



## HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

June 2021

Herewith the June issue of our newsletter. And don't forget that replies are sent to [tblack@post.harvard.edu](mailto:tblack@post.harvard.edu). **Hitting reply to this message just mucks things up!**

**Reunion Thanks and Videos.** Reunion co-chairs **Donna Gibson Stone** and **Randy Lindel** wish to thank the entire reunion committee for their year-long efforts to create events and a content-packed reunion program and to the literally dozens of classmates who presented the programs. Thanks are also due to HAA Reunion staffers Kim Delehanty and Liz Orenstein for their immense support and coordination of all our events. Well done all!

For those who may have missed reunion events, most were recorded and have been posted to the class YouTube channel. A reunion schedule with links to the recordings is on the home page of the class website ([HR66.org](http://HR66.org)). Click on the picture of the schedule to get a download with live links to each event or, just [click here](#)

**Class Events Continuing.** With our class Zoom license, getting together virtually is pretty easy and we're planning on doing that now several times a year – not waiting until our next reunion time. If there are particular events/subjects you'd like to see (more of what we did during the reunion or something else), please let the class committee know at [reunion@hr66.org](mailto:reunion@hr66.org) – we look forward to your ideas and comments.

### Noel Solomons:

Dear Classmates:

It was heartening and exciting to see so many of you so active in careers or special projects. I hope you will pardon me for also seeing Class 66 as a resource. As the pandemic slowly recedes, my institution, CeSSIAM, has a special need to reconnect to a foundation with a 501 (C)(3) non-profit exemption to serve as a conduit for donations from the US. If any classmate has one or has a colleague running one, I would appreciate a reach-out to me in Guatemala.

Noel Solomons, MD

[cessiam@cessiam.org.gt](mailto:cessiam@cessiam.org.gt)

### Helen Katz:

Another virtual concert includes my setting of Yeats' poem AFTER LONG SILENCE for mezzo-soprano, baritone, and piano. The concert premieres Saturday July 17 8:15 pm and will remain up and running. The link is [Baltimore Composers Forum.com/concerts/Sonitus](http://BaltimoreComposersForum.com/concerts/Sonitus)

(I had to look up "Sonitus" which turns out to be Latin for "resounding.")

For the program note, I wrote "At 77, I really relate to the next-to-last line: Bodily decrepitude is wisdom."

### Catherine Nichols:

Hi, friends.

I enjoyed the virtual 55th, and appreciate all the work the committee did to make it successful. I very much look forward to in-person reunions in the future! Maybe an informal and simple 56th so we don't have to wait five years?

**Ellen Leopold:**

We want to thank everyone--all 215 of you!--who signed on to our HR '66 letter protesting the "re-branding" of the Radcliffe Institute. Your response has been gratifying. For those of you who still wish to sign, it's not too late. Your support will be helpful as we take the next steps. We want especially to thank those classmates who not only agreed to sign but who sent their own often eloquent and enlightening letters in support, adding to our understanding of the difficult history that the name change has evoked. We hope to draw on some of these letters when we petition Harvard's newly formed Committee to Articulate Principles on Renaming, for the restoration of "Radcliffe" to its proper place. Watch this space for an update!

Meanwhile, a shout out to Tom Black for helping us get the word out--twice!

Ellen Leopold            Ann Peck Reisen            Rosalind McFarland Williams

**Madelyn Holmes:**

I am sorry that I missed the reunion but continue to appreciate the post Covid 19 environment in Burlington, Vermont. I am completing my last book, Hiroshima and its six sister cities. Researching this book has connected me with my own history of antiwar protest that started with the Eugene McCarthy campaign in 1968. It has connected me with peace activists in Honolulu, Volgograd, Hannover, Chongqing, Daegu, Montreal and most of all in Hiroshima. My fervent wish is to live out my life without experiencing World War III.

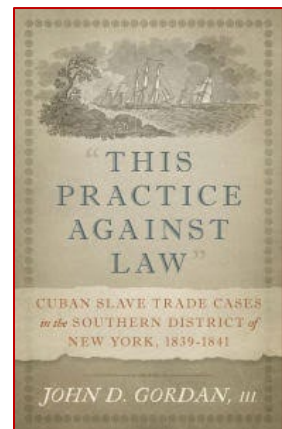
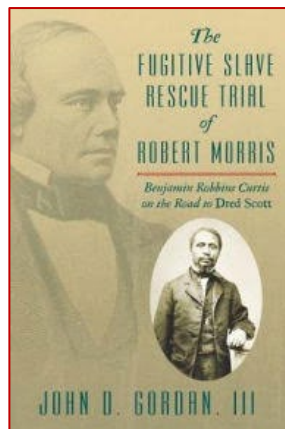
**William Neaves:**



Flower-feeding scarab (*Euphoria kerni*) on golden aster (*Bradburia pilosa*) at Priscilla's ranch this month...

**John Gordan:**

These are two books I have written:



**In Memoriam:**

**Dave Nugent:**

Friends,

Dee Stevens called today with the sad news that **Johnny Stevens** had died on Sunday, May 16th.

Dee relayed these details. John had just completed a solo hike in one of the parklands near Oakland where they had frequently hiked in the past. John was back at the trailhead, had changed out of his hiking boots and was having an energy bar when he collapsed in the front seat of his car. Emergency responders were unable to revive John.

That's as much as I know, all courtesy of Dee.

John was kind and generous, a steadfast friend. We are fortunate that he was part of our lives. Please share the news with other members of the class.

**Joseph Knight**, former husband to:

**Anne Mihelich Knight** passed away one year ago at the age of 76. We were married for many years and always remained close. Originally from Boise, Idaho, the daughter of a psychiatrist, she earned her B.A. and A.M. in English Literature at Harvard/Radcliffe and later served as President of a Harvard Club in California. Anne was an amazing person: ebullient, thoughtful, creative, fun-loving and serious at the same time. In NYC she served as an editor of Horizon Magazine and several other publications including "Look" Magazine, for which she did a profile of Steve Rubell, owner of Studio 54, where she loved dancing in the New Year and catching up with her fellow journalists. She was literally a world traveler, circuiting the globe with her mother back in 1979, including spending a month visiting virtually every place of historical interest in the Indian subcontinent. An extraordinarily devoted mother, for many years she worked as a "writing coach" for Asian and other promising immigrant teenagers, and steered many of them to her own alma mater. She is sorely missed by her many friends, and is survived by her devoted sister, Louise, and her two beloved sons, Benjamin David and Daniel Lawrence."

**Catherine Nichols:**

Our classmate **Dickey Drysdale**, VT editor, publisher, and journalist, died this spring. VT Digger ran a lively obit. Perhaps you can run some quotes from it. A native Vermonter who took over his father's "Randolph Herald" he was beloved by his staff and an invaluable member of his community.

Link to the obituary: <https://vtdigger.org/2021/04/30/randolph-editor-publisher-quintessential-journalist-dick-drysdale-dies/>

AL AB65	Mr. David Zarembka	04/01/2021	Saint Louis, MO	
AL AB65, BAR69	Mr. Ray A. Frieden	04/27/2021	Danvers, MA	Nancy Marie Perry Frieden PO Box 474 Essex, MA 01929
AL AB66	M. Dickey Drysdale	04/28/2021	Randolph, VT	Mrs. Marjorie E. Drysdale 481 La Bounty Road Randolph, VT 05060
AL AB67	Mr. Anthony S. Kroch	04/27/2021	Philadelphia, PA	Martha Burgess Kroch 601 E Gorgas Lane Philadelphia, PA 19119

Finally, I hope you all are enjoying the summer with the relaxed COVID shut down. Let's rejoice!

Tom Black, co-class secretary