
Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries & Treasurers



Happy New Year! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

The AHCCS&T annual report forms are now live! Every Class Secretary and Treasurer is asked to complete an annual report each year. The completion of these reports is vital in order 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. This year's annual report submissions are due on Thursday, April 8. [Click here to complete your annual report!](#)

Additionally, save the date for the 121st Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries and Treasurers Annual Meeting! This year's meeting will be held virtually on April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a 30-minute break at 12:30 p.m. We will be in touch in the coming weeks with additional information!

Class Spotlight

Joe Bain (1945 Secretary): We have about 70 classmates left, so it's easy to assemble and maintain full details of conversations, personal items, and family members for future contacts. "Know your prospect" is essential. News items and obituaries are shared with members of the Class. Having this readily available impresses and softens up most potential donors. Our percentage of giving numbers has grown. We had many "lost" and deceased members. Using

reunion books and internet search engines have provided data on the majority.
**Editor's Note: Joe's update touches upon his work both within the HAA and the Harvard College Fund.*

Rod Kessler (1971 Secretary): The Class of '71, as it approaches the 50th anniversary of its Commencement, is enjoying virtual gatherings. While events at the nation's Capitol forced a postponement of a first-ever "Trivia Grand Challenge," we had a lively get-together of one-time social relations concentrators on January 8. Two days later, New England-area Radcliffe classmates met up on Zoom. Philadelphia-area '71ers will share a Zoom lunch on February 11. Later in February, we'll have another pre-reunion symposium, this one on the U.S. economy, with a panel led by Richard Fisher '71, former Federal Reserve Bank chair.

Alex Molnar (1996 Secretary): In preparation for our upcoming virtual 25th Reunion this spring, we have had monthly Zoom class gatherings with various themes such as "Head of the Charles" or "A Capella Concert" or "Reading Period" (highlighting classmate authors) that have been well-attended and truly enjoyable with breakout rooms, contests, and prizes. Our kids committee has helped to create concurrent Zoom sessions for the kids to play games so that the adults can be together on a separate device. Our culture committee has done a lovely job of making these sessions inclusive and low key.

Thank you all 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!**](#)

Virtual Resources

Zoom Resources

Need help downloading Zoom? Looking for steps to join a Zoom meeting? Make sure to view our [**Zoom Resources**](#) page to learn about and maximize the participant features that Zoom offers. You can also download and share our free [**Harvard Zoom Virtual backgrounds**](#). These are helpful links to pass along to your classmates as you host virtual events!

Sending Class Emails

As a member of AHCCS&T, the HAA's College Alumni Programs team offers alumni broadcast email services to you. [Learn about the HAA's email services at the Officers Lounge](#), which outlines the information we need in order to create and send your email, and the guidelines that govern this process.

Class Sites Training Documents

The College Alumni Programs team offers a class website platform to College classes that includes a collection of web tools designed to help class volunteers create and manage website content, photos, documents, and event marketing. The platform also allows you to create and send emails to your classmates. All classes are eligible to use these HAA-provided websites free of charge. These class websites are intended to provide simplistic management functions for volunteers. Check out the [Class Website Toolbox](#) to view the training documents and video!

Please view the [Officers Lounge website](#) to view other resources, such as [AHCCS&T minimum standards](#), [non-reunion event support](#), and [partnered treasury program](#) information.

HAA and University Updates

Debby Smullyan's Retirement

It is with immense and heartfelt gratitude for her long and dedicated service to the University that we announce that Deborah Smullyan AB '72 will retire from her role as editor in the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Class Report Office. While Debby has spent the last 17 years of her career with the HAA, her service to the University has spanned nearly a lifetime. Her accomplishments and contributions are many, and as a gifted writer and editor Debby has used her craft to touch the hearts of thousands of alumni by illuminating the stories of their lives in both the Class Reports and *Harvard Magazine*. Congratulations,

Debby!

Biographical Updates

The HAA is grateful for the important role that each of you plays in your class community. Keeping alumni information up to date helps us better serve you as volunteer leaders and your class. In your outreach, please encourage your classmates to keep their alumni profiles up to date in the Alumni Community (top right tab on <https://alumni.harvard.edu/>). Should you learn the unfortunate news of a classmate's passing, please let the Alumni & Development Services team know at ADS@harvard.edu.

ClassACT Info Session on Wednesday, February 17

ClassACT (Class Achieving Change Together) is a not-for-profit organization, launched in 2013 by a group of Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973 classmates. ClassACT has two mutually reinforcing purposes: service and relationship-building. It brings together HR73 classmates to address important local, national, and international issues by creating and supporting positive change and it stimulates the creation and renewal of rewarding relationships among classmates and with other Harvard classes. ClassACT HR73 has a strong collaborative relationship with HAA. Ten other classes are now involved in discussions with ClassACT about stimulating expanded classmate engagement. Some have developed ClassACT inspired models of their own. An informational meeting to discuss ClassACT concepts with representatives of major Reunion Classes will be held on February 17 at 2:00 p.m. and additional options for presentations to groups of Harvard Clubs are being considered. The collaborating classes and HAA would welcome the interest of any classes that would like to learn more about ClassACT and alternative models. The ClassACT story can be found at www.classacthr73.org. Interested classmates or alumni from other classes may send inquiries to ClassACThr73@gmail.com. **Register in advance for the info session.**

Allston Science and Engineering Complex Update

The Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) is taking the initial steps toward the long-anticipated opening of its new Science and Engineering Complex in Allston. You can read [this Harvard Gazette article](#) for updates and see some sneak peek photos of the complex!

In Memoriam

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

- **Benjamin Soble '47, Secretary**

New Members

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

- 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 **submit content for the next issue of the *Quill and Key***. Thank you for your service and dedication to your class!
