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Charlie Ganoe is quite unassuming about his undergraduate days. He recalls, “I really enjoyed Princeton, but I wasn’t anything special. I wasn’t an athlete. I wasn’t a scholar.”

As a volunteer for Princeton and his class, however, he is something very special.

It all began in 1954, when he accepted the role as Class Agent, and grew from there until he has now held all six offices for the Class of 1951, including Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He has been Class Secretary since 2011 and is winding up his second stint as Reunions Chair.

His enthusiasm for Princeton predates his days as an undergraduate. He went to his first Princeton football game when he was eight years old, continued to visit Palmer Stadium throughout his school days, and has been a football and basketball season ticket holder for decades. He notes that the football team’s ranking of #8 in the country this senior year fanned his interest, and he shares with delight that he has “attended every Princeton-Penn game but one since 1940.”

In addition to providing Charlie a lifelong connection to Princeton athletics, his undergraduate experience also shaped his lifelong interests in finance and foreign travel. An Economics major who went on to Wharton for his MBA, Charlie spent the summer after his junior year traveling around Europe. No coincidence, then, that he ultimately spent much of his business career in international banking in Philadelphia and New York. He still travels around the world; recent visits include North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba.

Come May 26 through 29, Charlie, who now lives in Princeton, will be shepherding the Class of ‘51 to another successful Reunion. How does he account for the often record-breaking number of classmates who return again and again? “We have exceptional programming,” Charlie explains. He also ruefully acknowledges that being Reunions chair can be “a full-time job.” The social contact, developing close friendships with his classmates and also with many others in the University community – they make it all worthwhile.

Graduate Alumni

Join the APGA and fellow Tigers at Reunions 2016: Perfectly Proportioned to Party!

2016 Highlights:
- APGA Headquarters in Cuyler Courtyard for 3rd year
- Three nights of entertainment
- Family-friendly courtyard with bounce house, inflatable slide, face painting and more
- Academic programming specific to the Humanities
- Thursday, 5/26
  - Dinner at the Boathouse with current graduate students who recently took their Generals exams
  - Graduate student and alumni DJ showcase
- Friday, 5/27
  - Alumni panels on world heritage and global tourism
  - Service project: Meal packaging for the Kids Against Hunger Coalition
  - Individual departmental receptions
  - Welcome Dinner with fellow graduate alumni
  - Late night party with local favorite Brian Kirk and the Jirks
- Saturday, 5/28
  - Breakfast reception and photo exhibit in McCormick Hall
  - Festive lunch including family fun for all ages
  - The One and Only P-rade
  - Dinner celebration with graduate alumni and graduate students
  - Late night dancing with show-stopping band Ariel

Help us help others: The APGA has partnered with the Class of 1991 along with several other Reunions classes on a project to package meals for the Kids Against Hunger Coalition. Find the registration link on the APGA Reunions 2016 website.

Save money and register online for Reunions 2016 by May 15: http://alumni.princeton.edu/apga/reunions/2016/
On-site registration also available.

Make APGA Headquarters your home during Reunions weekend and register today!