Classmates,

Our 50th Carleton Reunion is just a year away. We hope you have June 18-21 2015 emblazoned on your calendar.

Visit this website to view members of the Steering Committee giving you the "Top Ten Reasons To Attend Reunion."

Also, please go to our class website at go.carleton.edu/1965. There you will find the names of classmates who plan and/or hope to attend the 50th. Hopefully your name is on that list already. If your name isn't on the list but you hope to attend, please let us know. If you have trouble accessing the website, contact Mary Niebur at mniejbur@carleton.edu.

Next month our monthly email newsletter will have a new look. You can find past newsletters on the website.

Now we hope you will enjoy brief bios from Ernie Andberg, Kathy Kerns Gilmer, Elise Bickford Jorgens, Craig Olson, Carol Aldrich Pfeiffer, and Dan Turnquist.

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PS: Stay tuned for an email from the Outreach Committee asking you to complete a survey.
Ernie Andberg: It’s hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching our 50th Reunion. For me, the old adage “time flies when you are having fun” seems apropos. My degree at Carleton was in Government and International Relations, but instead of law school after graduation I worked for a year in the twin cities, married Marcy McGarraugh after she graduated (class ’66) and then moved out to Boston for grad school. Two terms of constitutional law with Ralph Fielstad in our senior year convinced me that I didn’t want to spend the next three years studying legal cases. Instead, I chose the case method at HBS and have never looked back on that decision.

Most of my career since grad school has been spent in one facet or another of the investment business; working on the buy side of the street in a large mutual fund management company, on the sell side of the street in a regional, investment banking and brokerage firm, and my own consulting firm. I spent the last seventeen years in a small, family-owned investment banking business working as a securities analyst following emerging medical device companies. I considered retiring in 2009 after the last market bubble burst, but decided to delay retirement after being recognized by the WSJ as an all-star, medical device analyst. Even though those last years were a roller-coaster in terms of market ups and downs, they were the most rewarding of my career. I finally retired in June of 2012.

Marcy and I have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren. In March, we became first-time grandparents of twins, a boy Michael and a girl Reilly, brought to us by daughter number two. We have lived in the Twin Cities since I finished grad school, currently in North Oaks. We also have a vacation home in Deerwood, Minnesota which we purchased last summer after commuting for forty-five years to a family cabin in the same area. We both enjoy golf, travel, our kids and now the twins. (The picture is of me on last December’s Carleton trip to Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park).

I encourage as many of you that can make it to come back to Northfield next June. After a slow start to our class reunions at the five-year gathering, participation has gradually grown over the years and right now over 150 people have indicated they plan to attend the 50th. I have enjoyed these events over the years and was particularly encouraged at our 45th when a handful of classmates came up to me on Saturday night and said they had a great time and wondered why they had not come back for a reunion sooner.

Kathy Kerns Gilmer: Two weeks after graduation John Gilmer (’63) and I married and began our now almost 50-year journey together. We’ve traveled, worked, raised a family, retired, played and volunteered. Hopefully we’ve made a difference; at least it has been interesting.

We started out in Ohio but soon John was off to Navy OCS and we eventually spent just over two years on Guam where John managed the Exchange (PX in the Army) and I taught third grade to a class of local and navy children. Our years in Guam were life changing, in a way. Just as Carleton opened us to new ideas, our Guamanian friends reminded us that cultures and values depend upon who and where you are. We also loved the tropical climate, the ocean and beaches.

Returning from Guam, we focused on family and careers, like many of our peers. We moved around the Midwest ending with a move to Chicago’s NW suburbs. For several years I was a stay-at-home mom with our two boys and completed a Masters in Urban Planning. My professional life was in administration with our local community college and Northern Illinois University. I especially enjoyed opening NIU’s first regional center; I retired as the Director, NIU Outreach Centers.
I remained involved in the NW suburbs after leaving paid employment in 2005 and currently chair Harper College’s Educational Foundation Board and sit on three other boards: a retirement community board, a hospital system quality council and an affordable housing organization. Carleton’s influence remains as I feel compelled to “give back” (how many times did we hear that?) and I am valued as a board member for my “voice of reason.” Carleton taught us all that there is more than one point of view and there are no easy answers.

Many of our travels include family. Our son Todd is a professor in Public Health Policy, College of Medicine, UC San Diego. Todd, his wife Vicky, and two young sons live in San Diego. Son Brett lives in Coral Springs, FL with his wife Dae and two sons. Brett and his partners own a software development firm. We are a four-generation family as our two mothers are 98! Good Norwegian genes, I guess.

We continue to love the beaches, ocean and warm weather, as well as interesting adventures. For fun at home we are involved in peer-lead seniors’ seminars and, although our hips, knees and backs are not as forgiving as they once were, continue tennis, golf, biking and walking. After our boys left home we began attending our Carleton reunions and have enjoyed keeping up with earlier friendships, visiting the campus, and hearing new ideas every time we travel to Northfield. We look forward to June 2015.

Elise Bickford Jorgens: Immediately after graduation from Carleton (the very next day!) I married classmate Jack Jorgens. We headed for New York where he earned a Ph.D. in English from NYU and I—a few years later—earned a Ph.D. in musicology from the City University of New York (CUNY). Along the way, we had twin daughters, Catherine (Cat) and Elisabeth (Lis). Jack and I separated in 1976 and later divorced. In 1985 I married Chet Rogers whom I had met in the Faculty Senate of Western Michigan University where I was a faculty member in the English Department; we are still married, 28 years later. To round off this personal history, I am also happy to report that both daughters have done well. Cat is legal counsel for Carroll University in Waukesha, WI, and mother to a beautiful 9-year-old, Genevieve Lambert. Lis is a middle school English teacher in San Jose, CA, and mother to an 8-year-old powerhouse, Jackson Matsumura.

My professional life has taken some turns I could never have predicted at Carleton. By the time I got to the dissertation stage in my graduate studies, I realized that I needed to bring my undergraduate major in English back into my scholarship, so I wrote my dissertation on musical interpretations of English poetry in Renaissance England. A year later, in 1976, I received an Andrew Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and returned to New York to continue my studies with music and poetry of the 19th and 20th centuries. Following that year—at a time when academic jobs were scarce—I went to Western Michigan University (WMU) in Kalamazoo, MI, to assume a one-year position in the Music Department. When the year was up, and no suitable job in musicology was in sight, I started teaching freshman composition in the English Department at WMU, and also giving piano lessons, working in the Music Library and editing manuscripts for Medieval Institute Publications, also located at WMU. I managed to persuade the English Department that I was okay, and eventually I secured a tenure track position there, gained tenure and moved through the ranks, teaching Literature and Other Arts, Shakespeare, Renaissance Poetry, and various other courses, through a 14-year teaching career.

In about 1990, I began doing administrative work as Director of the Graduate Programs in the English Department. It was in that first encounter with the non-teaching side that I learned that a good administrator can also have a very significant impact on students, whether it’s cutting through the bureaucracy to get them help or designing new programs to meet their needs. I eventually became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at WMU, and held that position until 2003 when I moved to Charleston, South Carolina, to become Provost at the College of Charleston. I retired from the College in 2010 and now live, with my husband, on beautiful Seabrook Island, about 20 miles from Charleston.
Craig Olson: Two days after graduation I was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Nava I Reserve, and two days after that I reported for duty aboard the USS Forrestal, an aircraft carrier based in Norfolk, Virginia. You can probably imagine that the rapid transition from college student to naval officer was not without its humorous moments. Upon completion of my service in 1968 I enrolled in graduate school at the University of Minnesota in Educational Policy and Administration. Abby Ross ('67) and I were married in 1969 while we were both in graduate school. In 1971 we moved to Red Wing, a small city on the Mississippi, about 50 miles southeast of St. Paul, where I began my career as an administrator in the school system. Red Wng has remained our home for nearly 43 years. Our son, Jess, was born in 1972, followed by Laura in 1976. Jess is married and lives and works in St. Paul. He and his wife have two daughters, ages 11 and 13, whom we see fairly often. Our daughter, on the other hand, lives and works in the UK, about 45 miles northwest of London. She married a British citizen and she and her husband have two boys, ages 4 and 7. While we don't get to see them as often as our Minnesota grandchildren, we see them at least twice a year on extended visits.

Most of my career was spent in education, although I also worked a few years in human resources. I spent the last 10 years of my career working with emotionally disturbed teenage boys at a residential treatment facility in Rochester, Minnesota.

I enjoy biking, canoeing, and camping, though an arthritic knee has slowed me down in recent years. However, a new knee, acquired in February, has given me hope for a more active future.

I'm looking forward to the reunion—to seeing old friends from long ago as well as getting acquainted with some I didn't know so well when we were students. I hope to see you there.

Carol Aldrich Pfeiffer: Immediately after graduating from Carleton I married Steve Pfeiffer from the Carleton Class of ’62. I joined him in St. Louis where I completed course work for an MA and PhD in sociology at Washington U. There was a brief move to Boston where I finished my dissertation and Steve was a postdoc. We then moved to Connecticut in 1969 where Steve took a position as neuroscientist at the University of Connecticut. In 1970 we bought a home on an acre of land where I still live and can enjoy my hobbies of gardening, knitting and reading.

While raising our three daughters I worked part-time teaching and doing program evaluations for federally funded programs. After returning in 1977 from a sabbatical in Paris, I joined the U Conn Health Center as a program evaluator and taught interviewing skills to medical students. In 1987 I founded and became director of a Clinical Skills Assessment Program. We began by providing “standardized patients” on whom medical students could practice skills and procedures. Now our client base is state-wide and includes medical and dental students, fellows, residents and nurse practitioners.

Two of my daughters are Carleton grads. Julie from the Class of ’89 is an English professor in Roanoke VA and Shaili from the Class of ’95 is a hydrogeologist with the DNR in Madison WI. Carin graduated from Earlham in ’92 and is an elementary school teacher in Westport CT. I also have nine grandchildren. Unfortunately Steve died in 2007.

I enjoy serving on the 50th Reunion Outreach Committee and look forward to reconnecting with many of you in June 2015.

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Dan Turnquist: I went from Carleton directly to the Kellogg School, Northwestern, where I got my MBA in 1967. I went into the U.S. State Department as a Foreign Service Officer, which is what I did for the next 35 plus years before retiring in 2001, a good year to get out. I had nine overseas assignments in Guadalajara, Guatemala, Managua, Caracas, Stockholm, Paris, Brussels (the EU Mission), Bonn, and London. Most of that time I served as the officer responsible for Labor and Social Affairs, which involves the interface between the U.S. Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration and its foreign counterparts and the trade union movement as a political and economic player and industrial relations which involved dealing with both employers and the trade unions.

In preparation for serving as a labor officer, the State Department sent me to Harvard for a year and I married my Mexican girlfriend, Carolina, in the chapel on Harvard Yard in 1974. I also spent a year and a half in Washington in the number two labor position in the Department of State. I learned four foreign languages: Spanish, French, Swedish, and German at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington. I spent my last three years in the Foreign Service as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Altogether, a wonderful career, especially the over twenty years of living in Europe, and I have no regrets.

In retirement we split the year between our houses in Centennial, Wyoming and Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. I volunteer at the Library and Museum in Centennial, which is thirty miles west of Laramie at the foot of the Snowy Range. I also hike, canoe, hunt, fish, and ride horses, or at least I did prior to my heart attack and bypass surgery in August. I hope to return to most of these activities once I am completely recovered. In Guadalajara I am active in the American Society. I am active in book groups in both Centennial and Guadalajara and I also serve on the Library Board and the Board of our neighborhood association in Centennial.

We enjoy visitors in both Guadalajara and Centennial.