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Class of 1968
Reunion Committee

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Here we are turning Social Security’s full retirement age. Some of us have been retired for a while, some are taking the plunge now and others have decided to work a bit longer. It’s a good time to reconnect with our past, consider how it got us here and imagine where it will send us in the future. What better venue than our 45th Carleton reunion June 20-23, 2013?

As we began planning, the theme we came up with was: 1968 – Circling Back and Moving Forward. We came to Carleton in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement and after John F. Kennedy’s assassination. As we neared graduation the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy once again shook society. During our four years in between, the Vietnam War escalated, war protests ensued and draft deferments would no longer be allowed for graduate study. Then, as we were moving on to whatever was next in our lives, the tumultuous Democratic Convention in Chicago occurred.

Our year was significant enough to inspire several books and a museum retrospective and it affected us deeply, though being immersed in it, we may not have considered exactly how. That’s what we want to do together on campus – reflect, discuss, focus, and learn.

What was important to us then? What is important to each one of us now? Health care? The election in 2012? Climate change? We want your input on what you would like to hear discussed. What kind of playful activities would you like? Please let us know and we’ll try to include it. You can contact Stefanie Herrick in the Alumni Relations office at sherrick@carleton.edu with ideas by November 1.

Remember how much changed in our four years – women’s hours, drinking in the dorms, the opening of Watson Hall…? Come be amazed at how the campus and the whole Carleton experience has changed. President Poskanzer, in sharing with us his vision for the future of the College, even considered doing some substantive things with St. Olaf!

Please don’t skip your 45th reunion waiting for the 50th. Life is uncertain, and our demographic has never been willing to wait. You won’t be able to do everything possible at one reunion, so you’ll want to come back for the 50th as well. The faculty we knew are no longer teaching but some are still around who may not be available in another five years.

The only thing that’s ever disappointing about Reunion is the people you wanted to see who didn’t come. So, please send in an update for our online bio book (instructions enclosed), and indicate your intention to attend Reunion. Encourage the people you especially want to see to join us on campus in June.

We also have the opportunity to nominate our classmates by November 15 for the Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement and Exceptional Service Awards. Nomination information is available at www.go.carleton.edu/AlumniAwards. Please contact the Alumni Relations office with any questions.

We hope to see you in June!