our previous dues amounts of \$55 for Classmates and \$25 for Associates. Your dues cover the cost of the Princeton Alumni Weekly and help to promote Class activities like the ones mentioned above. You can avoid receiving additional requests for payment of dues from our Treasurer, Bob Seabring, in the next few months, by paying those dues promptly. The enclosed dues card can also be used for making additional contributions to the Class or to the Daniel Sachs Scholarship Fund. You may also pay your dues via PayPal on our website at <http://princeton1960.org/paypal.php>.

Looking back to dues payments last year, we have done very well. Nearly 60% of Classmates paid them, along with over 45% of Associates.

This last point however raises an important issue. Inevitably, we are losing our members at an increasing rate. This means that the numbers of our Associates, the widows and ex-partners of our Classmates, are similarly increasing. We are happy to keep those Associates involved in Class affairs by welcoming them at our activities, and by sending them the Princeton Alumni Weekly. But as those numbers increase, the costs for our sending PAW to them similarly increase. This drain on our finances is, for now, tolerable, but it isn't clear how long that will remain true. And so I'd like to take this opportunity to ask the Associates reading this letter: Please consider paying your Associates' dues as listed on the enclosed dues card. Or, if you aren't interested in receiving PAW at all, please let us know so that we can remove you from the mailing list; the best way to do that would be by returning the dues card with an appropriate note on it, or you may do it via email to me, [pu1960@dneba.com](mailto:pu1960@ dneba.com), or via telephone at 973-492-7873.

It's an honor to serve the Class as an officer. But your participation in our activities, your willingness to help out with what we're doing, your advice, and, let's face it, your financial contributions, all these make our task both easier and more rewarding. Thanks for that, and I look forward to seeing you during the next year. As always, you can check our website at <http://princeton1960.org> for the latest up-to-date information on Class affairs.

Cordially,

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