

Graduate Emeritus Society

Hello! We have been busy and here's why:

MAY REUNION/WGES LUNCHEON.

About 60 of us from WG'63, WG'73, WG'78, and other WGES classes attended Reunion Weekend this year. A program led by our keynote speaker, **Tony Gallo**, **WG'63** – a Renaissance man of education, government work, and, particularly, theater – was a delight to hear. Plus, we were regaled by comments from Wharton Dean **Geoffrey Garrett**. WGES honored our Crandall Challenge Citation winners – yes,



Tony G. himself, **Richard Tecca**, **WG'58**, and especially the recently deceased **Jack Smith**, **WG'52** (our beloved WGES founder). A good time of networking and fine dining was had by all.

EXPANDING REGIONAL ALLIANCES. As a new 2018 initiative, we are reaching out to Wharton alumni clubs throughout the U.S. – and ultimately worldwide – to engage with our programs/members and we with theirs. New York and Philadelphia relationships have been ongoing, but we are now connecting with Houston, Chicago, and northern New Jersey. Indeed, with New York about to initiate a "Founders over 50" concept where those more senior in age will interact with younger Wharton graduates in terms of entrepreneurship pursuits and technology advancement, we think this a most worthy idea.

NEW WGES COMMITTEE MEMBERS. It is our pleasure to announce that both **Eugene Aaron and McClain Gordon, WG'73**, have joined our Steering Group. Their enthusiasm for Wharton as demonstrated by being Reunion Class volunteers and fundraising enthusiasts for the School will serve our committee well as we move forward.

CRANDALL CHALLENGE HONOR

ROLL. Expanding on our aforementioned three 2018 winners, you can now view an Honor Roll of those who have made small or large acts of public service to help others over the last two years following their careers. There are more than 20 candidates in two separate categories. Information on the 2019 Crandall Challenge submission will be coming later this year — submit your



application please — it is important to hear from you.

ALUMNI SURVEY. Stay tuned for a survey asking WGES members about your Wharton-related past experiences, interests, and ideas in which our organization can better serve all its members. Your prompt and full response would be terrific.

FUTURE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS. Tour France's Dordogne Valley. From October 11 to 19, join a special Wharton MBA-only trip to a beloved European corner that showcases the Perigord-Noir's pre-Revolutionary capital in the romantic Aquitaine Region, and much more. There are 15 special tours, presentations, and exhibits led by highly expert guides. Please call 800-922-3088 for more info.



NEW PROGRAMS. First, we have recently expanded and will further take advantage of the ever-widening digital world by increasing our communication through Facebook. (To be added to the Facebook group, contact **Rick Perkins, WG'70** at raperk1@gmail.com.) Connect and continue to "like" our WGES and Wharton-related messages, plus add your comments as we deepen the WGES network. Second, we are looking at getting more involved with a group called Bridge Alliance, whose purpose is to reduce the polarization that exists in many ways within our country.

So, in summary, visit our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>website</u> and read the biannual *Wharton Magazine* (note: additional correspondents for some classes are needed.) Be part of the ever-growing WGES body as we increasingly engage with our members, the Wharton School, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Hope your summer is a good one!

Regards,

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Chair, Wharton Graduate Emeritus Society