

#### Reminder:

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries and Treasurers Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Please respond and complete the annual report forms by March 30! RSVP for the AHCCS&T annual meeting. Every Class Secretary and Treasurer is asked to complete an annual report each year. The completion of these reports is vital for the Association to provide continued support to you and your classmates. Each annual report is read carefully so that classes can be assisted on an individual basis. Thank you to the 60+ people who have already submitted their annual report! Submissions are due on March 30.

# Class Spotlight

#### **Gregory Downes & Ruth Scott, Secretaries '61**

This June, the Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1961 is planning an independently organized, in-person "Celebration" to be held in Cambridge. The Celebration will be after Harvard's Commencement Week and Harvard's Reunions Week, and will be from Tuesday, June 8, through Friday, June 11, at the Hyatt Regency

Hotel in Cambridge. The schedule includes a reception, memorial service, House-by-House dialogues, dinners and lunches, a choral concert, and the presentation of the Class's Sixtieth Reunion Gift to Harvard: the restoration of the three Pitman Dioramas and the associated video.

#### Rod Kessler, Secretary '71

As the Class of '71 prepares for its postponed 50th gathering in June, members are busy completing the latest edition of its traditional (anonymous) reunion survey. Here are some random questions: On a scale from 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with your career? If you are still in the workforce, why? What advice would you give your younger self regarding money? Have you drafted your obituary? How often do you look at social media sites? Should Harvard continue to use race and ethnicity as a factor in admissions? What in your life has been most gratifying? The session revealing survey results always proves well attended and highly regarded.

Thank you for sharing your class activity and engagement! If you have news to share, submit to the Class Spotlight for the next issue of the newsletter!

# Volunteer Resources

## Show Your Harvard Pride with a Virtual Zoom Background!

Many Schools and departments around the University have created Harvard-themed Zoom virtual backgrounds. Check out these photos, download them to your computer, and add them in Zoom as a virtual background. Additional Zoom resources can be found here.

Please view the <u>Officers Lounge website</u> to view other resources, such as <u>AHCCS&T minimum standards</u>, <u>non-reunion event support</u>, <u>Class</u>

website toolbox and Partnered Class Treasury Administration Program information.

# HAA and University Updates

## **College Alumni Programs Team Staffing Update:**

We bid farewell to **Liz Ballard AB '99** as she leaves her role as director of College Alumni Programs on March 10. Liz joined the CAP team in May of 2019 as senior associate director of the former College Alumni Engagement team. In March 2020 she was promoted to her current position following a reorganization of the CAP team and the merging of the former College Reunions and College Alumni Engagement teams. During the COVID-19 pandemic Liz led the CAP team's transition to a temporarily fully virtual reunion and engagement model. Prior to joining the HAA, Liz worked for twenty years in annual fundraising, holding positions at Dexter Southfield, the Harvard College Fund, Park School, and Concord Academy. She has decided to take a break from professional commitments and focus on her young family.

We are thrilled to welcome **Andrew Vincent AB '13, EdM '21** back to the CAP team as assistant director, starting on February 28. Andrew joins us from the Harvard Kennedy School, where since February 2019 he has served as events and outreach coordinator for the Institute of Politics. Andrew's joining the team is a true homecoming, as many AA&D colleagues and volunteers are likely to remember Andrew as our former CAP staff assistant from April 2016 to February 2019. Andrew's skills and experience make him perfectly suited to his new role on the CAP team. He will be working with Classes from 1972 to 1991.

We wish **Kim Delehanty** well as she transitions in March to her new role as assistant director, Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) within the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA). We are grateful for Kim's many contributions to the CAP team and are pleased that she will stay within the HAA family. In her new role, Kim will partner with independent, alumni-led Harvard Clubs and Shared

Interest Groups (SIGs) to strengthen their volunteer leaders and communities. She will serve as the primary liaison to a subset of communities, supporting their growth across leadership development, governance, organizational capacity, inclusion and belonging, programming, communication, service and connection to Harvard. Congratulations, Kim!

The Class Report Office welcomes **Jackie Delaney** to their distinguished team of editors. Jackie grew up in northern New Jersey and received her BA in English from The College of New Jersey. Prior to joining the HAA, she worked as an assistant editor for sociology books at Princeton University Press. In this two-year term position, Jackie will aid in the editing and administration of our cherished Red Book tradition. Her first day of work was February 22. Welcome, Jackie!

Elizabeth Strods joined the CAP team as the new Coordinator in December. We are thrilled to have her on board! Elizabeth is taking over the role that Abby Hutton held until this past August when she was promoted to the assistant director position. Elizabeth joined us from Arlington Public Schools, where she served as a learning specialist. She obtained a BS from Cornell University and a MEd in special education from Lesley University. As coordinator, Elizabeth supports the College Alumni Programs team with our non-reunion class engagement, including the Crimson Society, AHCCS&T, Student-Alumni Engagement Committee, and Recent Graduate Engagement Committee. Elizabeth will also work closely with the Class Secretaries and Treasurers, activities chairs, and website coordinators, and will manage Senior Desk.

## Looking ahead to the spring...

#### Class of 2022 Commencement

We are excited to celebrate the Class of 2022 in person on Thursday, May 26, 2022! New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern will be the principal speaker. The Commencement will be streamed at harvard.edu/live.

Delayed Commencement for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 Sunday, May, 29, 2022, at 8 a.m., we will gather to celebrate the Classes of

2020 and 2021. The Commencement will be streamed at harvard.edu/live. For more information, please visit the **2020 and 2021 Commencement webpage**.

## Harvard Alumni Day, June 3, 2022

This year, the former Annual Meeting (also formerly referred to as the "Afternoon Program") will take place on June 3. We are excited to celebrate Harvard Alumni Day by gathering again in the Tercentenary Theater. Join us for the Alumni Procession, festive attire, and the new tradition of alumni speakers. It's sure to be a celebration you won't want to miss!

Make sure to save the date to join us as we honor the accomplishments of Harvard's vibrant alumni community!

# Want to learn more about the planning process for Harvard Alumni Day?

**Check out this report from the Happy Committee Working Group!** 

The group worked to..

- Review the purpose, pomp and circumstance, and traditions that are part of Harvard Commencement and the Annual Meeting of the HAA
- Consider how the Happy Committee and the HAA can create new traditions and honor existing traditions in the new format of the HAA Annual Meeting
- Propose recommendations for the HAA Executive Committee to consider that will be meaningful to our alumni and volunteers

Their report includes key findings and recommendations for the HAA. Thank you, Happy Committee Working Group, for your dedication!

#### In Memoriam

Please join us in honoring the Association member we have lost since the last publication of *Quill and Key*, this past December:

Warren "Renny" Little '55, Secretary

#### **New Members**

Please offer a warm welcome to the new Association member that has joined us since the last publication of *Quill and Key*, this past December:

• Mary Louise "Loulie" Kent '66, Treasurer

For additional information, and assistance, please visit the Officers Lounge or contact College Alumni Programs

(haa collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu).

We highly encourage you to <u>submit content for the next issue of Quill and</u>
<u>Key</u>. Thank you for your service and dedication to your class!