



CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES JULY – AUGUST 2023

On a sunny Spring weekend from May 25 through 28, 2023, we held our 60th Reunion in Davenport College in New Haven. Davenport was where we held our memorable 50th Reunion in 2013, and we filled the tent in Davenport courtyard once again with classmates and guests. Many who were there said that this was our best Reunion ever.

Like the 55th Reunion, the 60th Reunion was a Free Reunion. All food, drink, and residential college lodging were entirely free of charge to all classmates and guests. This was made possible through Class dues and contributions to the Reunion Expense Reserve by hundreds of classmates. The Free Reunion was a vivid demonstration of our commitment to including every member of the Yale '63 Family.

Also like the 55th Reunion, our 60th Reunion set new records for attendance at a 60th reunion, with a total attendance of 361 members of the Yale '63 Family, including 213 classmates. Our Class now holds the attendance records for both 55th and 60th reunions (as well as a not wholly unworthy standing of second place for a 50th reunion).

The Chairman of the 60th Reunion, **Wally Grant**, devoted countless hours to planning and executing the Reunion. We all owe him our warmest thanks.

The program for our 60th Reunion included many features pioneered in our previous Reunions. Once again, we had extremely successful Class discussion groups, with discussion leaders including **David Gergen, Bill Nordhaus, Benno Schmidt, Ian Robertson, Stan Riveles, Ridge Hall**, and many others. Topics ranged from China to Ukraine, from AI to Alzheimer's, and from estate planning to the environment.

Once again, we held a Memorial Service in Battell Chapel to remember our classmates who had died since the last Reunion. This year's Memorial Service was reimagined and carefully realized by **Jere Johnston, Bob Morris**, Peter Sipple '62, and **Woody Woodroffe**.

At the Class Dinner on Saturday, May 27, 2023, Class of 1963 achievement awards were presented to **Bob Dickie, Wally Grant, Rees Jones, Nelson Neiman**, and **Martin Wand**.

The Reunion Gift Committee, headed by **Troy Murray**, **Ian Robertson**, and **Martin Wand**, raised a total of \$47.2 million, contributed by more than two-thirds of our classmates since our last Reunion. Included in the total is \$1.6 million donated by more than 50 classmates to the three Class of 1963 Endowments created this year: for Yale College scholarships; Jackson School of Global Affairs graduate fellowships: and Student-Athlete Performance and Innovation. These endowments may be added to in every year and at every Reunion, and they will exist in perpetuity as memorials to the Class of 1963. All these numbers are likely to rise because the books on the Reunion Gift will not close until June 30, 2023. To make a contribution before that date, email brian.nekoloff@yale.edu.

The Reunion was preceded by a Pre-Reunion in New York City, culminating in a Class Dinner at the Yale Club of New York City, planned and executed by our Pre-Reunion Chairman, **Jon Larson**. Jon, along with **Jim Courtright** and **Jon Rose**, also led the dedicated team of editors who produced our 60th Reunion Class Book, which gives a comprehensive picture of our Class at 60.

While we had a great time at the 60th Reunion, we had constantly in mind the many classmates who were prevented from attending by graduations, medical treatments, and other circumstances. We hope to see many of the classmates we missed at our 65th Reunion in 2028.

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