



### ***Mini-Reunion Update***

Dear Classmate,

### **Announcing the June 1, 2023 Virtual Mini-Reunion!**

Mark your calendars for our next Class of 1961 virtual mini-reunion on **Thursday, June 1**. As usual, we will begin at 11:30 AM Eastern for a half-hour of open mike. The “official” program will begin at noon Eastern, and we will conclude by 3:30 or 4:00 PM Eastern. The program will include two classmate panels plus this year’s four Bosworth awardees from the Dickey Center. We may also have a presentation of the Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award. We will close with a women’s session led by Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, as well as breakout sessions for those not attending the women’s session.

### **Registration is Open!**

Please register today!. As before, we will be using the Zoom platform, there are no fees for attending and we look forward to a high turnout. To register, click on the Registration button below.

**[Registration Button](#)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Classmate Panels

Classmates **Maynard Wheeler** and **David Knuti** will be featured in one of our classmate panels.

**Maynard Wheeler**, like most of the physicians in our Class, had to serve in the USA Uniformed Services during the Vietnam years. After graduating from medical school and getting married, Maynard served with the US Public Health Service in Peru, overseeing the health of the Peace Corps volunteers. Adding to the intensity of this experience was the birth of their first child. Although he did a modest amount of volunteer medical work with the Peruvian community, once he became an Ophthalmologist, Maynard sought out an opportunity to offer more. He returned multiple times in the 1980s as a consultant for international eye care organizations in their work fighting blindness. Out of this he developed lasting relationships in his special field of Pediatric Ophthalmology.



**David Knuti** had multiple careers and an active retirement in Madison, Wisconsin, but throughout he has stayed in touch emotionally with the world of Soviet Communism, Russia, and the broad expanse of Eastern Europe. After learning Russian at the Army Language School, David did a twenty year stint in the Great Society programs, but he sustained his interest through study and travel. In 1974 he entered the field professionally as a CIA Soviet analyst as the empire was collapsing and the difficult transition period was beginning. After joining the Commerce Department in 1996, he worked on developing U.S. trade and a successful economic transition in both Russia and Eastern Europe. He ended his career serving three years in Moscow and another three in Budapest where he promoted these efforts directly. In his talk, David will try to share the personal side of the events he has experienced and people he has met. In conclusion, he will share his anguish at the tragic war that is destroying the progress he thought had been achieved in his work and the aspirations of both Ukrainians and Russians.

