

## 25TH REUNION - JUNE 6-10, 2007

### Class of 1982 Committee Meeting Minutes

*February 15, 2007*

#### *In Attendance:*

*Susan Barnett, David Cabot, Amy Donovan, Maryanne Fenerjian, Constance Martin, Duncan O'Brien, Art O'Keeffe, Heidi Pribell, Karrye Braxton (phone), Andrea Keirstead (phone), Therese Lung (phone) Amy Wolfson (phone), Michele Blanc (HAA), Caitlin Cassis (HAA).*

*Apologies for any omissions.*

#### **WELCOME**

Amy Donovan and Art O'Keeffe (reunion co-chairs) welcomed the committee. The committee enjoyed a sample tasting of the Saturday family field day barbeque Smokey's, which included pulled pork, ribs, lime chicken, tostado salad, potato salad, corn bread and assorted cookies for dessert. The committee greatly enjoyed the food and decided to use Smokey's on Saturday for the field day.

#### **WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

The committee discussed the meal plan for Wednesday June 6 and Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Michele Blanc (HAA) noted that the Cambridge Ridge Latin School will be graduating at Harvard Thursday night, which will bring about 4,000 additional people to the already highly populated Yard. The committee decided that it will need to have a way to regulate who will enter the Thursday night dinner, suggesting a combination of bracelets, tickets and name badges (in addition to a list of attendees).

Michele Blanc (HAA) noted that the "Taste of 1982" which was set for Thursday night would cost \$54,000 out of the \$60,000 just for the food. The committee ultimately decided that due to the escalated food cost for pasta/tacos, that it would have the "Taste of Harvard Square" featuring 1982 classmates (spices, beer, fish etc) on Thursday night and the lobster bake on Wednesday night.

#### **PRE-REUNION EVENTS**

*March 22, 2007*

There will be a pre-reunion event at the new ICA building on the Boston waterfront on Thursday, March 22. The event is in conjuncture with the class of 1957 in an effort to increase attendance to help secure entire spaces and share costs. The cost is \$1,400 per class, not

including food. Wally Sisson has worked with Constance Martin '82 on this event. The invitations have gone out for this event and the currently 130 have RSVPed, with a strong response from both classes.

*April 14, 2007*

Reade Fahs is hosting a pre-reunion event in his home in Atlanta. More information to follow.

*April 18, 2007*

Michele Blanc (HAA) also noted that there will be an event called "Return to Harvard Day" that will take place on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. "Return to Harvard Day" invites all reunion year alumni to return to campus, visit spring semester classes, enjoy lunch in the dining halls and discuss undergraduate life with current Harvard students.

*April 21, 2007*

Eldon Dryden Pence and Elizabeth Gillis Warden are co-hosting a family to a barbeque at Eldon's home in Tustin Hills, CA on April 21st, 2007 from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent out to the all classmates in CA. For more information contact the reunion office.

Other pre-reunion activities include: tour of newly renovated Loker Commons (April) , a luncheon in San Francisco, and an Event in New York City. Check the class website – [www.harvard1982.com](http://www.harvard1982.com) for all the details.

### **TALENT SHOW**

In Tom Looney and Reade Fah's absence, Amy Donovan reported on the progress of the entertainment and talent show. The talent show committee reported the following:

- \*The professional production team has gone thru an initial briefing.
- \*Four singing groups (Kroks, Dins, Kuumba's, and Pitches) have been lined up.
- \*Two comedians are booked, George Melrod and Ted Greenberg.
- \* Al Halliday's Band will be orchestrating the show.
- \*The sub-committee has identified and lined up 8 classmates to profile on video (none of which overlap with the Symposium speakers).
- \*We have a MC lined up (being kept secret).

The sub-committee is especially pleased to announce that they are able to book the new President of Harvard Drew Faust to kick off the show!

Key next steps are:

- \*Refining the budget (Harvard does not pay travel costs associated with the production of the class profiles.)
- \*Filming the profiles.
- \*Lining up 1-2 skits.
- \*Choreography and costumes for the inevitable kick-line.

\*Planning the cast party.

## SYMPOSIA

Below is the most updated symposia schedule. The afternoon sessions are hoped to be more interactive than the morning sessions. The committee discussed the possibility of filming all the sessions so that classmates could enjoy all of them.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSIONS

A. *Rethinking America's Global Role: After Iraq, After Darfur, Is There a Strategy for the Next*

*Quarter-Century?*

Moderator: David Sanger

Probable Panelists:

John Bridgeland

Nick Kristof

Jim Matheson

Nina Gardner

B. *Finding Solutions to the Climate Crisis*

Panelists: Bill McKibben, Jon Isham and Kit Kennedy

Will moderate themselves

C. *Living to 100: Implications for Ourselves and the Country*

Panelists: Mehmet Oz, Kim Belshe, Leslie Jenal, Stephen Flach

Moderator: Amy R. Wolfson

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A. *Reentering the Work Force: Strategies for Reconnection and Reinvention*

Moderator: Cathy Cramer

Panelists:

Lisa Griffin Haggerty

(working on)

B. *Personal and Family Stories: Resilience and Grace*

Probable Moderator: Wayne Meisel

Possible Panelists:

Mary Elizabeth McNary

Cary Friedman

Miles Kimball

Richard Ronzetti

Denise Williamson

Elizabeth Shauna Wilson

Jeff Stone

**C. *Making Major Career Changes***

Moderator: Michael Anderson

Panelists:

Constance Martin

Richard Strasser

George Bayliss

Other Possibilities:

George Overholser

Rita Parker Woodard

Sam Samuels

Richard Strasser

Brad Whitehead

Mark Doctoroff

Michael Cohen

**CLASS SURVEY**

The official survey notice will be in the registration mailing in late March, and will be on the class website. Classmates can go to the class website and click on the Survey, they can leave it and come back to complete it. The survey will be shut down on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The survey will be presented by Jay Mattlin'82.

**SATURDAY HOUSE LUNCHESES**

Michele Blanc (HAA) noted that Dunster will be closed on Saturday for the House Visits due to construction. The committee decided to still have the optional house visits on Saturday morning., as long as classmates are made aware of Dunster's closing. The committee also decided that due to limited number of classmates in Dudley, it would not be available.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Rev. Peter Gomes has agreed to preside over the service at 11:00 am. The memorial service sub-committee is now working on putting together a class choir and readings.

**FRIDAY NIGHT POPS**

Michele Blanc (HAA) noted that the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion had bought the house on Friday, June 8, 2007. The 25<sup>th</sup> reunion will be sitting on the floor of Symphony Hall, while the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion children

will be sitting on the second balcony. The 35<sup>th</sup> reunion decided not to attend the Pops, so Michele is working on selling those first balcony seats to other Harvard affiliates. Classmates Alasdair Halliday, Sarah Seiver and Alan Stepansky were chosen to play with the Boston Pops.

#### **SATURDAY**

During the day on Saturday there will be a family field day for classmates, guests and parents. Party People have been hired as the games/rides vendor and White Mountain creamery will be providing the ice cream. Smokey's will be providing the BBQ.

The gala will be in the Murr Indoor Tennis Center, as the stadium can not be used. The Saturday night sub-committee is working on décor, lighting and set up.

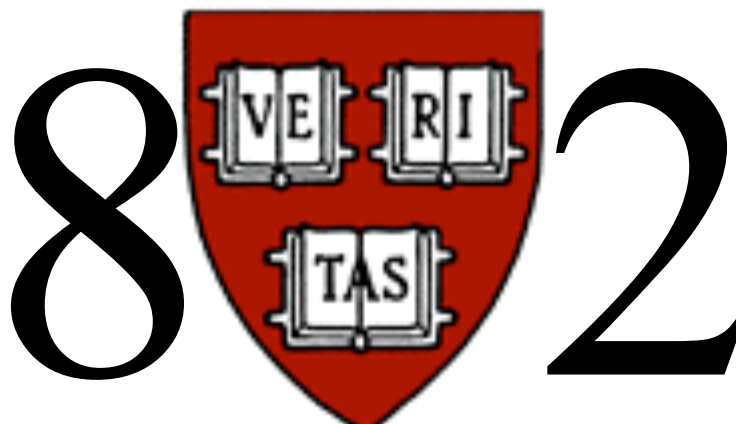
#### **FAVORS**

The committee has chosen a reversible nylon fleece, in black/dark grey with 1982 symbol embroidery on both sides (see below-not to scale). The vests have been ordered through the COOP and a sample vest was shown to the committee, which they all agreed was high-quality. The committee noted the presence of 1982 on both sides of the fleece, and wondered if it would be too late to remove the "1982" from under the shields.

### **Harvard- Radcliffe**



### **Class of 1982**



**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

**6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting**

**at**

**Harvard Alumni Association  
124 Mt. Auburn Street, 6th Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02138**

**Validated parking available in University Place parking garage in the basement of 124 Mt. Auburn.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 8, 2007 TO CAITLIN CASSIS AT 617-495-5301 OR BY  
EMAIL TO [caitlin\\_cassis@harvard.edu](mailto:caitlin_cassis@harvard.edu)**