



25TH REUNION - JUNE 6-10, 2007

Class of 1982 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2006

In Attendance:

David Cabot, Amy Donovan, Maryanne Fenerjian, Alasdair Halliday, Liz Adams Lasser, Tom Looney, Therese Lung, Constance Martin, Christopher McCarthy, Duncan O'Brien, Art O'Keeffe, Elias Reichel, Roy Roberts, Julie Starr-Duker, Amy Wolfson, Karrye Braxton (phone), Reade Fahs (phone), Andrea Keirstead (phone), Janet Mastronardi (phone), Jay Mattlin (phone), Daphne O'Neal (phone), Michele Blanc (HAA), Caitlin Cassis (HAA).

Apologies for any omissions.

WELCOME

Amy Donovan welcomed the committee and applauded everyone's early efforts in planning the 25th Reunion celebration. Amy reminded the committee that their 1982 Class Report entries are due on October 31st, 2006—so please get those in ASAP.

UPDATE ON THE ENTERTAINMENT/TALENT SHOW

Reade Fahs and Tom Looney reported on the progress of the entertainment and talent show.

Currently the show will include: four Harvard acapella groups performing with alumni, classmate comedians, slideshow of the 39 class couples, a band and a classmate written theme song. The sub-committee is still seeking out “funky” acts.

SYMPOSIA

Amy Wolfson reported that the Class of 1982 symposia topics will stray from the historical topics, being more future focus than personal. The tentative schedule is to have a few morning panels (little choice) with matching breakout sessions afterward, followed by the same format in the afternoon.

The current suggested topics include: America post cold war/post WWII (political views), dealing with the poor, environmental issue, health issues (relevant to the reunioners), media/communications and Hollywood/entertainment industry.

Michele Blanc (HAA) noted that the 25th symposia are typically in the Science Center classrooms (larger space) and the breakout sessions are in the smaller classrooms.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Caitlin Cassis (HAA) gave an overview of the 25th Reunion Children's program to the committee.

While classmates and guests are enjoying their reunion activities, their child(ren) will be having a unique experience of their own—meeting new friends, exploring Harvard University and the Square, and sampling some of the best of what Boston and Cambridge have to offer in the 25th Reunion Children's Program (please see attached activity schedule for tentative 2007 children's schedule). We anticipate that approximately 900 children and young adults from 18 months to 18+ years will be participating in 2007. The program is divided into seven age groups as follows: Rainbow Canary (18 mths-5 yrs), Grape Group (6-8yrs), Red Group (9-10yrs), Blue Group (11-12yrs), Green Group (13-14yrs), Orange Group (15-17yrs), Young Adult Group (18+yrs). There are approximately 20 counselors assigned to each of seven age groups under the supervision of two Group Directors. The program is carefully managed and organized to ensure their safety and enjoyment.

The biggest challenges in scheduling the children's program are finding venues for up to 200 children at a time, making sure the activities will work rain or shine/ are age appropriate, high transportation costs and booking it in early fall to ensure availability (due to competition with schools). A few changes have been tentatively made to last year's 1981 Children's Program for 2007 due to these factors and more. Fenway Park and Crane's Beach have been removed from the scheduling and the community service component has been moved from Sunday to Friday. A scavenger hunt has replaced the community service component on Sunday.

Caitlin solicited advice for possible children's programs activities that Friday morning/afternoon, some ideas included duck tours, trolley tours and a sports clinic. Caitlin will look into the possibly of these options.

1982 SUB-COMMITTEES

Michele Blanc (HAA) encouraged committee members to sign up, if they have not done so already, for a sub-committee group. The sub-committee sign up sheet is attached. Michele is hoping to meet with each sub-committee prior to the next 25th reunion meeting.

HARVARD YALE GAME, NOVEMBER 18

There will be a 1982 tailgate in the Rugby fields during the Harvard Yale game (look for 1982 tent). Classmates, guests and families are all welcomed to attend. The tailgate begins at 10:30 a.m. and continues after game. Kickoff is at 12:30 a.m., to purchase tickets call 617-495-2211. Parking will be in the Harvard Business School Lot and cost 5 dollars (please use the western avenue entrance). There will be BBQ, beer/wine and soft drinks, and please feel free to bring a dessert. The tailgate is free of charge. Please RSVP to Caitlin Cassis 617-495-5301, caitlin_cassis@harvard.edu or Roy Roberts roy@milestoneassociates.com (please indicate the size of your party).

FAVORS

Michele Blanc (HAA) presented examples of reunion favors to the committee. Every classmate and guest who stays on campus will receive a gray blanket with HAA logo for their dorm room.

Last year's 1981 adult favors included: a duffel bag with class logo/leather handles and adult lanyard. The 1981 children's favors included: a children's lanyard, a stuff teddy bear for the smallest children, a sling backpack for the middle age children and a messenger bag for the oldest children. The 1981 adults also received an umbrella after their reunion, as they were the "rainmakers."

Other favors Michele and others showed the committee/were suggested included: umbrellas, towels, Harvard embroidered throw rug, sweatshirts, flashlights, golf jackets, tote bags, etc.

The committee liked the idea of having an item that classmates and guest can carry something in, such as a duffel bag or tote. The committee can spend approximately \$30 per adult and \$10 per child on reunion favors.

The Harvard COOP will also have a 1982 website with 1982 merchandise that classmates and friends can purchase. The committee can choose which items to have on the COOP website.

UPCOMING MAILINGS

A magnet mailing will be sent out to the class in November, mostly in an effort to get classmates and guests to save the date of their 25th reunion. The committee suggested that this mailing also note that they will get to stay in the Harvard Yard and encourage them to bring their children (due to the extensive children's program).

OTHER BUSINESS

1977 is having their 30th reunion in the spring of 2007, and has reserved Reverend Gomes and memorial church at 10 am on Saturday, June 9 2007. This is the time frame that 25th reunion has typically had their memorial service. The committee is going to look into ways to work with 1977 to find a solution.

A sports clinic was suggested not as a potential pre-reunion event.

The committee mentioned that it would like to do something for people attending their reunion alone, as it is advertised as a family event. Michele Blanc (HAA) suggested having singles meet up before each event to walk over together.

There will be an upcoming email blast to the class to get them excited, save the dates and tell them about the upcoming pre-reunion events.

The class website is up and running thanks to Therese Lung. The address is <http://www.harvard1982.com/>.

NEXT MEETING

November 29, 2006

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 NOVEMBER 27, 2006 TO CAITLIN CASSIS AT 617-495-5301 OR
BY EMAIL TO caitlin_cassis@harvard.edu**