

Yale Class of 1965 Discussion Group: FAQs

1 Question: Since this is a Google group, do I have to sign up for a Google account to participate?

Answer: No. There are two ways to read and post messages to the Group: regular email and the web interface. The email method works just like it did for the old list. The Group's messages appear in your inbox, and you can post or reply by sending an email to the Group's address, y65-dg@googlegroups.com. As an option, you can also read and post through the Group's web interface at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/y65-dg>; to do that you will need a Google account.

2. Question: What makes this group more secure than the old listserv?

Answer: Google's security policies and constant policing of the site for intrusions. As a Google Group, our forum is subject to the policies and technology by which Google protects all such groups from bad actors. Ours is a private, not a public, group with privacy settings that are adjusted to the most-secure levels, to protect our members. Because our Group's 'visibility setting' is configured to be 'Private,' our communications are not exposed to searching via the internet, to advertising or, at least by design, hackers or malware. This level of privacy protection is far beyond what is provided on the old Class of 1965 Listserv.

3. Question: Will members have the ability to attach bulky items, like videos, photos or MP3 files? And if we do, will they slow incoming posts too much for people with slower connections? Or do you have a fallback strategy?

Answer: Yes. However, bear in mind that if you attach too many items or some very large items like videos, your message also becomes very large. Some email systems reject very large messages. Some classmates have slower Internet service, so a very large message can take a long time to load. If you have a lot of photos or a large video to share, do not send these as attachments to your email. Instead, please put them on a cloud-based file-sharing service and include a link to that service in your post. As we gain experience over time, we will set guidelines for the maximum size for any attachments.

4 Question: Will we continue to receive those annoying "excessive bounces" messages on the current Class of 1965 Listserv threatening to terminate our membership unless we click on a link to reaffirm that we're not spammers?

Answer: No, you will not receive such messages.

5. Question: Can non-'65 people, such as spouses or people from other classes, participate, too?

Answer: No. Participation is limited to members of the Yale Class of 1965.

6. Question: I get tired of political arguments. How are you planning to encourage more diversity of conversation?

Answer: By actively encouraging and supporting conversations about Classmates' personal lives, intellectual contributions, Class of 1965 events, and promoting Class activities, to foster a positive sense of community among our Classmate members. We certainly won't discourage political dialogue, but we will reach out to a wider audience than the current Listserv, with a wider range of topics of common interest.

7. Question: Who makes the decision on whether someone has acted badly enough to warrant intervention?

Answer: The Discussion Group will not tolerate repeated, offensive content. The Discussion Group Managers, who have been appointed by the Class Council, will assess and deal with complaints received from Members concerning the appropriateness and civility of submissions, recognizing that these decisions can be difficult. The Discussion Group Managers will counsel participants as to inappropriate behavior and will have the authority to suspend submissions, suspend participation, or permanently ban members who repeatedly offend despite these efforts. (See *Terms of Use Agreement*)