

HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

October, 2020

Here's our October issue. Remember to respond to tblack@post.Harvard.edu.

Meg Rashbaum Selig

My latest book, *Silver Sparks: Thoughts on Growing Older, Wiser, and Happier*, was published in October, 2020. I'm proud of this book for many reasons, not least of which is that it was my "pandemic purpose project." I worked on it from January, 2020, to September, 2020, and writing it was a source of comfort and joy. The book provides an upbeat but realistic view of today's aging experience—including the amazing research that shows that most older people are happier people. I've included select blogs from my blogging "corner" at <u>psychologytoday.com</u>, personal essays, quote pages, and short anecdotes ("Sparks"). Take a look on <u>amazon.com</u>.

Catherine Nichols

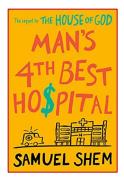
Very discouraged that hypocritical Senate Republicans who would not allow Obama to nominate a US Supreme Court candidate pushed through Amy Barrett in the place of Marvelous RBG! Enormously saddened by the tenor of this unhappy nation. Shocked that Trump's supporters don't care about how evil and ill he is. Hoping and praying for democrats to take both Presidency and the US Senate.

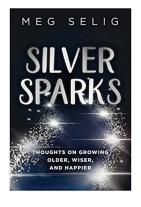
David Scheff

Your current data is correct: My wife(Terri) and I live at 22 Valley Road, Chestnut Hill, Ma.02467. I continue to practice pediatrics in a single-specialty group Roslindale Pediatrics in West Roxbury, MA.

Stephen Bergman (Samuel Shem)

Having recovered from the Covid (no hospitalization), started doing publicity again on Zoom for the new novel, *Man's* 4^{TH} *Best Hospital*. To our doctors and others—and those who fear hardcovers or e-book or on tape—the paperback will be out on November 4. Dr. Sanjay Gupta wrote: "Another instant classic." The novel, sequel to *The House of God*, is about how to put the human back into healthcare.





Barbara Richardson

Still thriving in Naples, Florida escorting patients at Planned Parenthood and working on election registration. Summered again in Maine: wading in seaweed with my cane; spotting puffins; eating blueberry pancakes and lobster rolls. Practicing painting crashing waves and whale tails in the sunset. Headed for hip operation. In vigil for election. Wishing all classmates stay safe and well.

Wilbert Jordan

Will be retiring as director of the OASIS (HIV/.AIDS) Clinic but I will stay on and teach residents and medical students for two years . . . and then re-eval . . . health is pretty good but I want to do more traveling and writing . . . Right now I am in the process of donating an heirloom made by my grandfather during slavery to the African American Museum.

Emily Hodges

It was the instrument (the Red Book) that brought Charles and me together. Now, five years later, we are very happily living together in Cincinnati, avoiding COVID, very busy with political volunteer work and hoping for a Blue Wave on Nov. 3. We will know the outcome when this month's class notes arrive! This summer we bought a beautiful 90 year old log cabin in Cedarville, Michigan on the Upper Peninsula, together with another couple that have been my best friends for the past 40+ years. It was the perfect get away during COVID and we look forward to returning next summer.

Monthly zoom calls with a group of us who lived in Cabot Hall freshman year are always enlightening and fun. Not surprisingly, we are all very involved in political action and all on the same team. If you are not already in the group, but would like to be, contact me and I will pass your info along to Ingrid Slezak and Marion Bennett who organize the calls.

William Neaves

Photographing wildlife on our mesa top out here in Northwest Texas distracts me from missing Priscilla so much. Here's a young roadrunner just beyond the north terrace on October 6th.



Michael Lang

On October 16 at the annual (virtual) conference of the Academy of Professional Family Mediators, I was honored with the award for the Outstanding Professional Family Mediator for 2020.

This Award is presented annually to a professional family mediator who is a leader and innovator in the family mediation field, and whose imaginative ideas and creative approaches to mediation and to public awareness advance the practice of family mediation. The recipient has developed unique concepts and techniques that have addressed challenges in mediation and improved the quality of family mediation services. The recipient demonstrates excellence in professional family mediation and outstanding personal qualities that mirror the highest levels of professional standards, including integrity, trustworthiness, and compassion.

At the same conference, along with 7 colleagues who are members of a peer mentoring group I facilitate, I presented a pre-conference workshop entitled, Excellence is not an accident: It takes practice.

Loulie Hoffman Kent

Here is the link to Penny Schafer's obit which was in today's Sunday Globe. If I remember correctly her maiden name was Hedrick.

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=pennyschafer&pid=19691758

In Memoriam

Class of '65 – Justine Bross Yidiz on July 18 in Darien, CT

Class of '65 – George L. Hurst on September 8 in Worcester, MA. Survived by Ms. Sandra Hurst, 6 Cadman Rd, Mendon, MA 01756

Class of '66 – Carl Anderson on October 21 in Chapel Hill, NC. Survived by Mary Anderson.

Class of '66, PhD '76 – Penelope Hedrick Schafer on August 26 in Portland, ME. Survived by Robert Schafer, Esq. 161 Lewis Rd, Belmont, MA 02478

Class of '67 – Richard H. Gleason on August 16 in Cambridge, MA.

Class of '67 – Nicholas Bull on August 9 in Center Lowell, ME

FYI, our 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