

Working Draft of 3/30/19 – SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(PRIMARILY OUR CLASS EVENTS – DOES NOT include all general events)

Wednesday May 22

Afternoon

Arrive in Cleveland for Pre-reunion events
(Optional and not officially managed by Oberlin. See write up on the website at <http://www.oberlin69reunion.com/>.)

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

10 AM – 7 PM

Welcome Refreshments at Class Headquarters – Kahn Hall
(First official Oberlin reunion event)

1 - 3 PM

Class of 1969 Service Project – Oberlin Public Library
Planning a service project at the Oberlin Public Library

3 – 4:30 PM

Class of 1969 50th Reunion Kickoff Reception -- Stull Recital Hall (Conservatory)
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 for those who don't go to the next two events.

4:30 – 6 PM

Leadership Donor Reception hosted by President Ambar – Hotel at Oberlin
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.

5 – 6 PM

Reunion Choral Sing Rehearsal – Orchestra Room (Conservatory)
In tribute to Robert Fountain's tremendous musical influence on generations of Oberlin students, fellow faculty, and MU townies—and the world community, via annual College Choir tours and recordings—we invite all reunion attendees, parents, and friends to join in singing the Brahms Requiem

- 6:30 PM Champagne Social for Alumni and Graduating Seniors (\$) – Wilder Bowl
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 with a special gift, and celebrate the alumni community. Reserved seating has been arranged for members of the Class of 1969 in the Big Top tent.
- 9:00 PM Class Gathering in Reunion Headquarters – Kahn Hall
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.
- Saturday May 25**
- 7 AM Coffee, tea, light refreshments in Kahn
Continental breakfast in Root Room (Carnegie Building)
- 8:00 -- 9:30 AM Get to Know Each Other Again – or for The First Time!
Samoan Circle(s)
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM Concurrent sessions on various topics suggested and led by classmates, e.g.
-*Progressive Activism: What Can We Do Now?*
-*What's your favorite book/ discussion of great or significant books*
- Noon - 1:30 PM Half Century Club Luncheon (\$) – Hotel at Oberlin
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!
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Get to Know Each Other Again – or for The First Time! (continued)
Table Sessions with various questions
e.g. "I used to think I was nothing like my Mom, but...." "What ticks me off about this college, now that time has passed is...." "Death doesn't scare me yet, except....."
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Concurrent sessions on various topics suggested and lead by classmates, e.g.
-*How to care about and for family members without getting eaten up in the process*
-*Climate Change and Racism*
- 3:30 – 4:45 PM Reunion Choral Sing - Warner Concert Hall (Conservatory)
*The Brahms German Requiem will be sung in memory of Robert Fountain and the losses to our Obie class families. (**Singers warm up at 3:15 p.m.)*
- 5 PM Class Photo – Severance Hall Steps
- 6 PM Class of 1969 Soiree (\$) – Root Room (Carnegie Building)
Heavy hors d'oeuvres/buffet with beer and time to mingle with classmates.
- 8 PM Class of 1969 Talent/Variety Show – Kulas Recital Hall (Conservatory)

(Join us for a variety show that will feature our classmates and their multiple talents – including dance, acting, comedy, mime, magic, poetry, storytelling, presentation of the visual arts, film, gymnastics, and feats of strength!)

Sunday May 26

7 AM

Coffee, tea, light refreshments in Kahn
Continental breakfast in Root Room (Carnegie Building)

8 - 10 AM

Women's Breakfast – Asia House Lounge
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 a 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.

8 - 10 AM

Men's Breakfast – Asia House Lounge
As we have at each reunion since our thirtieth, we will have a men's breakfast. These have always been informal opportunities to discuss the ways 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). Health (and less than healthy) food will be available. All men are welcome, including partners/spouses.

8 AM

Heisman Fun Run – Tappan Square

10:30 AM

Crimson and Gold Convocation and Presidential Address – Finney Chapel
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.

12 - 1:30 PM

Box Lunch and Ice Cream Social (\$) – Kahn Hall Lawn

1:30 - 3 PM

Westwood Cemetery Walking Tour
*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.*

**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.*

1:30 - 3 PM Class of 1969 Storytelling Event
Classmates will share a variety of stories, ranging from funny moments to life-changing events. Whether or not you tell one of these tales, you are most welcome to join in as a listener!

1:30 – 3 PM **Possible Concurrent sessions on various topics suggested and led by classmates, e.g.**
-What's your favorite book? / discussion of great or significant books
-Climate Change and Racism

3:15 - 4:30 PM Class of 1969 Memorial Service – First Church Meeting House
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.

4:45 - 5:45 PM Private Tour of the Allen Memorial Art Museum for the Class of 1969

6 PM Class of 1969 50th Reunion Dinner (\$) – Hotel at Oberlin
Brian Alegant and Cynthia Frantz, Guest Speakers

8 PM onward Illumination and Social on Tappan Square

Monday May 27

7 AM Coffee & tea – Kahn Hall

9:30 AM Academic Procession and Commencement – Tappan Square

12:30 PM Farewell Brunch for the Class of 1969 (\$) – Kendal at Oberlin
(transportation provided)