



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

January, 2021

Let's start with reunion news from **Randy Lindel**

55th Reunion Update

No surprise that Harvard recently mandated all Spring reunions to be virtual – no on-campus, in-person activities. We'd been expecting this and have been working on a virtual reunion for the time between Commencement (Thursday, May 27) and the HAA Annual Meeting (Friday, June 4). One firm event for your calendar is a session with Prof. Michael Sandel on Friday, June 4 at noon. We'll have much more on the program next month. By the way, we highly recommend Prof. Sandel's new book *The Tyranny of Merit – What's Become of the Common Good?* And keep an eye out for class emails announcing more virtual class events – a social next month and perhaps a discussion group the month after.

Tony Kahn on Podcasting – Class Virtual Meeting

About 50 classmates joined a virtual class meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21 in which Tony Kahn talked with Ann Peck and all of us about his pioneering work in podcasting with three samples of his award-winning work. You can replay this not-to-be-missed session at <https://youtu.be/dHWUbgFnu00>

Classmate Stories with Tony Kahn

Since our 50th, Tony has been collecting and editing wonderful audio stories from our classmates (and a few other classes, too). We've posted 11 of these 3-5 minutes gems on the class website at hr66.org > Our Class > Tony Kahn Interviews or go to the direct link at <http://1966.classes.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=239>

Class Zoom License

Want to have a Zoom meeting with classmates, teammates, fellow singers, journalists, housemates, etc? Harvard has given us our own class Zoom license and access to our class email lists. Want to get a group together? Contact webmaster@hr66.org and we'll help you make it happen.

HR66 Facebook Group

We've had a private class Facebook group for some years now - **Harvard-Radcliffe class of 1966** (yes, a lower case "c" in "class"). There are currently 116 members who generally get more active when reunions are near or a new Class Report (red book) comes out. As a private group you have to search on the group name, then request admission. The admin for the site is **Tom Black** who vets you as a classmate, you'll get a notice – usually takes a day or two. Many nice personal exchanges there and a great place to meet classmates you don't know yet.

Curt Hayashi

MY LIFE IN PORTLAND SINCE 2017

In December 2017, I left the Boston area, where I'd lived most all my adult life. I now live in Portland Oregon, in a close-in neighborhood named Sullivan's Gulch.

Why the move?

Years prior, I had planned to move somewhere I could bicycle year-round. Which turned out to be Portland. It worked - in spades. Just 3 months after getting a bike, I'd lost 20 pounds and no longer needed my three prescription meds (BP and cholesterol).

[NB – my bicycle was stolen June 8, so I've had to alter some text below.]

Here I [used to] get most everywhere by bicycle – as planned. Without a time expenditure, I [used to] get daily exercise, increased health, AND free transport that is clean and exhilarating!

[Update – in these virus times, destinations are few; given no bicycle, I'm forced to walk for exercise. I hugely appreciate just walking – “life in the slow lane”, as someone recently put it. At the low/no speed, I see and enjoy MUCH more detail than on a bicycle. I'll get another bike when/if the virus recedes and destinations re-appear.]

Locally, I now just walk in my neighborhood, entertained by what I experience, namely

- an outdoor MUSEUM of fascinating northwest Pacific residential architecture, set in
- an ARBORETUM of magnificent trees that often “tunnel” the street, providing cover from rain and sun – I routinely snake down the street, following the overhead protection, and
- private GARDENS everywhere: imaginative, well-maintained gardens of all sorts - like flower, rock, wood, vegetable, etc; included, you might find sculpture, figurines art, found art, etc. The variety is staggering. Often, the sidewalk strip is landscaped as well. Wide strips with lush growth makes me feel like I'm walking *through* their garden.
- NEIGHBORS, their DOGS, and their interesting BICYCLES

I walk around, gawking at all this magnificence. Most side streets are one-lane, parked on both sides, and very quiet. I often stroll right down their middle.

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There is an unanticipated aspect of Portland, and indeed, the west coast generally whose benefit to me actually outshines the bicycle thing. My social life here is WAY above what it ever was in my adult life – or was, before the virus.

Unlike back east, here sizeable Nikkei communities run up and down the coast. (Nikkei = Japanese expats and their descendants, in the US aka Japanese-Americans.)

Early on, I plugged into one such community at Ikoi no Kai, a 4 days-a-week Nikkei senior luncheon. For the first time in my life, I was surrounded by people who look and think like me. Alas, during coronavirus times, I never see them any more!

(Though now at walking speed, I see/meet more and more neighbors, whom I'm meeting by the boatload - within 1 mile, over 40, and counting!)

Lawrence Devoe

I have just published my first book, *Yankee by Birth, Southern by Choice*. It is a personal account of my transition from Yankee to becoming a son of the South. Having moved from Chicago, Illinois to Augusta, Georgia in 1983, I have had the good sense that God gave me never to move back to the North. In the process, I adapted to endless summers, developed a taste for Southern cuisine, and learned the language of the region. This book also contains some advice for fellow Northerners who are considering a permanent move to the South. It is available as a Kindle e-book and in paperback on Amazon.

Fred Lowenfels

Since my 50th Law School reunion in October 2018 I have been working with a group of lawyers, many from my class, to protect the rule of law in the country. We founded Lawyers Defending American Democracy (www.lawyersdefendingdemocracy.org) and have issued many open letters and taken other actions in support of core democratic principles: a free press, independent judiciary, truthfulness in public discourse, equal treatment of all citizens- foundational pillars of our country that have been under stress for the last four years. We filed an amicus brief in Michael Cohen's habeas corpus petition to remain out of prison even though he refused to agree not to publish a book. We filed an amicus brief protesting the Department of Justice's move to dismiss the criminal case

against Michael Flynn. We have called on former Attorney General Barr to resign, and later filed a complaint with the Bar authorities in DC for him to be disbarred. Our most recent effort has been to file a grievance complaint in New York State against Rudolph Giuliani. We believe that his constant public allegations of election fraud and his efforts to overturn the election violate his ethical obligations under regulations governing lawyer conduct. This complaint gathered nearly 5,000 supporters on the first day of its public dissemination. You can read this complaint at the link below. Lawyers and non-lawyers can sign on and support it.

<https://lawyersdefendingdemocracy.org/dad-files-bar-grievance-against-giuliani-in-new-york/>

William Neaves

I continue to mitigate my sadness over Priscilla's demise by photographing her favorite bird here at our mesa-top home in remote, sparsely-populated Northwest Texas. This female cardinal was photographed on January 20th



TD Allman

Subject: In Honor of the Occasion // En l'honneur de l'occasion

Long times pass, and I don't think of myself as being particularly American.

De longs temps passent, et je ne me considère pas comme particulièrement américain.

Puis vint hier, jour d'inauguration

Then came yesterday, Inauguration Day.

Having having no plan, I awoke with a great urge to be clean at the moment the new President took office.

N'ayant pas de plan, je me suis réveillé avec une grande envie d'être propre au moment où le nouveau président est entré en fonction.

Je me suis douché. Je me suis rasé. J'ai passé la soie dentaire. Je me suis brossé les dents. Je me suis rincé les dents. J'ai coupé mes ongles.

I showered. I shaved. I flossed my teeth. I brushed my teeth. I rinsed my teeth. I clipped my nails.

Then, when I turned on the television, and saw all those flags on the Mall, I burst into tears -- tears of joy.

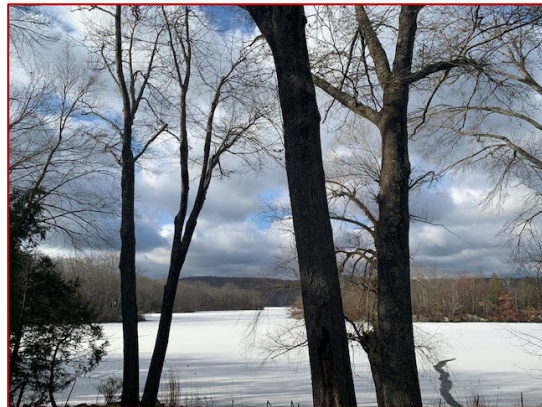
Ensuite, quand j'ai allumé la télévision et que j'ai vu tous ces drapeaux sur le Mall, j'ai fondu en larmes - des larmes de joie.

Something else totally unexpected: The lake wore white for the Inauguration.

Quelque chose d'autre tout à fait inattendu: Le lac s'est habillé en blanc pour l'inauguration.

It changed overnight.

Il a changé du jour au lendemain.



Meg Rashbaum Selig

At the beginning of the pandemic, I started a book on the topic of healthy aging. That book became *Silver Sparks: Thoughts on Growing Older, Wiser, and Happier*, published in October 2020. It's a compilation of science-based blogs on aging that I'd previously published on my blog at psychologytoday.com, plus personal essays, quotes pages ("Other Voices"), and short "sparks"-- bits of advice and anecdotes about my aging experiences that might inspire or amuse others. Writing *Silver Sparks* provided me with many happy hours of fascinating work during a difficult time. If you'd like to take a look, find it here: [Silver Sparks: Thoughts on Growing Older, Wiser, and Happier](#) (Jetlaunch, 2020). Best wishes to all my classmates for a happy, healthy New Year!

Caroline Balderston Parry

Hello Tom, I want to say that I really loved what I saw of the session with Tony Kahn yesterday!

Something he said seem to be worth flagging for all of us – he felt that our 25th reunion was a time when the University was really trying to get our money from us and by the 50th they were warehousing us Do others feel that way? I think there's a huge issue around stereotypes about ageing in our society, and the "warehousing" concern is a legitimate one. Wondering whether this is something people want to discuss as part of our reunion? Or does anybody have particular suggestions for how to take action on it?

Another thought I've had, as one of my close friends is about to have a "MAID [Medical assistance in dying] death", Is whether there are other members of the class of 66 here in Canada who have information USers etc. would like to share...?

Feel free to contact me directly about either of these issues, January blessings, Caroline

In Memoriam

AL AB65 *	Mr. David W. Lewis Jr.	12/13/2020	Dover, MA	
AL AB65 *	Mr. Gerald Paul Hillman	02/03/2017	Hudson, FL	
AL AB66 *	Dr. John Gregg Lewis	06/10/2019	Seattle, WA	Ms. Frances Marcus Lewis 6831 52nd Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98115
AL AB67 *	Mr. A. Clinton Allen	12/06/2020	Boston, MA	Mrs. Lawson P. Allen 710 South St. Needham, MA 02492

Stay safe; stay happy; love life!

Tom Black
co-class secretary