“BEFORE I CAN TELL MY LIFE WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH IT, I MUST LISTEN TO MY LIFE TELLING ME WHO I AM.”

...and... the survey says...
The ‘76 Committee met in August to plan our 40th Reunion, which will occur on June 16-19, 2016. We made several key decisions at the outset:

- Offer an extraordinary program. A simple formula for success: great people plus a three-day party equals something worth doing every five years;
- Set our goals very high for attendance – and peg participation rates and Class Gift in line with the Class of ‘76’s track record of leadership; and
- Find the perfect balance between “Planned Events” and “Time to Chill”.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Class of ‘76 has traditionally been generous with our gifts, and well-represented in the leadership of the College. We decided to change the practice of dividing the Planning Committee into halves – Program (i.e., fun) and Gift (i.e., buzz-killer), because this reunion marks the beginning of the run-up to our 50th Reunion gift.

This is a time of real financial challenge for Carleton, and the gifts that matters most are your involvement and making sure your voice gets heard. Nothing would help more than showing up in June and taking a fresh cut on what it takes to have Carleton earn your support.

As shown by the chart, we have set aggressive but reasonable goals – with our primary objectives focusing on getting classmates to re-engage (% of attendance) and broadening the base of giving (% of participation).

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### LOGISTICS:

Registration opens March 1 on Carleton’s website: go.carleton.edu/reunion

Everyone should take advantage of the early sign-up by April 20, 2016. If you register promptly, you will have the best chance of being housed with our class in Cassat Hall – one of the newly-built dorms on the East side (next to Myers) and home base for ‘76 during reunion.

For early sign-up, you will also receive a free copy of Parker Palmer’s (’61) best-selling book (Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation), which will serve as the text for a panel discussion on Friday morning.

Palmer’s observation, “We are whiplashed between an arrogant overestimation of ourselves and a servile underestimation of ourselves,” seems like a perfect start-off for a bunch of 62-year old Carls to renew the conversation about where we’ve been (and where we still want to go).

### PARKER PALMER PANEL DISCUSSION:

We have invited Kimberly Betz ’91, from Carleton’s Career Center, and Trustee Dorothy Broom ’66, to join us in discussing Parker Palmer’s work. Parker wrote (Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation) immediately after his 40th Carleton reunion, arguing that 62-years-old is a water-shed time in a person’s life.

Dottie Broom is an active lecturer, teacher, researcher, and writer at Australian National University, and has been at the forefront of the women’s health movement, fighting against health inequalities and investigating the social dimensions of health and illness. In her work, she has collaborated with Parker Palmer in understanding mid-life issues and the path to enlightenment.

Kim Betz has returned to Carleton to help current students chart a course in the world. Both of these distinguished alums are anxious to share their perspectives (in a panel discussion moderated by Duane Schrader) and listen to the class explore our own journeys to vocation.

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER BABI AND GENO WITH THE R FACTOR AT THE GRAND:

20 years ago, with the help of Conquest and an unexpected June thunderstorm, the Class of ’76 turned a sleepy Division Street sandwich shop into Harlem’s Apollo Theatre and staged the best reunion party of all time.

We’ve lost the incomparable Babi Floyd and the make-it-happen spirit of Geno Saffold since our last reunion but, in their memory, we’ve booked the Twin Cities’ best 12-piece, black-tie performance band to play three sets of great music guaranteed to get us on our feet and back to the future.

Carleton has arranged the perfect venue for us, and The Grand will be serving an exceptional meal. After dinner, the tables will be cleared, the bar stations re-stocked, and The R Factor will play set lists that no iPhone can — including a middle set dedicated to the music of Babi Floyd and Conquest.

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### CAPTURE THE FLAG ACROSS CAMPUS:

Meg Roggensack single-handedly called out a challenge to the other classes to engage in a Capture the Flag contest on Saturday afternoon in the Arb. We will show our true mettle and ever-ready spirit after a night of dancing, the Parade of Classes, the Convocation, and the C-Club Hall of Fame luncheon.

### THE HILL OF THREE OAKS BONFIRE:

The Class of ’76 will take the Hill on Saturday night to have one last time to enjoy an Arb bonfire and plan to meet again in five years.