

# Carleton College 1966 50th Reunion Newsletter

## RATIONALE FOR FURTHER READING.

1. A draft of some of the elements of the proposed schedule for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is provided.
2. A chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to either Bill's Pizza or the Carleton Bookstore.
3. Do you remember the Fall issue of *Vogue* Magazine and its coverage of Carleton?
4. A simple pill solved one classmate's problem with elevation.
5. Featured picture: Flora & Fauna of Sichuan.



For the 33<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Carleton hosted the community craft and custodial bake sale in the Weitz Center. A dual example of Carleton giving to the community and students. More than 75% of the custodial staff at CC give to the CC Custodial Scholarship. Funds from the event to the left also go to the CCCS!



## Content

1. In 1962, the fall issue of *Vogue* Magazine ran a four-page spread on Carleton College and St. Olaf. Two classmates from 1966 were featured.
2. Some elements of a draft program for Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19, 2016. Specific 1966 functions are indicated either by color sections or by underlining.
3. Since November 1, 2015, there have been over 50 new storybook submissions. An economic-based rationale for exploring all of the stories (111) is provided.
4. During the summer of 1959, one of our classmates collapsed on a tatami mat in a hut on the side of Mt. Fuji.
5. Sichuan Province is rich in biodiversity; a few pictures celebrate this diversity.

# 1966 Carleton Reunion Tentative Schedule

## Thursday, June 16

All-day: Recreation Center, Gould Library, and Bookstore are open.

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: Special, voluntary program for the CLASS of 1966.

Courage and Renewal Workshop, Advanced registration will be required.

Class Organizer: Dorothy Broom

DESCRIPTION: Whatever a person's life work has been, whether paid or unpaid, by the time of a 50th college reunion, the focus is very likely to be shifting. Scaling back or retiring releases the pressures of a busy career, but it can also raise questions about purpose, meaning and identity. As we age and people we love and admire die, we face questions about our own mortality and what we want to leave behind.

This session on the theme of 'legacy' is designed to give people some quieter time in the midst of the hubbub of reunion to spend a little while considering what they want to be handing on to the rising generations. Using poetry or images as starting points, participants will be invited to reflect inwardly, to listen for the voice of the inner teacher. Designed for those of any faith and none, we will do things individually, in pairs or triads, and in the whole group: 'a community of solitudes.' No one will be pressured to participate in any aspect they do not choose. Hopefully, it will afford opportunities to learn something new about oneself and perhaps about a classmate or two. (If you keep a journal, it would be good to bring it along.)

The session is based on the practices and principals of Courage & Renewal developed by Parker J. Palmer (Carleton, 1961), an approach to reconnecting with one's deepest values and finding the courage to embody those values. (This is a 'taster', giving people a brief experience of what happens in Courage & Renewal retreats. I am a Courage & Renewal facilitator.) (<http://www.couragerenewal.org>)

3:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Registration open, residence halls open.

3:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Class of 1966 Check-in at Watson Hall

5:15 pm to 6:30 pm: Class of 1966 Reception at the Weitz Center for Creativity's Atrium

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm: Class of 1966 special dinner with President Poskanzer

8:00 pm: Premiere of Bob McFadden's play on the life of Thorstein Veblen

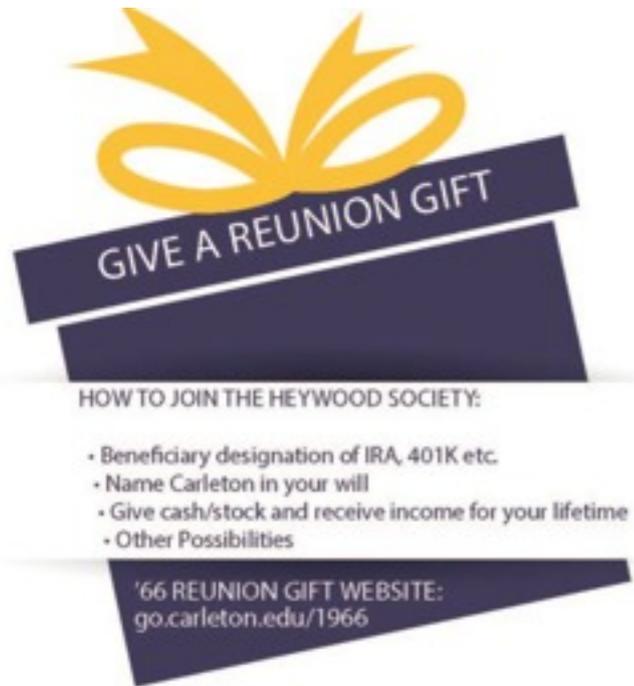
## Friday, June 17 through Sunday June 19

- A bird walk with Abby Nichols
- Panel and discussion on climate change
- 50th Reunion music recital
- "Making the Man in the Moon" with Pete Schultz
- Reflections on Careers
- Panel and discussion on Medical Advances and Issues of Aging
- Daily dinners with our favorite faculty members
- Oral History for the Carleton Archives
- Memorial Service with Bonnie Wheaton (Sunday, 9 am)
- Many opportunities to gather informally with classmates and catch up!

**More information on the Program will be forthcoming.** Remember to check out our [50th Reunion Web Page](#) for the latest photographs, stories, and news.

## Reunion Information

Everyone should have received a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Look-Back Issue of *The Carletonian*. Paul Grawe began on this project almost a year ago, first by reading on-line all of *The Carletonians* published during the period September 1962 to June 1966 (available in the archives), then getting a sense of some year-to-year themes as well as single important events during a year, reviewing his findings with others, and then assembling a draft, having it reviewed and revised, and then having a final copy



printed and sent to all members of '66. Staff in the library and in the alumni office provided significant help to him. I found myself reading this version likely more carefully than I did many of the original issues.

Many of you responded to the deadline associated with the Story Book or Biostories. When Issue #9 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Newsletter went to press, there were 57 published

stories. Now there are 111, almost a doubling. I have read them all and what is most remarkable to me is the wonderful diversity of outcomes and paths to those outcomes. Clearly many have been hit with trage-

**Please also do not forget the Heywood Membership Challenge. Each new membership will result in a \$5066 contribution from Martha Hulings Kaemmer to the College to support students. Deadline is December 31!**

dies, but there also stories of deep satisfaction with one's life. Very worthwhile reading.

I can recommend that you consider reading them, though you may be quite busy. So how about an incentive? Below you will find a series of questions and names. You must match the name to the question (reading the stories is one way of completing this task). The first person to send either all the correct answers or the greatest number of correct answers (must be greater than 50% of the total questions) by 5 pm PST January 22, 2016, will receive a \$25.00 gift certification to either Bill's Pizza in Northfield or the Carleton Bookstore (winner's choice). Email

your answers to [hinckley@uw.edu](mailto:hinckley@uw.edu). The questions as well as the names of possible candidate classmates follow. The number of classmates listed does not equal the number of questions. Start reading!

### Questions:

1. An initial graduate background in Regional Planning, led which classmate to the head of a start-up?
2. Who was in both the Peace Corps and Vista?
3. Identify at least two classmates who either did not appreciate or whose academic path was altered by Professor Richard Ramette.
4. Whose father never got over their offspring's decision to go to a school in the Midwest that none of the father's friends had every heard of?
5. Who wrote a history of the Swinomish Tribal Community?
6. Who thinks they are becoming a socialist?
7. Who recently got a black belt?
8. What does the notable sign just outside of Northfield say? Who got a job based on their knowledge of the content of this sign?
9. Who was very close when the Pentagon was hit by Flight 77 on September 11, 2001?
10. Who spent 5 summers on the Yukon and Mackenzie River?
11. What couple discovered each other two weeks before graduation?
12. There is a group of Carleton graduates from our class (also from the class of 1964) who live or work or both in Davis, California. Name three:
13. Who continues honing their bridge skills?
14. Who held the key to the 4th Missile Command in Korea?
15. Who continues to hold a strong interest in filamentous green algae?
16. Who has run a salt water fishing charter business?
17. Name three of our classmates who have become involved with the wine industry.
18. Tie breaker: What Carleton grad stars in the movie 'Meru'?

**Potential Names to Consider:** Bork Borst, Karen (Lippert) Buxton, Eric Carlson, Bill Craig, Buzz Duane, Michael Freeman, Dale Fuller, Mike Gordy, Harry Heckathorn, Joan (Hildebrandt) Higinbotham, Arline (Roller) Hinckley, Daniel Jepsen, Kathy (Brown) Kemper, David Lillesand, Linda (Jones) McKee, Tom Merritt, Marilyn (Arneson) Moyle, Gail Nichols, Marvin Pollock, Al Pratt, Nat (Leberg) Roberts, Karen (Graff) Scholnick, Helene (McClure) Sedwick, Charlotte (Boucheron) Smith, Craig Smith, Jay Stroud, Jon Watterson, Peggy (Day) Watterson, Ruth Yeomans.

### Carleton Then

Little did most of us realize that two of our classmates, as well as two from St. Olaf, were featured in the Fall 1962 issue of *Vogue Magazine*. Here is how *Vogue* framed the four-page spread under the title ‘Campus scoops: night brights’.

“In Northfield, Minnesota, two disparate colleges rub elbows—Carleton with its New England air. Saint Olaf with its Norwegian ambiance. Common denominator for both: a dazzling passel of Rhodes scholars and Fulbright winners. Common denominator on all campuses this winter: dresses that brighten the night.” The value of the dresses ranged from \$24 to \$40 and the shoes were \$15. Going on line and looking at the last issue of *Vogue*, clearly the topics, prices, and emphases have changed greatly. Given the prices advertised by Burlington Coat Factory, Ross, or Target, \$25



will still gets you clothes. I was surprised *Vogue* didn’t focus on the back to the library or back to the church chant at the annual Carleton - St. Olaf football game. (Thanks to Linda [Nelson] Blaisdell who was

cleaning out old files and found this issue.) New England Air and Norwegian ambiance?

### Nemesis of a Want-a-be Mountaineer: Story by Tom Hinckley

It would seem that four things might quickly end one’s wishes to be a mountaineer: (1) hating the outdoors, (2) not wanting to be physically or psychologically uncomfortable, (3) fear of heights, and (4) chronic elevation sickness. I love the outdoors; I appear to be able to endure physical and psychological discomfort; I don’t appear to have a fear of heights; and ....

In late July 1959, I was in Japan (father stationed there) and, with two Japanese high-school students, I attempted to hike to the top of Mt. Fuji (3776 m). By mid-afternoon, we had reached the 8th station



Summit success. Hiking outfits not provided by either REI or Target.

(~3100 m) and I had a terrible headache, was disoriented and nauseated. I immediately collapsed and fell asleep on a tatami mat. Five hours later, the headache and nausea were gone and I was up. We made it to the summit (3776 m) by sunrise the next day. I had no idea why I had felt the way I had.

A week after the end of spring quarter junior year, a graduate student from UCLA and I were climbing Mt. Morrison (3731 m, near Mammoth, California) and I got a bad headache as we summited. I assumed it was the bright sun on snow. Food did not sound good either. After descending some 600 or 700 meters, the headache got better. Although later that summer, I reached 4009, 4343 and 4421 m and had

no headaches, I began to appreciate that I might be very sensitive to elevation. This did not stop me from joining Fred Bagley, John Webster, and perhaps others in making application during our senior year at Carleton to the National Geographical Society to sponsor us on a climb of Mt. McKinley. Not to be realized pipe dream.



In May 1971, just prior to leaving Washington for our first jobs in Missouri, Arline and I decided to climb Mt. Hood (3429 m) with a group of friends. I was non-functional on the summit as the picture to the right illustrates. Three years later, Arline, two friends, and I decided to climb Mt. Rainier (4392 m). I was in probably the best condition of my life (was running almost 100 km

per week) and, about ten days earlier, we had summited without difficulty Teewinot (3757 m) in the Tetons. We drove from Seattle (35 m) to Paradise (1600 m) and spent the night at 3105 m. Just after leaving on the trail from Paradise, there was a temporary station where a doctor administered a questionnaire about one's previous experiences with elevation sickness and took pulse, pressure, and examined one's retinas. Under clear skies and the full array of stars, we started for the summit around 2:30 am. Looking and feeling worse that the picture for Mt. Hood, I was left at 6:30 am at 4230 m. Arline and colleagues collected me on the way down. Although I was very proud of Arline's accomplishment, I was really discouraged. When the doctor re-examined me on the way out, he noted that the veins in the back of my eye were now much more tortuous (Morris, D.S. and 7 co-authors. 2006. The eye at altitude. *Adv. Exp. Med. Biol.* 588: 249 – 270.). Discouraged, I finally asked him what one can one do about this and he recommended Diamox (acetazolamide).

With Diamox as part of my first aid kit, Arline and I successfully climbed in 1975 Mt. Blanc (4810 m) and the Matterhorn (4478 m). Arline did these without Diamox.

Matt, our son, two of his friends, and I climbed Mt. Rainier in 1996 (Matt ['01] and I used Diamox). Some six years later, Matt and Beth Anderson ('01) with two other Carls climbed Mt. Rainier without using Diamox. Like me, Matt did not make it. In 2011, I went on a trek to the Khumbu region of Nepal where I took Diamox daily and spent nine nights higher than the summit of Mt. Rainier and reached elevations of



October 28, 2011. Going from Gokyo over Renjo La in the Khumbu Region of Nepal. Sitting below a small pinnacle some 25 m above the pass.

5643, 5420, and 5385 m during the trek. I had no day- or night-time symptoms of elevation sickness! I wished I had figured this out earlier.

I am now sufficiently familiar with elevation sickness to know that diamox as an aid to elevation sickness is like aspirin and headaches. It does not substitute for acclimation, it can wear off quickly, and it might fail to work. One must be aware of the symptoms of elevation sickness and respond appropriately and rapidly if possible.



Flora, fauna, and prayer flags seen in the mountains of Sichuan Province, China



In a subsequent newsletter, you will learn why three Carleton graduates (1) failed to read this sign, (2) ignored the sign, and (3) tried to talk the children of another family into also not obeying this sign.