

October 21, 2005

Dear Classmates and Friends,

Over the summer, your Committee polished and enhanced the events announced in our 'save the date' letter for the first mini-reunion of the Class of 1954 in San Francisco next spring. The confection of delights in the Bay Area is too extensive for us to offer all of them to you, so we are pleased that the Mark Hopkins Hotel, our headquarters, will honor the favorable \$189 rate for any nights before and after our three-day program to enable you to enjoy more of San Francisco's pleasures.

Our aim is to give you an insider's view of San Francisco, its distinctive architecture, excellent art, beauties of nature, fine wine, and unique personality. In order to maximize our program it is necessary to **limit the number of attendees to 150** because some of the treasures we want to share with you cannot accommodate more. So register early!

The informative and interesting tours for your choice include our wonderful art museums, the wine country (tasting champagne, cab & zin, plus a private home feast), Filoli/Stanford, Muir Woods, city architecture, and a Bay cruise. The three gourmet dinners start Thursday at the St. Francis Yacht Club with its spectacular view of the Golden Gate Bridge, continue Friday at the elegant and renowned Pacific-Union Club across the street from the Mark atop Nob Hill, and culminate Saturday with a dinner dance at Charlie and Ann Johnson's incomparable Carolands estate in Hillsborough.

We will wind up Sunday with a sumptuous brunch at the Top of the Mark. Beautiful Grace Cathedral is available for services just across the street from the Mark Hopkins.

San Francisco is a walking city, so have comfortable shoes for most events. Be prepared for cool evenings, and days too, with a jacket or wrap. That applies to the Bay cruise as well. Think layers. You will want coats and ties for the dinners. Be sure to bring our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion cap and tie, and other Yale apparel!

The cost per person is \$825. Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form and return it (by mail or fax) to the AYA. As noted above, we will cap at 150 attendees. **Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.** We will maintain a Wait List in the event of cancellations.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Mark Hopkins. Call the Mark at (800) 662-4455 or (415) 392-3434 to make your reservations. To obtain the special rate (\$189 + tax) you must register before March 21, 2006, and tell the In-House reservations operator that you are part of Yale University Class of 1954, April 20-23, 2006. The Mark will honor the \$189 rate for any who wish to reserve dates pre- or post-reunion.

Cancellations up to February 15, 2006 are fully refundable. After that, we will refund all recoverable costs.

We look forward to your joining us. Besides being memorable, it is going to be great fun!

Cheers from your San Francisco Committee,

|                  |                 |            |                          |                 |                |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bill Bardeen     | Charlie Johnson | Bob Martin | Sandy Muir               | Ivan Poutiatine | Barrie Rich    |
| Bill Stone, '52* | Wally Stuhr     | Tom Swartz | Putney Westerfield, '51* |                 | Mason Willrich |

\*Mini-reunion veterans providing advice and counsel to 1954.

***Preliminary Itinerary***

(A final itinerary will be available on arrival.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

- 3:00 PM Check-in time (rooms available) at the Mark Hopkins Hotel.  
(Yale 1954 Welcome Desk opens in the lobby at 2:00 PM.)
- 5:15-5:30 PM Buses depart for St. Francis Yacht Club. As each bus fills it will depart. Last bus leaves no later than 5:30 PM.
- 6:00 PM Cocktails and dinner at the St. Francis Yacht Club.
- 9:00-10:00 PM Buses begin return to the Mark Hopkins. Last bus leaves no later than 10:00 PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

- 8:30 AM Bus departs for Napa Wine Tour & lunch. Return at 4:00 PM.  
Bus departs for Filoli/Stanford tour & lunch. Return at 4:00 PM.
- 9:00 AM Bus departs for SF Art Museum tour & lunch. Return at 4:00 PM.  
Bus departs for Muir Woods/Willrich lunch tour. Return at 4:00 PM.
- 5:45-6:00 PM Walk across the street to The PU Club, 1000 California Street.
- 6:00 PM Cocktails and dinner at The Pacific-Union Club.
- 10:00 PM Return to the Mark Hopkins.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

- 9:00 AM Buses depart Mark Hopkins for SF city/architectural cable car bus tour.
- NOON Buses take Bay Cruise & lunch attendees to boat. Return at 4:00 PM.
- NOON Buses take de Young Museum tour & lunch, & Shop/Relax group to de Young for lunch.
- 1:30 PM Bus takes Shop group to Union Square, and Relax group to Hotel.
- 3:30 PM Bus takes de Young tour group to Hotel.
- 4:00 PM Buses take Bay Cruise group to Hotel.
- 5:30 PM Buses depart for Carolands Estate. As each bus fills it will depart.
- 6:15 PM Cocktails, dinner & dancing at Charlie and Ann Johnson's Carolands.
- 9:45 PM Buses begin return to the Mark Hopkins. Last bus will depart at 10:00 PM.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2006

9:00-11:30 AM Farewell Brunch at the Top of the Mark.  
11:00 AM Services at Grace Cathedral at 1100 California Street.  
NOON Check-out time at the Mark Hopkins for those departing today.

**Until we meet again: For God, for Country and for Yale!**

## Reservation Form

I/We will attend the San Francisco mini-reunion April 20-23, 2006.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will stay at the Mark Hopkins Hotel YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Cost per night is \$189 (single or double) + tax.

Parking is \$50.00 per day.

To reserve call the Mark at (800) 662-4455 or (415) 392-3434 by March 21, 2006.

|  | <u>Number of People</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Class Dinners:</b> April 20 - St. Francis Yacht Club (6-10PM) | _____                   |
| April 21 - The Pacific-Union Club (6-10PM)                       | _____                   |
| April 22 - Carolands (6-10PM)                                    | _____                   |

**Friday, April 21:** Choose one of the four tours. Filoli/Stanford is limited to 50, and Muir Woods/Willrich Lunch is limited to 60. If you choose one of them, make a second choice in the second column.

|  | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u><br>(no. of people) | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u><br>(no. of people) |
|--|---|---|
| SF Art Museums tour & lunch (9-4PM)        | _____   | _____   |
| Napa wine tour & lunch (8:30AM-4PM)        | _____   | _____   |
| Filoli/Stanford tour & lunch (8:30AM-4PM)  | _____   | _____   |
| Muir Woods tour & Willrich lunch (9AM-4PM) | _____   | _____   |

**Saturday, April 22:**

SF city/architectural cable car bus tour (9AM-NOON) \_\_\_\_\_

Plus (choose one):

SF Bay Cruise & lunch (12:30PM-4PM) \_\_\_\_\_

de Young Museum tour & lunch (12:30PM-3:45PM) \_\_\_\_\_

Shop \_\_\_\_\_

Relax \_\_\_\_\_

(Those choosing Shop or Relax will lunch at de Young & then be bused to Union Square or the Mark Hopkins.)

**Sunday, April 23:**

Farewell Brunch at the Top of the Mark (9-11:30AM) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE WITH RESERVATION FORM: \$825 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TO PAY BY CHECK: Make check payable to "Yale University-Class of 1954" and send to the address below.

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Total amount to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle: AMEX VISA MC

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mail or Fax to:*

Yale 1954, Association of Yale Alumni

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