



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

June, 2020

Herewith our June newsletter. And remember, replies are to tblack@post.harvard.edu. Thanks.

From **Anne Buxton Sobol, Craig Donaldson, Helen Jencks Featherstone, Neva Goodwin, Jane Greengold, Santiago Leon, Lucy Moore, Virginia Morris, Richard Power, and Stephen Shafer:**

The University has announced that the election for the Board of Overseers will take place July 1 to August 18. We urge you to vote for the five Harvard Forward candidates who appear on the ballot after obtaining almost 5,000 petition signatures.

The Harvard Forward candidates support the University's divestment from fossil fuels and inclusion of recent graduates and students in Harvard's governance. We should empower young people to do what they see as necessary to protect their future on the planet. The candidates nominated by the Harvard Alumni Association have distinguished resumes, but the HF candidates do also, and they have taken the initiative to launch a campaign dealing with the critical issue of climate change.

The Harvard Forward candidates are John Beatty, College '11; Lisa Bi Huang, HKS '10; Margaret Purce, College '17; Thea Sebastian, College '08, HLS '16; and Jayson Toweh, HSPH '19. You may read their resumes at harvardforward.org.

Voting opens July 1st. You may vote online or by mail via electronic or paper ballot that Harvard will send you. You may view the ballot in advance at <https://elections.harvard.edu>.

Voting can be conducted either by mail, via paper ballot sent to your address on file with the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA), or by email, via individualized link sent to your email address on file with the HAA. The Harvard Forward Five are listed under the petition candidates section." (edit note: this part may be repetitious; it came to me in a separate email. I'm including it to avoid making mistakes!)

Virginia Morris: (Edit note: this may seem repetitious of the note above, but Virginia sent it, so I'm giving it to you.)

Was in a Zoom meeting Saturday (May 30) w. young Harvard Forward candidates for our Board of Overseers: asked them for a paragraph to send you for our next class of '66 newsletter. This is what they just sent. Please edit it as you need to -for space. I am supporting them as think we need to turn the country away from dependence on fossil fuels and towards a just society- powered by sustainable energy systems- that does not continue to harm both frontline communities and the whole planet!

We have a LOT of work to do right here in the United States and think we need to work together on figuring out how to create a new system: Harvard people can help!!! (New paradigms do not come easy!!)

Here's a message from **Anne Sobol**:

The emails with your online ballot have been sent. In your list of emails, the email shows the title Harvard 2020 Elections, then says Vote today in Harvard's Elections

Mine landed in the "promotions" tab of google chrome/gmail, so heads up if you don't see it under the "primary" tab.

Another wrinkle for me was that although for reunion purposes I am considered the class of 66, I did receive my degree in 1967. I tried several times using 66, was told by computer that I had not put in valid info. I called the help number, was immediately connected to reasonable, calm man who looked me up and said I was listed as 67. That worked and I voted.

On the Harvard Forward Slack channel, when I reported about my 66 v. 67 issue, another person responded that he put in his equivalent of 66 and it went through even though he received his degree the next year.

William Neaves:

Adjusting to Priscilla's absence has been more difficult this spring than last fall. In the months immediately following her death from cortical Lewy Body disease, sadness focused on the ending of recently shared experiences. Now, I grieve about foreclosed plans and dreams for life together in the future. Photographing mammals, birds, reptiles, and insects around our mesa-top home in rural West Texas has become a welcome distraction. Here's a photo of a Texas Wood-nymph butterfly (*Cercyonis pegala texana*) made on June 21st.



Randy Lindel, our webmaster:

Seeing Larry Palmer's new book, it reminds that I'm going to update the publications section of our class website over the coming months and would be happy to list new books from the past few years to the listing.

Classmates can check out what's there at

<http://1966.classes.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=108>

and can send information about new items to info@hr66.org

Virginia Morris:

Left one is my granddaughter, then 12, with her sign, at the March 15, 2019 worldwide Children's Climate Strike March, in downtown SF, and the right one is from the "Resiliency Village" youth climate action, downtown Oakland, in fall of 2019, of the 'Grandmother Puppet'

(made by the 'Gems' art group of the 1000 Grandmothers Bay Area)-with young climate Strike demonstrators!



(Don't know if room to include these, but am in this for future generations- of humans and all other living beings!!!!) Onward and upward, and peace out all,
Ginio

Catherine Nichols:

I'm part of a ministry leadership team of four retired priests and the senior warden of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Middlebury, VT, while the candidates for the next clergy leadership are interviewed and eventually one will be called to serve, hopefully by Christmas. Since COVID-19 the services are on zoom, so with four of us we only officiate and preach once a month. About the only advantage of this dreadful pandemic. I like zooming when the other clergy are preaching, as I can go through who's present, and enjoy actually seeing their faces.

Elayne Archer:

During the pandemic, I've been asking myself, "How long will this last? And will I outlast it?" I keep thinking, "When we get back to some sort of normal, I must really appreciate my life." And then I think, "But I do, I am always grateful for the life I am privileged to lead and the age I am lucky to have reached." And yet perhaps there is something about the pandemic that makes such appreciation every more urgent and made celebrations during the pandemic so memorable because they were so unusual. When friends were celebrating a birthday during this time (including my husband and myself), I said, "This is one birthday you will remember."

And then there are the changing times. As I saw the protesters walking by at the top of my street along Prospect Park West, how I longed to join them. But as a friend pointed out, "This is not our time." How glad I am that change is in the air. How I wish I could be more part of it.

William Edgar:

I am just putting the finishing touches on a book about the aesthetics of jazz, as life-long milestone.

Virginia Morris:

Have been working with some women in a Green New Deal working group (of the '1000 Grandmothers for future generations, Bay Area') on a Green New Deal group presentation to give to other groups in the area. After the covid-19 lockdown began, on March 17 in the Bay Area, we started meeting via Zoom. Will keep you posted re a possible online webstory and whether we have a longer presentation available to give -live- later. Meanwhile, I urge classmates to vote for the 'Harvard Forward Slate,' young pro fossil-fuel-divestment and pro alternative energy development candidates, for the Board of Overseers.

(Tom has all their names -and their most recent statement.)

Best, and onward and upward,

Ginio (Virginia) Morris

Ben Dunham:



Blue Hour and Blue Cathedral on YouTube

NBSO subscriber Ben Dunham came to us with the idea of setting James Alphege Brewer's "Blue Hour" etchings to Jennifer Higdon's *blue cathedral*. Higdon, winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Music as well as a Grammy, intended for *blue cathedral* "to reflect on the amazing journeys that we all make in our lives, crossing paths with so many individuals singularly and collectively, learning and growing each step of the way." The NBSO performed *blue cathedral* at our 2011-12 season finale.

[Watch now.](#) We hope you enjoy it

Lawrence Devoe:

First many thanks for keeping our class up to date particularly during this unprecedented period in our country's history.

As far as updating goes, I am retiring from the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology/Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia after 37 years in a Department that I chaired for 11 years and a section that I directed for 25 years. Overall, it is the final chapter in a 50-year odyssey that followed my graduation from the University of Chicago School of Medicine in 1970. Looking back, I have seen American medicine change rather dramatically, some for the better (better diagnostics, better treatments) and some for the worse (governmental hyper-regulation, ambulance-chasing attorneys). Over all, it has been a great ride and I look forward to spending more time to spend with my family, enjoy my vast music collection, and travel to the places that we both love.

Michael Abram:

Vivian and I were married in 2015. For four years, we divided our time between my home in New York and Vivian's in the Orlando area, and a getaway home in Lakeville, CT, in the state's hilly and rural northwest corner. I retired from law practice at the end of 2018 (as had Vivian already in 2012) and then, last year, we decided to live full-time here in Lakeville. So, in March, just as the pandemic gathered force, we left Florida and made Lakeville our home town. And of course we have barely left our beautiful quiet community since then. In the meantime, we have gotten busy with local organizations, political action, Zoom meetings and FaceTime or WhatsApp video calls, Zoom meditation and synagogue services, long walks, and all the other things we are all doing to blunt the pain of distancing from family and friends, while we work for the not-distant time when we can watch with great relief the departure of the calamitous strange current occupant of the White House.

Necrology:

Class of '65 Joel Havermann on April 25. Survived by Judith Havermann who lives at 3838 Woodley Rd. NW, Washington, DC, 20016

Class of '66 Rosalinda Ratajczak informs me of the death of Joan Ween an oncologist practicing in Atlanta. No other details

Class of '66 Anne Knight in Palo Alto. Obituary here:

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/obituaries/memorials/anne-knight?o=6198>

The June newsletter went out to 971 of our classmates and, so far, has been viewed by 502 of us. I hope you all vote and participate in Harvard's future.

Sincerely,

Tom Black