



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

September, 2020

Herewith the September edition. There is no particular order to this thing, other than reunion related info is up front. Remember that notices, ideas, should go to:

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Randy Lindel (reunion co-chair),

We're happy to announce that Harvard has given the Class of '66 its own Harvard Zoom license for any online class functions. It's available for any group that you might want to form – a local “lunch meeting, a book club, a discussion group, etc. The Reunion Committee has already started using it for meetings. If you'd like to schedule a meeting, explore forming a group, etc., contact Randy Lindel at rlindel@gmail.com

Ann Peck (reunion committee member),

What's on your mind? Introducing '66 Ten-Minute Talks

The two series of ten-minute talks by classmates during our 50th reunion seemed to go over well, and we're planning a sequel for the 55th. Is there an area of concern, expertise, or investigation that you'd like to address this time, or is there someone else in the class you'd like to suggest we hear from? And a new twist: several of the '66 Ten-Minute Talks could lead off a discussion among classmates, either on Zoom or—wouldn't it be lovely—in person.

Are there themes you'd like to see and hear explored by a panel of classmates during an hour-long session? What topics do you want to bat around with classmates? Or do you want to lead a demonstration of cooking, technology, or a craft? Given the potential for Zoom sessions at any time, some of the Ten-Minute Sessions and discussions could be scheduled prior to the actual reunion.

Please suggest topics, whether or not you're prepared to take the lead in discussing them. But tell us, too, if you would like to give a ten-minute talk yourself and provide a couple of sentences describing the content.

Email your ideas to Ann Peck (annpeck@comcast.net) and Sandy Ungar (sanford@sanfordungar.com) sooner rather than later.

Belford Lawson

In July, 2020, Belford Lawson, who graduated from Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, in June of 1962, was accepted for membership in the recently established Black Alumni Council of that School. The primary purpose of the Council is to advise the Headmaster, the faculty, and the Board of Trustees on matters of diversity and inclusion. Apart from that role, individual members of the Council contribute in various ways to the mission of the Council. Some

members have zoomed discussions with students about their perspectives on race relations in general, and also about race relations and gender issues in the context of the day-to-day activities of the School. Some members write articles about, and/or give online speeches about, contemporary developments involving highly controversial police-community relations in 2020. Other members focus on past historically relevant events that continue to have an impact on race relations in the 21st century. Groton, as a member of the St. Grottlesex group of New England preparatory schools, has for decades consistently taken a pioneering role in promoting, in its student body, racial integration, coeducation, and admission of students from many foreign countries. Belford continues to serve full-time as a Senior Legal Counsel in the Federal Communications Commission.

Doug Adcock

published his latest Edward Hunter adventure novel, *Blood Water*, on 10 September. Set in 1574, Hunter travels to Italy to meet his friend Philip Sidney, but becomes entangled with Venetian courtesans and a plot to assassinate Henry III of France. *Blood Water*, plus the previous Hunter novels, *Rebellion* and *Massacre*, will be on promotion in Kindle form starting 4 October on Amazon. Doug Adcock '66 published his latest Edward Hunter adventure novel, *Blood Water*, on 10 September. Set in 1574, Hunter travels to Italy to meet his friend Philip Sidney, but becomes entangled with Venetian courtesans and a plot to assassinate Henry III of France. *Blood Water*, plus the previous Hunter novels, *Rebellion* and *Massacre*, will be on promotion in Kindle form starting 4 October on Amazon.

Fred Lowenfels

I have been very active in a group called Lawyers Defending American Democracy. <https://lawyersdefendingdemocracy.org>

The group originated at my 50th Law School Reunion in Cambridge in October 2018 when many of us noted the silence of the organized bar, law schools, law firms and individual lawyers to confront what we saw as the continuing attacks on basic norms of democracy and constitutional government by the Trump Administration. We issued an open letter to Congress and the President urging adherence to the principles that have guided this country and its government since its founding. These principles are the independence and integrity of the mainstream media and the judiciary, truthfulness of public officials, independence and non-partisanship of federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and "Civil discourse and fair treatment, including the respect for rights and the dignity of all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation." We have filed amicus briefs in high profile cases involving the treatment of Michael Flynn and Michael Cohen, supported mail in voting, criticized Attorney General Barr for politicizing the Department of Justice and forgoing his role as lawyer for the people in favor of representing the interests of the President. We have called on Attorney General Barr to resign or be impeached, and filed a disciplinary complaint against him with the DC Bar Association.

We have most recently encouraged all lawyers to stand up against the President's refusal to commit to a peaceful transfer of power should he lose the election. I urge all my classmates, no

matter your political leanings, to stand up now to protect our democracy which is under sustained attack. It's not partisan, it's an American duty.

Anne Sobol

Classmate Stephen Shafer announced in this newsletter last month the election of three of the Harvard Forward petition candidates to the Board of Overseers. This extraordinary result, after a vigorous campaign mounted on a shoestring by idealistic young people and their older compatriots, is now followed by the Board of Overseers and the Corporation announcing that in the future no more than six members of the Board at any one time may gain their seats through the petition process. **So much for democracy at Harvard.**

<https://harvardmagazine.com/2020/09/harvard-governing-boards-change-overseers>.

Additionally from Anne:

My husband and I were together for 48 years, and today is the six-month anniversary of his death. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/23/us/richard-sobol-dead>. I had been thinking of leaving Sonoma County CA where we lived for the last seven years, and moving back to Massachusetts "where I came from" next spring. My step daughter and husband who live in L.A. are thinking of leaving CA, too, and my brother and sister are in New England. But the wildfires so far this summer have been too close for comfort, and I've begun to take steps to make the move now rather than later.

I lived more years in Louisiana than any other place in my adult life. I feel like I am a climate refugee from there. And now sort of from here.

I've signed a listing agreement for my house in Sebastopol (about an hour north of San Francisco, nicest house I ever lived in and I've lived in some great ones), and I've started to look in Lincoln (nice condos in South Lincoln), and in Concord. Several of my childhood friends from elementary school in Lincoln live there still and others nearby (Craig Donaldson and Robert DeNormandie, both HR66 in Lincoln); Tom Black HR 66 lives nearby; Neva Goodwin and Helen Jencks Featherstone, both HR66 in Cambridge). Everyone is gratifyingly positive about my moving back. I'm probably going to end up buying or maybe just renting an apartment without seeing myself what I'm getting, relying on my sister and friends as my eyes.

I want to step it down house-wise, and spend time on projects I've been talking about for years. (Some of this is in my Red Book blurb, but it will save you time reading next spring!)

Harriet Katz

Baltimore Composers Forum's virtual "Mini(atures) Concert" includes my piece "Greeting the New Year" for cello and piano. <http://baltimorecomposersforum.com/concerts/miniatures-concert> All the works on the program are one minute or less. The concert will remain up *ad infinitum*.

Mary Ann Hooper

From my home in England, I keep track of Harvard/Radcliffe doings, but haven't been a contributor. I never know anyone. Most of the fellow students I knew were from different

classes. But I'm finally moved to offer something, as follows:

"I moved to the United Kingdom after university and have only been in touch with a couple of classmates since. In 2008, I took my Bike Friday on the Amtrak trains from New England to San Francisco, armed with my great grandparents' diaries of their train trip in 1871. They were tourists, not settlers! I had a book published by the U of Nevada Press in 2018 - "Across America and Back - Retracing My Great Grandparents Remarkable Journey". I'm told it is a very good read, much more than a travelogue. Besides the stories of my great grandparents and of me, it's my take on our nation's settling of the West, trying to eradicate and then assimilate the indigenous people, degrading the environment, and now on the way to making it uninhabitable because of global heating. You can order it from any bookshop, buy it online from the U of Nevada Press (or Amazon if you aren't boycotting them)

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John Diamante

San Francisco, Sept 24, '20--

Dear classmates:

I view the following as more of an anthropological discursion than partisan campaign pitch. "Threesum sinks 'im." and "Threesum sinks 'em!" One might promulgate this to progeny, correspondent networks and social media.

Triple the youth vote. May assist a landslide outcome of the imminent election..

To retire him: 45. Or them: cultic, obeisant Republicans. Who've abandoned the GOP's conservative orthodoxies and principles, especially respect if not reverence for the Constitution and rule of law, according to the incumbent-despising Lincoln Project and other Republicans who would clean house, the upper house, that is, of craven, autocrat-legitimizing senators.

Tripling the youth vote (18-49-year-olds but particularly students, particularly collegians, serving military, entrepreneurs, political activists and other rising affinities) means a new young voter recruited. But not only. That's the starting point. Each newly registered voter convinced to commit to recruiting two besties, buddies, familiars and personally seeing that those two not only timely register but that both have a plan to and do vote. The power of three, strength of triangulated dedication, to sink 45 and likely sink his loyalists in the Senate.

As you may know, until 2018, the "young" produced absolutely dismal U.S election turn-outs, given their stake in our democratic republic. Tripling the youth vote will help make the dramatic difference between a solid if not sweeping election result and a close election, which many agonize will threaten our young nation's experiment in civic comity and self-government with increased chaos, if not darkness, if not actual eclipse.

Threesum sinks 'im, for certain. Threesum sinks 'em, is a bipartisan summons for a wise 117th Senate. A useful tip or exhortation to our children, grandchildren and their peers.

Respectfully. John Diamante.

Robert DeNormandie

We are all well at the moment. Grandchildren have started school. Working at chores around the homestead here in Lincoln. Keeps my mind away from the craziness of the world these days.

Virginia Morris

This is just now ready to distribute to inform people- g -rated (and 17 and 1/2 minutes): a simple little “web story” put together by a gang of 4 elders/grandmothers, as Grandmothers 4 a Green New Deal, in the East Bay, as an ad hoc project to shed some light on what we as a country, and as a world, might do to turn around the global atmospheric warming.

Peace out all,
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here is the vimeo link:

www.vimeo.com/grandmothers4aGND/Apathforward

website (at end of web story)

for questions:

www.grandmothers4agreennewdeal.org

William Neaves

The wildlife on our mesa top out here in Northwest Texas keeps me company in Priscilla's absence.

This mule deer family looked in a living room window on September 19th.



Catherine Nichols

We've enjoyed our friends in groups of five or six (including us), distanced but not wearing masks, in our large garden. Drinks, cheese and crackers, even a couple of dinners seated at long tables with distance between our chairs.

Recently we had planned a dinner party of five of us to celebrate a birthday, but the weather prediction was for chilly and wet. We removed some lawn mowers and wheel barrows from our barn, decorated folding tables with pretty table cloths, candles, and flowers, and enjoyed a delicious take-out meal from a nearby Inn. The five of us had a lovely time. The space is large enough for six of us to dine together. We anticipate more Barn Dinners. Portable heaters will help. We're upgrading our backyard fire pit for chilly fall and maybe even winter social life, wearing warm clothes, distanced, but warmed by the roaring fire.

Hoping for a long, mild autumn here in Vermont.

The latest necrology:

AL AB65 *	Evelyn Slome Karu	08/16/2020	Portsmouth, NH	
AL AB65 *	Mr. Curtis S. Engelhard	02/16/2020		
AL AB66 *	Prof. Michael A. Flaksman	10/18/2019	Bonn, Germany	
AL AB66, MD70 *	Dr. James H. Tenney	03/12/2012	Hamden, CT	
AL AB67, JD75 *	Robert C. Schnitz	08/07/2020	Hollywood, SC	Ms. Marilyn Giblin Schnitz 5010 Timber Race Course Hollywood, SC 29449

Additionally, **David Smith** sent a notice about the death of **Marty Wishnatsky** (Martin Saul Wishnatsky), who was AB '66 and then stayed on for a PhD. He died in the Winter, but word didn't reach me until recently. Here is a link to the obituary:

<https://www.prattvillememorial.com/obituaries/Martin-Wishnatsky/#!/Obituary>

Respectfully & energetically submitted,

Tom Black

co-secretary