

# The Alumni Association of Princeton University

## Connecting With the Old Guard Capturing the Reunions Feeling

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## Princeton Club of Hilton Head

- Honoring the Old Guard annual event
- Award Pete Keenan '35 \*36 Memorial Cane
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## Annual Old Guard Event

- Summer, Post-Reunions
- Induct new members after 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion
- Award cane
- Personal invitation
- Invite, recognize widows
- In-person lunch or virtual



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## Old Guard Program

- Recognition
- Great stories – Einstein homework assistance
- Small Princeton themed gift
  - “Socks that will knock your socks off”
  - Virtual format – Gift sent with personal note prior to event



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## Pete Keenan '35 \*36 Memorial Cane

- Inspired by Walter F. “Pete” Keenan, two-time status as Class of '23 Cane bearer at P-Rade
- Awarded at every meeting





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## Ebony Cane with Silver Tiger Head



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- Tiger Maple Case hand carved by William “Bill” Barrett, Jr. ‘66



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Awarded to the  
oldest member  
of the oldest  
class at every  
event





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## Honoring the Old Guard

### The Pete Keenan '35 \*36 Cane



*Pete receives the Class of 1923 Cane from President Eisgruber in 2015.*

The Pete Keenan '35 \*36 Cane is awarded to the oldest member of the oldest class at every club event.

Our Founding President, Scott Foster '58 K'32 K'1898, created this award in the spirit of the University community's reverence for the Old Guard. The cane also honors Pete Keenan '35 \*36, our club member who twice carried the Class of 1923 Cane in the P-rade, in 2014 and 2015.

A silver tiger head adorns our club's beautiful cane, which is secured in an exceptional tiger maple case created by master woodworker, Bill Barrett '66. Before the official Keenan cane was made, [Scott presented Pete with a wooden version.](#)



*A silver tiger head tops the cane*



*Bill Barrett '66 in his workshop. The cane case is emblazoned with "In Praise of Old Nassau."*



*John "Tex" Farrington '42 holds the Keenan Cane with Scott Foster '58 K'32 K'1898*



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**Bill Gilbert '50**  
BSE in Engineering, MBA Wharton in Marketing, hotel developer, recreational pilot.  
Click on Bill's photo to read about his brush with Professor Einstein!



**Lynn Corson '53**  
AB Biology, MBA Michigan State, IBM Manager of Employment, Smith Barney and First Boston Director of Human Resources and Administration. Retired since 1987.



**Don Dwight '53**  
AB history, Marine Corps, newspaper reporter to publisher in Mass. and Min., MA. DPW Comm, MA Commissioner of Administration & Finance, MA Lt. Governor., communications consultant, now retired.



**Tony Marshall '53**



**Dick Daly '54**



**Bill Garton '55**  
I came to Hilton Head in 1989, after I sold my Rochester, NY, foundry sales business.  
While here: I served as Chair of Meals on Wheels for 7 years; Drove for Friends with Wheels; Was Beaufort Election Commissioner for 8 years; Ran The Library Film Seminar for 20 years; Sat on the Board of Foreign (World) Affairs, 12 years; Met Sondra, the love of my life!  
Now waning at The Cypress.



**Jim Sidford '55**  
Born 1933, NJ, and grew up in Troy, NY. 1951, Exeter; 1955, PU, AB, Architecture; 2 years as "Mr. Roberts", aboard Navy cargo ship in Pacific. 1959, BArch, RPI. Ventured to France, with Paris architect. Married Ann (Great 55 years!); and six sons! 1964 Off to Salzburg and Austrian architect (10 months). 1964-1994, 30 years architecture practice, Albany, NY. 1994, Retired to HHI with summers at Brant Lake in the Adirondacks. Still healthy and happy at both homes.



**Bill Agnew '56**  
I grew up in St. Louis. Attended Princeton, Class of '56 where I was followed by two brothers, Gates '57 and Hewes '58. Met Penny Powning at the top of Ajax run in Aspen, CO (over 11,000 feet) in March of '61; we were married in February '62 and had three children, all of whom attended Princeton; Carrie '85, Tim '86 and Jennifer '90. We have four grandchildren.  
After attending Harvard Business School following Princeton I served Uncle Sam as almost everyone did in those days for a fairly brief stint; went to work for a bank in Chicago; changed jobs and went to Pittsburgh where Penny and I lived for 48 years; built a second home on Spring Island (not far from Hilton Head) in '94 and eventually made it our permanent residence until 2015 when we moved to The Cypress.



**Steve Alfred '56**  
Tax attorney in Cleveland at Squire, Patton and Boggs. Served as mayor of Shaker Heights Ohio.



**Brem Mayer '56**  
Graduated from Duke Medical School in 1960, Fellowship in Neurology at Emory University, and started in neurology practice in Atlanta 1967.  
Retired in 1998 and moved to Spring island, near Beaufort SC. In 1990 we bought a house in Westport MA. We now live 7 months in South Carolina and 5 in Massachusetts. Best move I made after graduation was to marry Anne Powning. We have 4 children and three went to Princeton; Penny in '82, Kim in '83 and Alison in '87. Courtney, our youngest, was smart enough in the seventh grade to say she was our only child that would not go the Princeton. I play golf mainly with Anne and Bill Agnew '56, read, travel a lot, and continue to enjoy things. Bill is my brother-in-law.



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## Retirement Communities

- Great venues
  - e.g. Auditorium – Sellout crowd for Triangle Club
- Inexpensive
- Easy access
- Really good Old Guard attendance



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## Personal Contact

- Phone, email
- Arrange rides
- Greeters at in-person events





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