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Dear Friends,

A mere 45 years in 2013. Seems like just yesterday, right? And we now are arriving at that honorable age which shares a number with the famous trail to California, Route 66. Pardon us, but YIKES!!

Certainly there are some negatives to being 66, hitherto unknown aches and pains obviously among them. But hey, how about the upside - - Medicare and full Social Security eligibility - - benefits of citizenship unlikely to be enjoyed, at least to the same degree, by the current generation of Carleton students. Besides this, it's embarrassing to even mention to current students that our comprehensive fee never exceeded \$3,000.

The undeniable fact, of course, is that our generation experienced an unprecedented history of financial good fortune: affordable college tuition, a booming economy and growing housing markets, and a well-earned retirement.

Our generation was blessed by good financial fortune. Surely, the right thing to do is to generously recycle that good fortune as a reinvestment in the generation coming out of college now. There is no shortage of opportunities for that generosity, but those following our paths at Carleton College are worthy candidates. Today's world needs the beneficiaries of an outstanding liberal arts education at least as much as did the world in 1968, and, as we well know, the financial burdens of that education have greatly increased in the intervening years.

Class reunions are wonderful events. They are grand opportunities to greet old friends and to relive past memories. They are also perfect times to take stock of our lives and to reflect upon the imprint we might have upon the coming generations. Part of that imprint traditionally has been the creation of a reunion class gift to the college as scholarship assistance for the new generation.

Acting on your behalf and reflecting on your generosity and affection for a Carleton education, our reunion committee established a modest but significant goal for 1968's class gift in the amount of \$275,000. Our hope is that you will be open to contribute towards the achievement of that goal. Every gift is important to the realization of this goal. Every gift you make will be put to good use and will be greatly appreciated. Participation in this effort has a significant impact upon the financial well-being of the College.

Your help in achieving our class goal is very important, but nothing would make us happier than to see you at the reunion in June, regardless of whether you choose to participate in the gift. Working with the reunion committee, we have been reminded of the indelible impact which the years from 1964 to 1968 had upon our lives, and even upon the life of the world, thanks in no small measure to our presence at Carleton College. Please join us in June to celebrate those years and all they have meant, then and now.

Your longtime friends and classmates,

Stephen Bayne  
Class Gift Chair

Andrew Selden  
Class Gift Chair

Tom Fabel  
Class Assistant Agent

P.S. All gifts made for the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion year and subsequent years count in the total for the 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion gift, which traditionally is the greatest in the lifetime of any class. Let's get started this year on our 50<sup>th</sup>! Please make your 45<sup>th</sup> reunion pledge today!