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Dear Classmate,

Response to our communication earlier this fall has been gratifying. All signs point to a well-attended 55th reunion next June! All of us on the committee hope you'll choose to start your summer celebrating this milestone with us at the Stage Neck Inn in Maine, June 4–7, 2012, and at MIT, June 7-10, 2012.

At the Stage Neck Inn, we want to emphasize relaxation and camaraderie. We’re leaving the days free for everyone to explore the attractions of York, Maine—galleries, boutiques, shops, restaurants—and the amenities of the Stage Neck—pool, beach, golf, tennis, kayaking, biking, hiking, all at your own pace. We’ll come together in the evenings for a welcome reception (Monday), an old-fashioned Maine lobster bake (Tuesday), and a Red Jacket Dinner (Wednesday).

Our plans at MIT will be more urban. The Boston Pops will give us another excellent program on Thursday night for MIT’s 115th Tech Night at Pops (this tradition has been going on so long it even predates Symphony Hall!). Friday we’ll hear about a variety of MIT research initiatives at Cardinal and Gray Academy in the morning, and then take a break with a delicious luncheon and class business meeting in a private dining room. Friday night is the night for dancing, on the top floor of the Hyatt with its fantastic view of the Charles, at the Cardinal and Gray Annual Dinner Dance. After the Technology Day Program and Luncheon on Saturday comes the real treat: our class dinner atop the Prudential Center at Top of the Hub, with an unmatched view across the Charles River into the Great Court and the rest of MIT.

If you haven’t started already, here’s your to-do list to guarantee a fun reunion experience:

• Make your flight arrangements.
• Reserve your room at the Stage Neck Inn (telephone reservations only: 800-222-3238 or 207-363-3850). Identify yourself as a member of the MIT Class of 1957.
• Reserve your room at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge (888-421-1442). Identify yourself as a member of Cardinal and Gray 2012.
• If you’d rather stay in an MIT dorm room, you can sign up for one on our reunion registration, which will come out in March 2012.
• Pay your class dues of $57.55. A big thank-you to the 133+ classmates who have already done so! You may pay your dues in one of two ways:
  • Mail a check payable to MIT Class of 1957, to our class treasurer, Ronald W. Keefe ’57, 27 Princeton Road, Malden, MA 02148.
  • Pay online at https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/dues-login.vm?groupId=1982. Please note that you’ll need to type in the address exactly as it appears, and will need an Infinite Connection ID and password from the Alumni Association.
• Contact your fellow classmates and put together a group to attend.

If you’ve never ever been back to an MIT reunion, let me tell you, it’s worth doing. I didn’t come back to MIT until our great 50th reunion five years ago, and now I wish I’d started coming back a lot sooner. Please join us for something really special next year!

Yours sincerely,

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Chair