Top 10 Program Ideas to Consider

1) “Beyond the Job”—presentation open to all classes followed by class-only discussion
2) Dramatic Arts Program featuring classmates
3) Medical Advances (including end of life issues)
4) Our Era at Carleton
   a. Radical Lives
   b. The Other Path
5) Spiritual Paths
6) Leave space for an upcoming “popular interest” event of 2016
7) Exploring Passions and Obsessions
8) The Magic of Teaching and Learning (Education)
9) Guided Tour of the Arboretum/Bird Walk
10) Potential Tour of Northfield

We will consider these as our top brainstormed ideas from the fall meeting and take input from the results of the class survey. We will revisit these ideas at our spring meeting in 2015.

All other brainstormed ideas from our initial conversations are included below

1) We also would like to have a musical program “Amateur Hour” for one of our class dinners, possibly followed by a sing-a-long
2) We would like to think of ways to connect with each other during our class dinners, thinking of freshman year floors/halls, majors, and other ways we identified at Carleton
3) We will continue our tradition of honoring our classmates at a Sunday morning gathering at Leighton

Class Survey with Marcy

- Poll class to see what they would like to do, see, and give to at the 50th
- Each committee should come up with 3-5 questions to be sent to the class
  - Two part survey, part one is anonymous, part two is identified
- Dan will help Marcy with survey cover letter
- Peggy will refine questions for Marcy by Thanksgiving with feedback from committee
Brainstorming Ideas

Daniel

- attended 45th, enjoyed it
  - improve program for class dinners
    - make more reminiscent oriented, what it was like to be at Carleton when we were there
    - have tables divided by first-year floors
      - nostalgia quiz on things about Carleton (was bill’s pizza better than safari? who won rottblatt in 68? etc)
  - discuss era of our time at Carleton
  - interesting time in history with the draft
  - bring back floor shirts (288)
  - communal arts display (both movement/music/physical pieces)

Mimi

- what is happening now at carleton?
  - how have our lives and careers change
  - what impact can we make on students today?
    - faculty interest
    - student life
  - look to the future--what are our dreams?
    - how can we help the college?

Pete

- What are our pathways?
  - how have we gotten to where we are now?
- Passions/Obsessions
  - what are we doing when we're not "making a living"
    - ex. collecting cameras have become an object through which we can explore history
    - "objects are windows"
- Art hidden in things we do everyday
  - carleton experience affects the way that we see things
    - shared experience of how people use items and say how it interfaces with their Carleton experience
- What would the US be like without the tradition of giving?
Lawrie

- Who hasn't come back after Carleton?
  - program on "is there hope at all?"
  - sometimes things like this are too "rah rah"
  - need a serious event, reflecting on where we are
- What are our passions outside of our work?
  - includes people that don't feel like they've accomplished a lot
  - some passions are more interesting than their career
  - find way to be inclusive and have a lot of people involved, not just a few
- Reunions of majors

We don't need to appeal to "bragging rights" type of event goers. We want everyone to come back and share in time with each other.

Let's get people back from Minneapolis

Karen

- Hear from people who have done more "radicalization" types of things
  
  - what have their pathways been?
  - How have we become change agents in our lives? How can we continue to do that?

Martha

- Carleton College's role and change
  
  - attitudes of how dept. are working together
    - ex. weitz center

Bill

- Medical advances
  
  - Buzz can talk about farts
- Insiders look at the entertainment industry
  
  - Barry Osbourne, Bill (film producer)
- Bring photos to share with others
- What are you doing now?
  
  - volunteer services
  - round table, go around the room
Ann
- hearing from current faculty

Peggy
- pick odd facts that people are doing/who do you know that _____?
  - focus on unusual things that people are doing
  - Carleton's impact
- how many people are doing something in arts
  - creating, moving, etc
  - how can we encourage people to share their experiences

Larry
- thinking back about what we did in our careers
  - get together informally and have discussions about what people did in their similar career fields
    - Educators/professors--something on working with kids
      - we did something similar for the 45th
  - people can share stories about their lives
  - how to have a more meaningful retirement
    - how we assimilate wisdom in our lives
  - meditation
  - how are we doing spiritually/what do you still dream of doing

Arline
- Medical advances
  - combine on a panel with end of life issues
  - palliative care
- Value of volunteering
  - physical benefits (longevity, less mortality, less depression)
  - paying it forward (mental and physical growth)
    - relates to how to have a better retirement
- Poster sessions
  - like at conferences
  - could this incorporate more ideas?
- solicit posters from people who are not on the committees
  - best thing about Carleton, etc.

End of life area (Judy)
Reunions of majors
Music program--Pear and Mimi play piano, Jenny Logan plays viola, Bob White
Jazz band performed at 45th during the Reunion carnival

All-Class recital?
Class band
What good is a philosophy major