
Unofficial, Pre-reunion events

(Note: These events are not scheduled or managed by Oberlin College. Classmate volunteers have organized these pre-reunion events for us all to begin celebrating a few days earlier! All events are optional. For more information, see the write up on the class website at [http://www.oberlin69reunion.com/.](http://www.oberlin69reunion.com/))

Wednesday May 22

Afternoon Arrive in Cleveland for Pre-reunion events

6 PM Dinner

Thursday May 23

Day Various events – museums, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, etc.

Evening Baseball Game, Cleveland Orchestra, or ?

Friday May 24

Morning Pre-reunion breakfast at hotel and travel to Oberlin



**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
OF CLASS EVENTS – Events
Subject to Change**

50th REUNION

Updated 4/12/2019

Reunion Headquarters: Kahn Hall, 169 N. Professor St.
The Kahn Hall lounge is available for informal visiting throughout the weekend.
***Indicates events specifically for the Class of 1969 50th Reunion group**

<u>Friday, May 24</u>		
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Refreshments at Class Headquarters* <i>(First official Oberlin reunion event)</i>	Kahn Hall, First Floor Lounge
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Classes of 1969 and 1994 Archives Exhibit <i>(Exhibit will be closed from noon – 1:00 p.m.)</i>	Mudd Center, Goodrich Room (Room 410)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Class of 1969 Service Project* <i>Planning a service project at the Oberlin Public Library.</i>	Oberlin Public Library
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Class of 1969 50th Reunion Kickoff Reception* <i>Come join all the 69ers in attendance for a kickoff meet and greet reception. We'll go through all of what's happening throughout the weekend, have light refreshments as we schmooze with each other, and hope to have a welcome back from a special guest! (The room is open until 6 p.m. for those who don't go to the next two events.)</i>	Stull Recital Hall, Conservatory
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Leadership Donor Reception, hosted by President Carmen Twillie Ambar <i>(This event is by invitation only. Alumni who donated \$1,833 or more during the current fiscal year or are members of the Charles Martin Hall Society will be invited to a gathering that recognizes their generosity toward Oberlin and its students. The event will be hosted by President Ambar and ends promptly at 6:00 p.m.)</i>	The Hotel at Oberlin, Ballroom
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Reunion Choral Sing Rehearsal <i>Rehearsal for the All-Class Reunion Choral Sing, performance on Saturday, May 25. The Brahms 'German Requiem' will be sung in memory of Robert Fountain and the losses to our Obie class families. All reunion attendees, parents, and friends are invited to attend or join in singing.</i>	Rehearsal Room C25, Conservatory
6:30 p.m.	Champagne Social for Alumni and Graduating Seniors (\$) <i>Enjoy plenty of food under the Big Top in an interactive and intergenerational setting, toast the Class of 2019 as you welcome them into the Alumni Association, celebrate the alumni community, and join the fun by playing Oberlin Bingo for your chance to win a prize. Sign</i>	Wilder Bowl, Big Top

8:30 p.m.	<p><i>language interpretation will be included. Reserved seating has been arranged for members of the Class of 1969 in the Big Top tent.</i></p> <p>The Grand Piano Extravaganza (\$)</p>	Warner Concert Hall, Conservatory
9:00 p.m.	<p>Class Gathering in Headquarters*</p> <p><i>Join us for an informal gathering of friends in the Kahn Hall Lounge for catching up with classmates or performances by musicians in the class (jazz, folk, etc.) and a sing-along. Light refreshments will be provided for the evening.</i></p>	Kahn Hall, First Floor Lounge
<u>Saturday, May 25</u>		
7:00 a.m.	<p>Breakfast snacks, coffee & tea available</p> <p><i>In addition to the coffee, tea, and light refreshments in Kahn Hall, alumni and their guests with official nametags are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast in the Root Room in Carnegie Building.</i></p>	Kahn Hall, First Floor Lounge/Root Room, Carnegie Building
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	<p>Get to Know Each Other Again – or for The First Time*</p> <p>Samoan Circle</p> <p><i>We will begin the first full day of the reunion with an unusual event that will allow as many of us as possible to talk (very briefly) about whatever it is that's on our minds. In what is known as a Fishbowl in the trade union world or a Samoan Circle in the conflict resolution community, this technique (whatever you choose to call it) is a way for a large and diverse group of people to raise a lot of issues they want to talk about in a very brief period of time. We actually did one at a reunion with great success. Alas, the historical record is a bit murky as to whether it was our thirtieth or thirty-fifth. Whenever it happened, it was fun, slightly chaotic, and useful.</i></p>	Fellowship Hall, First Church (106 N. Main St.)
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Concurrent sessions on various topics suggested and led by classmates*</p> <p>- Progressive Activism: What can we do now?</p> <p><i>This workshop is a place for participants to share and discuss what people are doing to promote justice in our society. We will meet in a format which is intended to give everyone a chance to speak. Everyone is welcome. We want to explore what we have learned over the years, what activism we feel works and what activism we feel has not worked well, without casting recrimination or blame on others. Our hope is that people will leave the workshop feeling energized, with a better understanding of how to be effective in our activism now and in the years ahead.</i></p>	Various Rooms, First Church (106 N. Main St.)

Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Half-Century Club Luncheon (\$) <i>Special event for alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion. The Class of 1969 will be welcomed into the Half-Century Club. Register for this event early, as it usually sells out quickly!</i></p>	The Hotel at Oberlin, Ballroom
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Get to Know Each Other Again – or for The First Time! (continued) Tables with Topics* <i>We will have a series of tables, each with a theme — like: “I try not to be an old crank, but seeing all of these incandescently young people makes me want to...”; “What ticks me off /makes me fond of this college, now that time has passed, is....”; “Death doesn't scare me yet, except.....”</i></p> <p><i>Anyone who sits down at a table is obliged to talk about the topic sentence, but you don’t have to stay — you can float, pick up and drop down at another table whenever you want. We hope this format provides a counterbalance to more formal speeches and other front-of-the room events.</i></p>	Fellowship Hall, First Church (106 N. Main St.)
1: 30 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Concurrent sessions on various topics suggested and led by classmates*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to care about and for family members without getting eaten up in the process: <i>Some of us find ourselves in “helping” roles with aging parents, adult children, impaired siblings, and/or partners or spouses. The drain may be emotional, financial, or physical. In this session we will share our experiences, hope, and strength as we face these challenges. (Facilitated by Wendy Forbush '69)</i> - Climate change and racism: <i>This session will provide opportunities for personal reflection and connecting with former classmates about our experiences, challenges, hopes, and plans related to these key issues. During the past few years, it seems that the veil that had been covering racism in our nation is being gradually removed, and many are feeling empowered to express and act-out their racial bias. At the same time, climate change poses an immense threat to humans and other life forms. In this session we will invite participants to share how these issues have affected each of us directly or indirectly and look at some of their interconnections. We will explore how we as Obies of '69 might help bring about racial justice and contribute to stopping climate change. The session will be interactive and participatory. (Facilitated by Tossie Wiley '69 and Russ Vernon-Jones '69)</i> 	Various rooms, First Church (106 N. Main St.)
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Reunion Choral Sing <i>All reunion attendees, parents, and friends are invited to attend or join in singing the Brahms ‘German Requiem.’ We sing in fond memory of our departed classmates and faculty, and to honor Dean Robert Fountain’s tremendous musical influence on generations of Oberlin students, faculty, Musical Union townies and world community via College Choir tours and recordings. (NOTE: Singers warm up on stage at 3:15 p.m.)</i></p>	Warner Concert Hall, Conservatory
4:00 p.m.	<p>Conservatory Reception <i>A celebratory reception congratulating the Class of 2019 and recognizing families and alumni of the Conservatory and College music</i></p>	Stull Recital Hall, Conservatory

	<i>degree programs. Hosted by Dean of the Conservatory and conservatory faculty.</i>	
5:00 p.m.	1969 Class Photo*	Severance Hall Steps
6:00 p.m.	Class of 1969 Soiree (\$)* <i>Heavy hors d'oeuvres/buffet with beer and time to mingle with classmates.</i>	Root Room, Carnegie Building
8:00 p.m.	Commencement Recital Part I <i>Outstanding conservatory seniors will perform. Free admission.</i>	Finney Chapel
8:00 p.m.	Class of 1969 Talent and Variety Show* <i>Come One, Come All! This 90-minute Entertainment Extravaganza of Divertissements and Attractions hosted by Class President Wayne Alpern features a marquee roster of classmates extraordinaires presenting a cornucopia of stage and screen, song and storytale, poetry and piano, classics and comedy, jazz and jokes, showtunes and sonatas, dashed with doo-wop, guitar, oboe, electric bass and haiku. Caveats: 1. no tomatoes. 2. If you miss anything this weekend, it shouldn't be this.</i>	Kulas Hall, Conservatory
Sunday, May 26		
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast snacks, coffee & tea available <i>In addition to the coffee, tea, and light refreshments in Kahn Hall, alumni and their guests with official nametags are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast in the Root Room in the Carnegie Building.</i>	Kahn Hall, First Floor Lounge/Root Room, Carnegie Building
8:00 a.m.	Oberlin Shansi Breakfast (\$)	Stevenson Dining Hall, Longman Commons
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast* <i>We will convene as a large group with healthy food, begin with a few minutes of Qi Gong warm up led by Debby Roosevelt, followed by singing led by Rhonda Liss. We will then break into small groups to discuss focused topics, reconvene as a large group for report backs, and end with singing. Non-Oberlin women spouses, significant others, daughters, and granddaughters are welcome.</i>	Asia House, Library
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast* <i>As we have at each reunion since our 30th, we will have a men's breakfast. These have always been informal opportunities to discuss the way our lives have changed as men, and we assume that the same thing will happen this time, too. Our lives, of course, have changed a lot since that first breakfast a generation ago. Now, we expect the discussion to touch on some issues that weren't on our agenda then (aging, retirement, health) as well as issues that still preoccupy us (relationships, addiction, what the future looks like). Both healthy (and less than healthy) food will be available. All men are welcome, including partners/spouses.</i>	Asia House, Shipherd Lounge
8:00 a.m.	Heisman 5K Fun Run	Tappan Square
10:30 a.m.	Crimson and Gold Convocation and Presidential Address	Finney Chapel

	<i>A special Commencement/Reunion Weekend convocation featuring President Carmen Twillie Ambar's state-of-the-college address; the announcement of reunion class gift totals; the presentation of three Alumni Association awards; a celebration of the Class of 2019; and an organ recital.</i>	
12:00 p.m.	Box Lunches and Ice Cream Social (\$)* <i>The ice cream social will feature novelties from Cowhaus Creamery, owned and operated by Josef Bomback '76.</i>	Kahn Hall, Front Lawn (Rain Location: Stevenson Hall, Biggs Commons)
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Oberlin College Archives Open House and Exhibition for Classes of 1969 and 1994	Mudd Center, Goodrich Room (Room 410)
1:30 p.m.	Multifaith Baccalaureate Celebration <i>A multifaith celebration with blessings and reflections in honor of the Class of 2019, alumni, families, and friends, including musical tributes by Conservatory musicians. Sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and the Office of the President.</i>	Finney Chapel
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Westwood Cemetery Walking Tour* <i>Take a historic tour of Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin's only cemetery (located near the west end of Morgan Street). If Mother Nature cooperates, we will walk from Kahn Hall to the cemetery—a distance of 1.4 miles (about half an hour)—while viewing historic sites along the way. For those who prefer not to walk or if the weather is poor, a shuttle will be available to transport us to and from the location. (Shuttles will leave from Kahn and return attendees back to First Church for the Class of 1969 Memorial Service.) As we wend our way through the cemetery, we will visit the gravesites of former faculty members, college presidents, individuals involved in the Underground Railroad, and other memorable citizens, some with very unique gravestones.</i> <i>*A shuttle will leave Kahn Hall at 1:15 p.m. for those who do not wish to walk to Westwood Cemetery. The same shuttle will leave from the cemetery at 2:45 p.m. to drop you off at First Church for the Class of 1969 Memorial Service.</i>	Westwood Cemetery
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Class of 1969 Storytelling Event* <i>Come hear stories from your classmates—of all different types, from all kinds of sources, about all kinds of subjects. Although the allotted time has essentially been filled with classmates' stories, you are most welcome to join in as a listener. Sharing is a conversation. Both ends are important!</i>	Kulas Recital Hall, Conservatory
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Possible Concurrent sessions and various topics suggested and led by classmates*	Various rooms, First Church (106 N. Main St.)
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Class of 1969 Memorial Service*	Meeting House, First Church (106 N. Main St.)

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	<i>This service of music, readings, quiet time, and the naming of our deceased classmates will provide an opportunity to remember and reflect on the friends we have lost.</i> Private Tour of the Allen Memorial Art Museum for the Class of 1969*	AMAM
6:00 p.m.	Class of 1969 Dinner (\$)* Brian Alegant (professor of music theory) and Cynthia Frantz (professor of psychology and environmental studies), guest speakers	The Hotel at Oberlin, Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Commencement Recital Part II <i>Outstanding conservatory seniors will perform. Free admission.</i>	Finney Chapel
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Social on the Square <i>This old-fashioned ice cream social has become a mainstay of Illumination night. (Rain location starting at 8:00 p.m. in Wilder Bowl, under the Big Top Tent)</i>	Tappan Square
9:30 p.m.	Campus Illumination and Commencement Concert <i>Tappan Square at its most beautiful, with hundreds of colored Japanese lanterns strung across the green. An Oberlin jazz ensemble will begin performing at 9:30 p.m. Immediately following the jazz performance, Oberlin Steel will perform on the steps of Finney Chapel in the tradition of great steel bands of Trinidad with arrangements of salsa, calypso, and jazz tunes, as well as original compositions and arrangements by band members.</i>	Tappan Square, Finney Chapel Plaza (Rain Location: Wilder Bowl Big Tent)
<u>Monday, May 27</u>		
7:00 a.m.	Coffee & tea available <i>(No continental breakfast available in the Root Room)</i>	Kahn Hall, First Floor Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Academic Procession and Commencement Exercises <i>(Note: A live AV feed of the commencement ceremony will take place in Warner Concert Hall, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Doors open at 8:15 a.m.)</i>	Tappan Square
12:30 p.m.	Farewell Brunch for the Class of 1969 (\$)* <i>(Transportation available to Kendal starting at 11:30 a.m. in front of Kahn Hall. A return shuttle will be available at 2:00 p.m. Please note that the shuttle will make multiple trips to accommodate everyone).</i>	Kendal at Oberlin, Fox & Fell Dining Room