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55 for '66

Class Agents Letter

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Dear Men of '66,

Our 55th reunion will be celebrated on 10/16/21, a Saturday with a home football game against Wooster. We will have a ceremony to dedicate a Lodge named for our class. A plaque with the names of all classmate donors to the College this fiscal year (by 6/30/21) will be unveiled. In a recent call with College officials they disclosed that planning for this day is still under way, but the day will be really busy with reunions for all classes ending in 1 or 6. They advised we will have a special tailgate tent set up for our class with more details in the future.

This weekend is also the Covered Bridge Festival that draws thousands of people to the area so motel rooms will be at a premium. I have reserved 25 rooms for our class at the Hampton Inn. The group code is W66 and the group name is 55 for 66. These rooms are reserved for Friday 10/15 and Saturday 10/16. The telephone number for the Hampton Inn is 765-362-8884, and the General Manager is Nikki Copeland who is a good friend. She always really goes out of her way to ensure we have a great time. I ENCOURAGE ANY OF YOU WHO ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND OUR REUNION TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP. More details about the weekend will be forthcoming but be assured it will be a terrific weekend.

The following list shows those classmates who have made a gift to the College this year and whose names will be on the plaque to be unveiled on 10/16 when we dedicate a Lodge in honor of our class. If you have not made a gift this fiscal year (7/1/20-6/30/21) you still have plenty of time to do so to ensure your name is included on the plaque.

James and Kay Ackil
James and Tonia Adamson
Harry and Sara Antibus
Charlie and Janet Bell
Cal and Marsha Black
Jerry and Carla Blossom
John and Nelda Coligan Ph.D.
Bill Cook
Bill and Judith Davis Jr.

Jack and Oanh Davis
Lynn and Jane Dick
John and Lynne Fargher
Bill and Sue Ferguson
Jay and Marty Fisher III
John and Patti Flanagan
Lowell and Susan Flickinger USA
Louise Forsythe
Gregory Garman and Barbara Hager



Jim and Nancy Gineris
John and Gail Gisler
Steve and Susan Gould
Bill and Richela Grantz Jr.
Carl and Morgan Halgren
Jack and Sally Hauber
Larry and Jane Haugh
Herb and Susan Heneman III
John and Nancy Herrin Jr.
Jan and Sue Hesser
Steve and Gail Hildebrand
Jon and Judy Holdread
David and Anne Kendall
Leroy Kercher
Dave and Anne Krattebol
Bill and Nancy Lawler
John and Karna Lennes Jr.
Ned and B.J. Luce
Roger and Susan Lumpp II
Bob and Jan Main
Judge and Mrs. Matsey Matsey
Jack and Inky Meng Jr.
John and Jane Miller
Joe and Marilyn Murphy
Squier and Peggy Neal
Mark Nilsson
Alfred Nucci
Tom and Denise Ochsenschlager
Lynn Paulson
Don and Judy Race M.D.

William E. Ray, Jr. and Kathleen
Nicholson
Dave and Nancy Riddle
Tony and Suzanne Ridolfo
Bill and Mary Robb Jr.
Judge and Mrs. James Roeder
Max and Barb Rudicel
Frank Sanford
Ken and Gail Schild
Jerry and Denise Sedmak
Jim and Barbara Sedmak
Robert Smith and Kathy Ober
Paul Spade
William A. Summers, Jr. and Robin
Kline
George M. Taybos, D.D.S. and Mary
Pfeifer
Roger and Kathleen Thies
Bill and Linda Todd
Rod Townsend
Jim and Melissa VanDolah
Stan and Sandy Vogel
Dick Vozel
Stan and Peggy Walker USA (Ret)
Suzy Ware
Jim Wason
Dennis and Janice Whigham
Jay and Jennifer Williams Jr.
Gerald Wood and Edra Garrett
Howard and Bobbi Wooden III

Bill Summers sent a nice email that I thought you would enjoy.

I was a chem major/math minor at Wabash, earned a PhD in chemistry at Northwestern in Evanston, IL

My dad wanted me to go to Med School (he taught micro biology at IU-Med School) and from grad school 'til retirement in 2015 I work in the chemical industry various companies but always in chemical process development. Earned several patents and my last fling was a biodiesel start-up licensing a novel catalytic process to convert fats and oils into biodiesel. By spring 2015, I was traveled out. I covered the globe for many years. Robin and I were married in DSM in Sept 1990. She worked as a marketing director for the Nat'l Pork Producers Council and for several years I ran my own consulting business found an abundance of clients right here in DSM. In 1992 I bumped into an old friend in the pig vaccine business who was looking to retire but not interested in his son taking over the business. With another consultant friend from South Carolina we negotiated the sale for the local CEO selling the business for a tidy sum neighboring around 17 Million (US)

The two consultants were amply paid and I kept my consultancy for another 3 yrs and then laid back to rest a bit.

In 2003, I met a group of engineers in the western Suburbs of Chicago who introduced me to a group of chemists at the National Chemical Laboratory in Pune, India. From there to many trips to Pune and patented process assigned by NCL to a new company: Benefuel. we started gaining investors both at home and abroad. Through several pilot plant stages we built our on patent portfolio and the works goes on.

My business partner is Canadian and an ambitious leader, he raised the funds and we deployed our capital in a deal with the KOCH subsidiary Flint Hills Resources...we designed and built a our first biodiesel plant in Beatrice, Nebraska

Dennis Whigham sent two emails and has agreed to share them with the class.

Jan and I went to DC yesterday to enjoy the fantastic almost-spring weather. Made a visit to the Vietnam Memorial (photo of Mike Hall's name) and enjoyed the view across the Mall (photo attached). Was totally pissed, however, about the view of the Capital (photo attached). I never thought I would see anything like this in my life, including National Guard with guns strapped to their bodies, and seeing it in-person was far more emotional than seeing the images on TV. I can't imagine that people like Mike that gave their life for our country would every approve of anything like this happening.



Hope all is well. I had hoped to be on the ZOOM with the President but had another meeting at that time. Jan and I both have received the vaccine, feel a bit safer, and hoping that we now can make plans to visit our children in Vermont and Alaska.

Best wishes,
Dennis

I lost one of my hearing aids while standing in line for the second vaccination. Apparently while making adjustments to my facemask to try to minimize the fogging of my glasses, I must have removed one of the strings that is over the ear and the aid departed. You know the rest of the story! The new hearing aids, thankfully, have GPS technology so that you can use an app on your phone that brings up a map that shows where it is hiding. Glad that we are living long enough to enjoy modern technology :)

Our 55th reunion will be historic as we are the first class to make a significant gift to the College for the 55th reunion. Usually, the 50th reunion is the last significant gift opportunity, but The Class of Wabash-1966 is starting a new tradition and challenge for those who follow. I hope you will make every effort to attend this great event and weekend.

"These fleeting years..."

Cal