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Dear Fellow Classmates of '67

**Can you believe!** Preparations are now in earnest for our Class of '67 Reunion. This means that we will all become part of the "Old Guard." Remember hearing about and seeing information in the *Stevens Indicator* about the "Old Guard" but never considering that one day we ourselves would become part of the "Old Guard." We hope you will mark your calendar for June 2-4, 2017, for Alumni Weekend and our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. We know that it is a great opportunity to see many old friends/classmates you probably have not seen or heard from for 50 years.

A major effort of the 50th Reunion Committee is to fundraise for a class gift to Stevens. Yes, we know that all of us are inundated with fundraising opportunities, but hope you can make this commitment a priority for the coming year.

The last two classes raised over \$10 million so if a target of \$1 million is set that would not be to far-fetched. Would it? In the case of the Class of '66 they had raised just over \$250,000 just two months before the reunion, but then in that remaining period three classmates stepped forward and donated enough to bring it past the \$10 million mark. What a contribution! It would be wonderful to see the same occur for our class.

Large gifts are wonderful, but participation by all – at any level – is important, too! Alumni participation, the number of alumni who give any size gift to any fund, is a data point by which Stevens is measured by national university rating organizations. It is used to show the satisfaction alumni have with the education they received. Therefore, we ask that you consider giving at a level that you are most comfortable with so our class's participation rate is something that we can be proud of. A level of 50% (or greater!) is truly considered to be exceptional!

**Important!** The Federal government has made permanent for those above 70.5 years of age tax free donations directly from your IRA's to the charity of your choice – think Stevens! Image instead of it taking say \$1,333 (25% Tax Rate) to make a \$1,000 donation you could donate the full \$1,333 and not pay tax. It is indeed a win win for all.

**Remember!** You can give to what you are most passionate about at Stevens. Was it your athletics career? Are you thankful for a scholarship you received? Are you interested in preserving Stevens' historical legacy and archives? Every donation, of any size, to any fund will be counted toward the final number for the Class Gift.

Between now and our milestone reunion celebration, we will continue to connect with you via letters, emails, and personal phone-calls from fellow classmates and current Stevens students. We encourage you to take the opportunity to talk with these volunteers to share what you have been up to these past 50 years, and to hear what Stevens has been doing, too!

Looking forward to see you all in Hoboken on June 2-4, 2017.

Per aspera ad astra,

***Your 50th Reunion Committee***

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