

October, 2020

Dear MHC Class of 1961,

Those of us on your Reunion Committee are beginning to plan for our greatly anticipated 60th Reunion next May 28-29th. We are all looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

In this rapidly changing and uncertain time of the Covid virus, we and the College are trying to decide whether to plan a face-to-face reunion in South Hadley, a virtual reunion on-line, or perhaps a combination of the two. The College's final decision will not be made until early next year but right now they are saying that only alums will be able to attend the 2021 reunions if they are in-person. We cannot bring guests or spouses. Since we want to start our plans now, we need your help!

We are including a brief survey for you to take and send back to us. Or, if you like, you can take it as a Monkey Survey on-line. We would appreciate a quick response.

If we meet on-line, we can do pretty much the same things that we could do in South Hadley. We could have a class meeting, breakout groups with fewer people to discuss a book or anything we choose, entertainment by talented classmates, as well as the casual social interactions which we all love. We could spread it out

over 2 days or so, and you could choose to attend any or all of it.

We could also have a MHC Professor or two help us with our main discussion topic, which we have decided will be Facing Change. If you have been working on Climate Change, Political Change, Life Changes, Changes due to the Pandemic, or know someone who would be a great speaker, please let us know that also. If you are familiar with the faculty, who would you choose to talk about these?

We are hoping to get your survey back in a week's time. So please, fill it out, send it back, or go on Monkey Survey (don't vote twice!!) and help us plan for a terrific 1961 Reunion the end of May!

Thanks so much,

Barbara Freeman Douglass and Sallie Crittendon
60th Reunion Co-Chairs for the Class of 1961

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION SURVEY
THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR 60TH REUNION

1 The college will make a decision about holding on campus reunions in early 2021. Assuming they, and you, consider it safe to return to South Hadley in May 2021, would you attend?

YES NO

2 If an in-person reunion in South Hadley is not possible, or you do not feel safe joining one, would you be interested in attending a virtual on-line reunion in May 2021 instead, with class discussion groups, speakers, and other events over a 2-3 day period for approximately 2 hours/day?

YES NO If yes, do you have zoom/internet/streaming access, or
_____ can you get such access from someone else?

3 Even if an in-person reunion in South Hadley is possible, would you prefer a totally virtual on-line reunion to an in-person one? Two other 2021 reunion classes have already indicated that they might.

YES NO

4 Some have suggested that we might be able to do both, or a so-called “hybrid” format, with a small core group of classmates on campus and others joining in from home to discussions and other events as interested via internet.

Prefer all on-line Prefer “hybrid” partially on-line format

5 The class program committee has chosen “Facing Change” as one of our discussion themes for 2021. Do you or someone you know have expertise and/or experience in aspects of this such as Climate Change, Political Change, Life Changes, etc., and if so, would you or they be willing to be either a speaker or discussion leader at reunion? Do you have any suggestions for notable speakers on this topic that the program committee might ask as a keynoter for our class discussions?

6 Lastly, any brief news tidbits about you and yours that we can pass on to our scribe, Rocki Hill Hughes, for use in an upcoming class column in the Alumnae Quarterly? (Okay to use back side too.)

Please mail or scan & email your response to:

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Or you may take the survey on-line at:

Your name (first/birth/last)
