

'51 CARES!

You might remember that in the Sept. 2016 issue of our class newsletter, '51 Fables, the Class announced a new project called '51 CARES and stated that a detailed explanation of the program would be mailed to you this Fall. The record breaking attendance at our 65th Reunion indicated that our Class of 1951 really does CARE.

'51 CARES MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of '51 CARES is increasing communication among classmates and survivors of classmates who wish to enhance the cohesiveness and well-being of the '51 community in its remaining years. At our ages many of us may be experiencing illness or loss and isolation. This project intends to encourage our classmates and widows to identify and reach out to those of us who may be going through hard times. Our mission is to bring a bit of comfort to those of us who might derive some benefit from renewed friendships and emotional support that such contacts from concerned classmates could bring, or just provide an opportunity and incentive to resurrect class friendships that through the passage of time have been forgotten or overlooked.

To get the ball rolling our 17 '51 CARES team members will be making phone calls to classmates and widows just to make contact, renew friendships and see if you need help in contacting old roommates and friends. A strict protocol of privacy, if you wish it, will be observed. But please do not wait for a phone call. Just call at any time. We'd appreciate hearing from you. **The team members and contact information are linked here on an enclosed separate page.** We hope you will post it on your fridge or keep it handy for future use. Already, over 20 of these contacts have been made, including '51 widows, and all parties report delight in the pleasure of reconnection and/or support. If you'd like contact information for a particular '51 friend, any one of the '51 CARES Team Members or Pete Henderson, our class secretary, would be glad to provide it (pandjhenderson@gmail.com 847 905-0635).

Another project the Class is introducing is '51-'86 PEN PALS. We had considerable contact with the Class of 1986 in helping us plan '51 CARES. They have had a similar project called Compassio '86 for the last 10 years. Through these contacts we became friends and wanted to start a relationship between the two classes. Kelley Keller '86 suggested we start an old-style practice of PEN PALS. She emailed 100 of her '86 classmates and 28 replied that they wanted to contact us. They composed brief and interesting bios with contact information. 22 of those bios are included in this mailing. We introduced PEN PALS at our 65th and 6 of us have signed up.

I'm sure that of the 400+ classmates and widows who receive this letter at least 20 will sign up quickly to make sure they get the bio of their choice. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. However, if someone picks your favorite bio before you do you will be given another choice. Just alert Jack Giegerich of your bio choice and the '86 classmate you choose will be contacted. You will be notified when the contact is made. Jack's contact #'s are [610 256-9503](tel:6102569503); giegerichj@comcast.net; 888 W. Valley Rd. Wayne, PA 19087.

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