Dear Classmates,

Class of ‘53!! Can you believe it? Who would ever think we would be celebrating our 60th reunion May 10 and 11, 2013? Are You Ready for the greatest event Penn has ever witnessed? We are, your co-presidents, Herb Carver and Mae Agnes Pasquariello! Please join us, along with Mike Huber, Ray Welsh and countless others who are excited to be part of this memorable occasion. Remember, we still hold the class record for giving from our 50th reunion. Can we top this fantastic record? We are ten years older and wiser and maybe, just maybe, we can make our class proud once again.

If you visited Penn’s campus today, you would not recognize it from the campus ten years ago. With Dr. Amy Gutmann as our leader, Penn has become a leading force in Philadelphia. We now have Penn Park which boasts 24 acres of playing fields, 45,000 cubic yards of soil, 2200 pilings and more than 500 trees which create green canopied hills, picnic areas and enjoyable green space. All this to replace the weed-strewn, decaying asphalt parking lot it used to be. At the grand opening celebration on September 15, 2011, Dr. Gutmann thanked all contributors, saying, “With your strong support, Penn has transformed a parking lot into a bit of paradise for our entire community.” Penn Park also supports Mayor Michael Nutter’s goal to plant 300,000 trees in Philadelphia by 2015. Mayor Nutter predicted that Penn Park is a model greening project other communities will want to duplicate. Come see for yourself, by joining classmates and friends at Homecoming (October 27) and the 60th Reunion in May.

The most important challenge now for the Class of ‘53 is to make certain that all its members engage in this extraordinary reunion May 10-11, 2013. Our dream is to have the greatest percentage of participation in the history of Penn’s reunions. The Class of ‘53 is capable of anything. We believe in all of you. We have done it before and we can do it again. With our help and the contributions from other reunion classes, Penn may continue its invaluable contributions to our University and our city.

Herb Carver and Mae Agnes Pasquariello, Class of 1953 Co-Presidents
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AN UPDATE ON CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine completed in Fall 2008 is a state-of-the-art, 500,000 square foot outpatient facility adjacent to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The Perelman Center is home to Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center, radiation oncology, cardiovascular medicine and an outpatient surgical pavilion.

The Anne and Jerome Fisher (W’53) Translational Research Center, slated to open in 2010, will be a new eight-story biomedical-research center dedicated to the growing field of translational medicine, which emphasizes an accelerated pace for converting laboratory discoveries into medical therapies.

The Annenberg Public Policy Center completed in Fall 2009 performs research in the fields of political communication, information and society, media and the developing child, health communication and adolescent risk. The Policy Center’s goal is to provide expert analysis that brings these issues into focus.

The Weiss Pavilion completed in Spring 2010 transformed the long arcade on the northern side of Franklin Field into a new Weight Training and Fitness Center. The Center inhabits the space of the arches on two levels and connects the interior concourse space under the stadium bleachers with the new east-west exterior pedestrian promenade.
So many Penn alumni have written fascinating books that it is impossible to list them all, but here a few which have been recommended. If you have written a book and you would like to inform your fellow alumni about it, let Lynn Carroll know at lynnc@upenn.edu!

**The Lady Tasting Tea: How Statistics Revolutionized Science in the 20th Century** by David Salsburg C’52

**A Bridge of Leaves; also, The Lower East Side: A Portrait in Time** by Diana Cavallo, CW’53

**Open Spaces Sacred Places: Stories of How Nature Heals and Unifies** by Tom Stoner, W’56

http://openspacesacredplaces.org

**Trouble Tree** by John Hill Porter, W’55

**New Low-Fat Favorites Cookbook** by Ruth Abramson Spear, CW’54

**My Secret Fishing Life** by Nick Lyons, W’53

**Higher Calling (A Reluctant Sleuth Mystery)** by Edward J. Rand, W’58

www.reluctantsleuth.com

**Chance Encounter: A Post-Holocaust Story** by Sanford Simon, W’56

**Higher Calling (A Reluctant Sleuth Mystery)** by Edward J. Rand, W’58

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**How the Nobble Was Finally Found** (a children’s book) by C.K. Williams, C’59