

The 50th Reunion of our Class was a memorable occasion. Continuously sunny skies provided an excellent backdrop to the camaraderie and enthusiasm of the gathering.

Just over half of us were there in person – 421 classmates (50.3% of the Class) and 776 total attendees – which broke the prior record for percentage attendance at a Yale 50th reunion. The rest of us were there in spirit, and were very much recalled and missed throughout the weekend.

For highlights of the Reunion – photos, videos, audio recordings of the larger discussion groups, etc. – please go to our Class website, www.yale63.org. Some parts of the Class website are password-protected; the User Name and Password are the same as before, but for anyone who does not have them, please e-mail me.

On Thursday, May 30, 2013, **Jere Johnston** presented the Class Survey, followed by the premiere of the Class Film. Each classmate who could not attend the Reunion will receive a DVD of the Class Film, together with a DVD of the Class Photo/Video Album created by **Jon Larson**. Following the premiere of the Class Film, filmmaker Rick Okie conducted a panel discussion with Dean Arthur Howe, who put together our Class more than 54 years ago.

On Friday, May 31, 2013, following Class discussion groups in the afternoon, we held our 50th Reunion Memorial Service in Battell Chapel, at which we remembered each of the 40 classmates who have died since our last reunion. At our Class Dinner that evening in University Commons, we thanked **Stan Riveles** for his dedication to the Class during his 15 years as Class Secretary, listened to the 1963 Whiffenpoofs and the 1963

Glee Club, and heard our Class Historian, the incomparable **Michael Gates Gill**, declare us to be “Yale’s greatest class”.

At the Class Dinner, Gift Co-Chairs **Dan Arons** and **Jerry Kenney** announced that the Class had raised \$68.2 million, the third largest Yale 50th reunion gift ever, with the final total expected to be higher. Special thanks for this record are due to **John Malone**. The Class is \$50,000 short of the \$1 million Alumni Fund mark, met by only three other classes.

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, **Jerry Kenney** chaired a Symposium on Yale Athletics, to which all reunion classes were invited and which drew a large audience. At lunch, we presented Yale Class of 1963 Teaching Awards to 19 teachers who are still remembered with gratitude from our days at Yale. Our classmates’ talks about their teachers were poignant, nostalgic, and inspiring, and focused on the transformation of lives. Following another round of discussion groups in the afternoon, we ended the day in our Reunion headquarters, Davenport College, with music (including the return of the Thunderbirds led by **Chuck Lubar** and songs by **Billy Hamilton**), dancing, and quiet time for conversations among classmates.

On Sunday, June 2, 2013, we had a lively question-and-answer discussion with Yale’s President-Elect, Peter Salovey.

The classmates who made important contributions to the Reunion are too numerous to list here. We are extremely grateful to each of them. Here is a partial list: **Stanley Riveles**, Class Secretary (1998-2013); **Michael Freeland**, Class Treasurer; **Hank Higdon** and **Guy Struve**, 50th Reunion Co-Chairmen; **Dan Arons** and **Jerry Kenney**, 50th Reunion Gift Committee Co-Chairmen; **Ian Robertson** and **Jon Larson**,

50th Reunion Committee Co-Chairmen; **Ken Porter** and **Troy Murray**, Co-Chairmen of Class Agents; **Jon Rose**, Chairman of the 50th Reunion Class Book Committee; **Mike Skol**, AYA Representative and Co-Chairman of the Teaching Awards lunch; **Norm Etherington**, Co-Chairman of the Teaching Awards lunch; and **Charley Sawyer**, chief organizer of the Pre-Reunion at Cranwell.

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