



# Along Route '66

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## 66th Night is March 6th -- Plan to get together with your Classmates!

Every year since 2009—on or about the 66th Night of the year—we have gathered in or near our home communities across the country and around the globe. During the pandemic these get-togethers migrated to Zoom meetings, but for the past two years, thanks to our volunteer hosts in many communities, we have reinstated the tradition of informal in-person gatherings celebrating the Dartmouth fellowship.

Because this is a Leap Year, the 66th night of the year is March 6th, but you can gather with your 1966 classmates several weeks before or after that date. Let's keep the Spirit of '66 alive and growing!

So far, as we go to press, volunteer hosts have planned 12 local events and 2 Zoom events, itemized in the table below. Each regional host will contact classmates in his area to let them know the time and place of their local event—or you can contact them directly at the listed e-mail address.

Anyone can set up a local gathering—and any gathering of 3 or more classmates within a few weeks of March 6th (either way) qualifies as a 66th Night event. As an incentive, all those who organize in-person meetings with three or more classmates attending will receive a check from our class for \$66 to help cover the cost of your first drink.

We encourage classmates to organize a gathering in their local area, or on Zoom. If you are willing to do so, Tom Brady—our 66th Night coordinator—can send you the names and contact information for fellow classmates who live nearby. Reach out to Tom at [drtombrady1944@gmail.com](mailto:drtombrady1944@gmail.com) or (419) 376-5041 to let him know that you will host a 66th Night gathering – and be sure to send a photo of your group to Tom so that we can include it in our April newsletter.

Most importantly, have fun reconnecting, catching up, swapping stories and just enjoying each other's company and being part of the great Class of 1966!

### Here are the gatherings planned so far:

LOCATION	HOST	CONTACT
Arizona — Tucson	Steve Smith	<a href="mailto:stevesmith1966@gmail.com">stevesmith1966@gmail.com</a>
Florida — Hillsboro Beach	John Rollins	<a href="mailto:jrollins2@aol.com">jrollins2@aol.com</a>
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Pi Lam Brothers	David Johnston	<a href="mailto:educationrwe2@gmail.com">educationrwe2@gmail.com</a>

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Plans are being finalized for our class's 80th Birthday Party gathering in Washington DC from Monday evening April 29 through breakfast on May 2. Springtime in Washington is beautiful, and this period follows soon after DC's annual Cherry Blossom Festival. We have already received early registration forms from more than 50 classmates and spouses. The Hotel Washington, just a block from the White House, has offered us a nice discount on its regular room rates for up to 3 days before and after the event. Click on the hotel's reservation link on page 3 to reserve your room. Plan to arrive in time for the 5:30 pm reception in the hotel's Freedom Room on April 29 and depart following the Thursday 9:00 am breakfast on May 2 in the hotel's Lobby Restaurant.

We have planned two days with events including private tours of the U. S. Capitol, the new JFK exhibit that recently opened at the Kennedy Center, and your choice of private tours of various galleries and museums located on Washington's National Mall near our hotel. Tuesday evening features cocktails and dinner on the Georgetown waterfront followed by a bus tour of Washington's Monuments by Moonlight, and Wednesday evening we will celebrate our 80th Birthday at one of DC's fine restaurants just a short walk from our hotel. That dinner will be highlighted by remarks by our classmate, Senator **Gus King**, who is running for reelection this fall. Much of the time on Tuesday and Wednesday has been reserved for free time.

I'd like to thank the other Washington-area members of our 80th Birthday planning committee—**Joff Keane, Steve Hayes, Mead Over** and **Wayne Hill**—for making all this possible.

John Rollins

## TREASURER'S LETTER



### Endowments

The Class recently received from the College the status of our four endowments as of June 30, 2023:

Endowment	Market Value	Book Value	Distribution
'66 Lodge Maintenance	\$159,321	\$ 85,875	\$ 8,119
'66 Bunkhse Maintenance	\$156,654	\$115,691	\$ 7,990
'66 Scholarship Fund	\$125,426	\$ 62,600	\$ 6,102
Seymour/Dickey Center	\$315,885	\$252,145	\$16,028

The total market value is about 4% lower than last year, as a result of distributions of 5% and market gains of 1%. The performance by the College's Investment Group was particularly poor, considering that the S&P 500 grew 17.6% during the same timeframe. We will be adding to the principal, or "book value", in both the Scholarship Endowment (from the Class Projects fund that you add to your \$66 class dues) and the Thaddeus Seymour Fund (classmates finishing off their pledges). These funds represent our "legacy" to the College.

Total distributions from these endowments totaled \$38,239 in fiscal 2023.

### Dues Payments

As of December 31, 187 classmates had paid their dues and 169 of these added an additional amount for class projects. This compares to 219 dues payers last year, partly a function of a later mailing of dues notices by the College, and the passing of fifteen classmates over the last twelve months. Thanks to all who continue to support the Class and our activities. Anyone who has not yet paid can do so by credit card on the website (dartmouth66.org) or by check ("Class of 1966") sent to me at PO Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940.

Best regards,  
Bob Serenbetz

## DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1966 BIRTHDAY PARTY

Plans are coming together for our birthday party celebration in Washington, DC on April 29th, thanks to the effort of Chair John Rollins and his planning committee. Here is a quick recap and overview of the event:

### Who's Coming?

As of January 21st, the following 27 classmates have signed up to attend, many with spouses or guests:

Rich Abraham	Bob Hill	Wayne LoCurto	Tim Urban
Bill Bailey	Doug Hill	Hector Motroni	Andrea Vincent
Bruce Berger	Wayne Hill	Mead Over	Jim Yarmon
Tom Brady	Tom Hooper	John Rollins	Jack Young
Gary Broughton	Gary Jefferson	Don Schwartz	Neal Zimmerman
Bob Cohn	Joff Keane	Bob Spence	Ken Zuhr
Jeff Futter	Al Keiller	Peter Tuxen	

Please make plans to join us in Washington from April 29th to May 2nd. It should be a great time! Mail in the registration form on page 4 or respond online to [bobserenbetz@prodigy.net](mailto:bobserenbetz@prodigy.net).

**How much will it cost?** The registration fee for all four days of activities is \$ 490 per person until March 1, and \$ 525 afterwards.

### Hotel Reservations

The headquarters for the event is the Hotel Washington, located at 515 15th Street NW, just a block from the White House. We have reserved a block of rooms at the hotel at a special group rate of \$ 359 per night. Reservations may be made by calling (202) 661-2400 and identifying yourself as a member of the Dartmouth Class of '66 or by clicking here. [\\*\\*\\* RESERVATION LINK \\*\\*\\*](#)

If you choose not to stay at the Hotel Washington, there are many other hotels and guest houses nearby.



### What are the planned activities?

#### Monday, April 29th:

- The fun begins with a Welcome Reception and cocktail party in the Freedom Room of the Hotel Washington.

#### Tuesday, April 30th:

- In the morning, we will board a bus at the hotel for the US Capitol, where we will have a professional tour of the building.
- The early afternoon is free for you to explore places of interest in Washington by yourself or with small groups.
- At 4:00 pm, we will depart by bus to the Kennedy Center, where we will receive a private tour of the new permanent exhibit entitled *Art & Ideals: John F. Kennedy*. This exhibit in the roof-level Atrium will explore Kennedy's appreciation and promotion of the arts and why the Kennedy Center came to be the living memorial to him and his ideals.
- From the Kennedy Center, we will move on to dinner at the nearby Sequoia Restaurant, located on the banks of the Potomac River. The restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows offer magnificent views of the river, Key Bridge, and the Virginia skyline.
- After dinner, we will enjoy a Monuments by Moonlight bus tour before returning to the hotel



Sequoia Restaurant



Kennedy Center

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### Wednesday, May 1st:

- In the morning, choose to join other classmates in a guided tour of one of the following attractions:
  - National Museum of the American Indian
  - National Gallery of Art
  - National Air & Space Museum
  - Hirshhorn Museum & sculpture garden
  - Smithsonian Museum of Asian Art (Tuesday afternoon only)
  - National Museum of African American History
- At 6:00, we will gather for cocktails and our official birthday party dinner at Joe's Seafood & Prime Steak, located 2 blocks from the hotel at 750 15th Street NW. Our speaker will be Senator **Gus King** who will give a talk entitled "Ten things you didn't know about the U.S. Senate—Barbecue, Brokers, and (occasional) Bipartisanship"



Joe's Seafood & Prime Steak

Gus notes, "I want to share with our classmates a behind-the-scenes look at how the U.S. Senate works (and doesn't work). Think of it as 'How a Bill Really Becomes a Law.' We'll cover topics such as the effect of air travel on policy, more bipartisanship than people think, the tyranny of the primary, and what Mitch McConnell thinks of former Governors turned Senator. Hope it will be fun and informative—and I promise no quiz will follow."

### Thursday, May 2nd:

- At 9:00 in the morning, gather for breakfast in the hotel's Lobby Restaurant, where **Larry Geiger** will present a display of books written by our fellow classmates and **Budge Gere** will offer remarks.

When asked about his Thursday morning "Reflections on Beginning Our Ninth Decade of Life," Rev. Budge Gere, long-time pastor and Class V-P, answered: "The richest 'grist for the mill' for a pastor's preaching and praying are the stories told by the lives of those we are privileged to enter. Surrounding everyone's life is a story, and if we observe and listen carefully to the details, truths emerge that can give our own lives meaning, purpose and pleasure. In seventeen minutes (one minute for each decade we have lived and nine for our ninth!), I look forward to sharing the lessons I have learned the past 80 years and expect to learn during the next decade. My hope is the timeless truths I share will inform how we all might 'Carpe Diem'—each one of them!—during our ninth decade of life."

**We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Washington!**

### Registration for Dartmouth Class of 1966 Birthday Party

Mail to: Bob Serenbetz  
PO Box 1127  
Newtown, PA 18940

\_\_\_ I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_ spaces for the complete Washington event at \$ 490 per person until March 1, and \$ 525 afterwards.

I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WASHINGTON D.C. MUSEUM VISITS

Washington D.C. has a wide array of museums, many free, others charging modest entry fees. Some require timed-entry tickets (TETs) and a few offer regularly-scheduled docent guided tours open to visitors at various times.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Planning Committee has arranged for exclusive docent-guided tours for classmates and Dartmates on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at the following four museums. Times of tours will vary by museum in accordance with its schedule and availability of docents:

- National Gallery of Art and Sculpture Garden (West Wing: Classical; East Wing: Modern. Constitution Ave. and 7th Street, NW)
- Hirshhorn Museum of Modern Art (Independence Ave. and 7th St. SW)
- The National Museum of the American Indian (Independence Ave. and 4th St. SW)
- The National Museum of Asian Art which includes the Freer Gallery and the Sackler Gallery (only available on Tuesday, April 30 in the afternoon, sometime between 2 and 4pm). (Jefferson Drive and 12th St. SW)

Other highly popular museums that do not offer pre-arranged guided tours for exclusive groups, but do have docents who give tours on specific subjects, are open to all visitors. For example:

The National Museum of African American History and Culture offers tours on different topics to all visitors at scheduled times and days. See the offerings for May 1 on the museum's website below. Visitors must obtain free timed-entry tickets (TETs). These are released for time slots no earlier than 30 days in advance. The NMAAHC will release a limited number of same-day TETs online throughout the day beginning at

8:15 am, depending on availability. Website: [nmaahc.si.edu](http://nmaahc.si.edu). (1400 Constitution Avenue NW.)

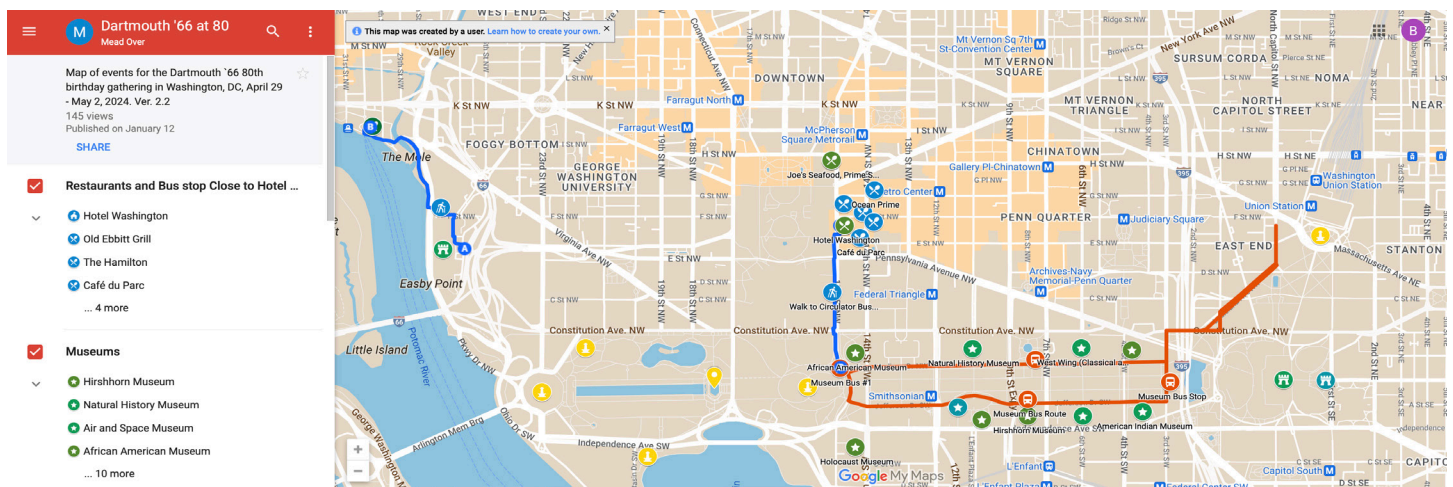
The National Air and Space Museum: Free TETs can be reserved beginning March 15 at 12 noon for any day from 4/16 – 5/31 at [airandspace.si.edu/visit/museum-dc](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/museum-dc). A small number of TETs for the same day are released every morning at 8:30. The NASM has roughly one third of the museum open for visits; the remainder is under renovation until 2026. Eight large galleries are open. (6th Street and Independence Avenue SW.)

Other Smithsonian museums, all of which are free and do not require tickets, include the following: National Museum of Natural History (Constitution and 10th St. NW), American History (1300 Constitution Ave. NW), African Art (950 Independence Ave. SW), American Art and Portrait Gallery (8th and G streets NW), the Renwick Gallery of Crafts and Decorative Arts (1661 Pennsylvania Ave., across from the White House), and the Enid A. Haupt Garden (900 Jefferson Dr. SW, behind the Smithsonian Castle).

Major museums/sights outside the Smithsonian family include the Phillips Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art (\$15 entry fee for seniors: 1600 21st St., NW); the International Spy Museum (\$30 for advance purchase tickets: 700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW); the National Buildings Museum (\$7 entry fee: 401 F St., NW); the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (free timed-entry tickets required: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl., SW, between 14th and 15th Streets SW); and the US Botanic Gardens (free entry: 100 Maryland Avenue SW).

To see a larger, up-to-date version of the map below, along with distances of the museums from the Hotel Washington, go to this web address:

<https://tinyurl.com/BG66at80>





**Peter Broad** was recently re-elected to his fourth term on the Borough Council in Indiana, Pennsylvania. He has been President of the Council for the last 8 years and has a good chance of being re-elected to that position as well. He notes, "I am looking forward to continuing to oversee the running of one of the best towns in the state." Peter retired in 2011 after 42 years of teaching Spanish. He majored in Spanish at Dartmouth and subsequently went to Johns Hopkins for his Ph.D. After bouncing around to various colleges for a few years, he ended up at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he taught for 25 years. He and his wife Yolanda just celebrated their 52nd anniversary. After his retirement, a friend persuaded him to run for office. He adds, "It's been fun."

**Peter Cleaves** writes: "My international consulting ended with the pandemic when multilaterals and companies stopped contracting overseas. I compensate with frequent travels to Europe and Latin America. While home in Austin, Texas, I assist a nonprofit dedicated to settling Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. Aside from playing tennis, I am writing my memoir, and have finished drafts for 18 of 25 chapters, covering life and work on five continents. I hope to have the memoir complete by July 2024 when Dorothy and I celebrate our joint 80th birthdays with family near Toulouse, France."

**Mike Bromley** and wife Rebecca enjoyed a Mississippi River cruise in early December, journeying from New Orleans to Memphis. The boat was the American Queen, a functioning stern wheeler powered by steam. They particularly enjoyed visiting Natchez, Vicksburg, and several ante-bellum mansions and plantations.



Mike notes, "This is a part of the country which we had never visited. Having been there really brings into focus a number of important issues: the Civil War, the opening of the American West, segregation and the Civil Rights movement." Other than that, he spends a lot of time hiking -- both in Palm Desert (where he volunteers for a bighorn sheep conservation group during the winter months) and in Sun Valley and Boise where they spend the rest of the year.

In May **Jeff Futter** was elected President of the Dartmouth Club of Long Island. He also organized an 80th Birthday Party in Charleston SC for his Port Washington NY high school class in early April. In addition, he is keeping busy doing a bunch of interviews of Long Island applicants to the College, noting "some of these kids are really unbelievable in what they have achieved at such a young age." Jeff received a special prize from the Dartmouth College Fund for being the first alumnus to make a gift to the College's recent Forever Green challenge.

**Bruce Berger** writes, "Barb and I are now married for 55 years after beginning dating in my junior year at Dartmouth. Currently, we spend 6 months in Naples, Florida and 6 months in Princeton, NJ. After retiring from 43 years in the practice of dermatology and dermatologic surgery, I tore down my medical office building to studs and built two 1500-square-foot ranch houses in the center of Princeton. We live in the old office and rent the other unit to a medical colleague. Our expedition travel all over the world is now relegated to several cruises on smaller Viking ocean ships. It is a wonderful way to travel and unpack once. In July we are taking our four grandchildren aged 18-21 to Kenya. We look forward to our class reunion in Washington."

**Jack Christ** has been on the Ripon College faculty since 1970 and created its first undergraduate Leadership Studies Program in 1980. He has also produced about 100 educational video programs at his own video studio, which he still runs as CEO. He is looking forward to celebrating many more years with his 2nd wife Bev. Jack's son Eric lives in Bali, Indonesia, with his wife and two little boys. His





daughter Nikki lives near Madison, Wisconsin, with hubby and little two-year-old daughter. He adds, "Life has been good."

**Bill Hayden** writes, "After 30 years in the Navy (I graduated from Top Gun while Tom Cruise was in the 5th grade!) and 25 years as volunteer executive director of a very successful elementary school STEM program ([www.starbasevictory.org](http://www.starbasevictory.org)), I'm ready to actually retire! My wife of 57 years is onboard with the concept!"

**Bill Rose** shared some updates on his life: "I live in the woods of Michigan's upper peninsula. It is rural, but I live half a year in a small university town, and half on the shore of Lake Superior. I am active in land trusts which conserve natural landscapes for public education, and I still work hard with great students. I am alarmed by the environmental crisis after a long career in Earth science research, including volcanoes and the atmosphere and work in Latin America. I have led efforts at international and transdisciplinary science at my university. My students are numerous and are in spectacular leadership posts in natural hazard science worldwide. With my family we have donated a precious Lake Superior island to public conservation."

He adds, "My time at Dartmouth was central in my past, and I loved it. The best part was the excellent professors I experienced and that I found Nanno there--my partner for 56 years so far! My sons and grandchildren have nearly all of my passions. I send good will and happiness to all of you."

**Budge Gere** had two reasons to celebrate in Ann Arbor MI on New Year's Day. First, he avidly cheered as the University of Michigan Wolverines won the Rose Bowl (see picture). It also marked the inaugural day of wife Anne's official retirement after 37 years on the faculty of the University of Michigan.



**Bruce McKissock's** New Year's resolution is to "fully" retire (except for a couple of corporate clients) so he can hopefully attend more Dartmouth functions.

**Dan Boyer** is a Senior Vice President and Branch Manager for a regional brokerage firm—Boenning & Scattergood, Inc.—in Pottstown PA. After Dartmouth, he spent a scholarship year at the University of Munich, where he met his wife Ute, a fellow student. After returning to the US and completing Marine Corps Basic Training and OCS and then joining the USMC Reserve, he married Ute Weber in 1969. They just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and had 3 children. Their first son died in his senior year at Dartmouth in 1993. Kim and Alex and four grandchildren live relatively close by in suburban Philadelphia.



Dan writes, "Both Ute and I are still working as we both enjoy our jobs. Ute is a substitute teacher in the local high school, and I've worked in the financial advisory field for most of my career. We manage to play a fair amount of golf, although the quality of the game is going down fast. Our regional brokerage firm just joined LPL Financial after 108 years of independence due to the advancing age of the owners."



**Jim Lenfestey** is producing a special benefit: Poets, Writers, Musicians Against the War(s) on the Earth—in late February at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.

**David Tucker** writes, "I wish I had a nickel for each of the times over the past 58 years after graduating from Dartmouth that I have quoted John Sloan Dickey at

our freshman convocation where he said to us... 'Your business here is learning AND WE WILL BE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.' The last part of that quote in caps has been a talisman for me and for the way I have tried to live my life for my family and friends and my community. LUCKY ME!!!"

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**Glen Gavin** retired from teaching at Laval University in Quebec City nearly 2 years ago, and the e-mail address he has used for many years is being retired as well. His new e-mail address is [glenn.gavin.1@ulaval.ca](mailto:glenn.gavin.1@ulaval.ca).



**Tom Brady** notes that he is (finally) officially retired and that they have sold all but one of their PTI Companies to new owners headquartered in Taiwan and Italy. Wife Betsy continues as the acting CFO for that last startup company, Guardian Medical USA (<https://guardianmedicalusa.com/>).

They both remain immersed in improving Pre-K and High School Education and have created a new 501c3 organization called HOPE Toledo (<https://www.hope-toledo.org>). They have also taken the lead in starting a new K-1 Teachers Academy in Toledo.

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**Richard Brigden** shares that he retired in 2000 and has traveled the world – following a career as an investment banker, working 10 years from a base in Cleveland and another 10 years out of Charlotte. He recalls, "I advised states and all levels of villages, towns, school districts, counties, hospitals, corporations, partnerships, housing authorities, nursing homes and CCRCs (Continuing Care Retirement Communities)."

He also shared some broader reflections: "As a business accomplishment, all of the marketed and placed deals over twenty years performed as advertised and produced no defaults in timely payment as scheduled. As a parent, my daughters have been successful in their work and motherhood duties with happy marriages. As a husband my success is measured by our marriage still intact and happy for 57 years. As a member of society, I am satisfied that my contributions have improved the lives of many."

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**Jeff Brown**, a retired physician, is happy to announce that the University Art Gallery in Redwood City CA mounted a one-man show featuring 30 of his "people with a story" paintings in December. He also has 5 of his works in the permanent collection of the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara CA. You can see some of his artwork on his website:

[Jeffcontemporaryoils.com](http://Jeffcontemporaryoils.com)

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**David Stedman** has been keeping mentally active writing articles about Scotland, speaking to groups, and teaching. He has researched and written three novels set in Ancient Rome but decided not to publish them.

He adds, "It was a great pleasure for me to retire 'honorably' from the public school teaching profession after 32 years (as City and County Teacher of the Year), and then to be able at age 55 to travel extensively and plan and lead tours in Europe or the Holy Land for my church and Scottish clan. This early retirement allowed me also to help my parents as they aged and become more active in the community as a Church history teacher and as president of such diversities as the Clan Campbell Society, the Walt Whitman Association, and the Camden Home for Children. I am an eight-term elder and now Clerk of Session in the First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield PA. I also have taken a leadership role at the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, serving as its historian and editor of its monthly Chronicle, and at the Union League of Philadelphia serving as its library chair and on the committee in charge of its art collection. I edit the quarterly Clan Campbell Journal and was recently given the Order of the Bog Myrtle for service to the Campbell clan society. I serve on a board of the Presbyterian Historical Society. I have also worked as a Philadelphia tour guide, which was quite a learning experience!"

"I am always glad to host the Dartmouth '66 night here in the Philadelphia area. We are a proud Dartmouth family. Father, brother, cousin, and daughter all attended."

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**Ned Pratt** is active in historic preservation, stained glass, and historic architecture. He also is an avid book collector, having acquired 20 editions of Moby Dick among other titles. He is on several boards of directors, such as his local Society of Architectural



## NEWS OF CLASSMATES

Historians. He adds, "I also try to keep up reading architecture books by **William Morgan**, a Dartmouth roommate, who must have written at least 40 by now"

**Andy Seidman** writes "the only thing worth mentioning is volunteer activity with a group supported by our synagogue and a local church that is working to resettle Afghan refugees in our community. We are working with our second family (husband, wife and 3 children). I have completed my tasks in connection with obtaining good housing for the family; others of our group continue to work on assisting in locating satisfactory daycare for the youngest of the three children, assisting in transporting the family for medical and other appointments, assisting in finding employment for both parents that will provide sufficient income for the family to live independently (and permit us to cease our financial support), etc."

**Hector Motroni** still runs 2.5 miles a day but he is down to 7 sets of 18 pushups in honor of wife Myra's birthday (July 18th). He used to run 5 miles and 9 sets of 21 pushups in honor of his mother (birthday on Sept. 21st). Hector adds "I'm already 80 years old and need to slow down. Soon I'll be exercising in honor of a granddaughter who was born on Jan. 6 (1 set of six pushups)."

Several classmates added brief news updates while responding to our recent 80th Birthday class survey:

- **Bill Duval** is proud of his experience as a soccer official, having completed a 50-year career as a high school and college referee and working 18 state high school finals
- **Rick Reiss** just returned from a family trip to Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile with his daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons.
- **Gaylord Hitchcock** has been appointed as a chaplain to the retired clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego (as a volunteer). He notes, "This is a sign of improved health and mobility since I suffered a somewhat paralyzing illness in 2015."
- **John Galt** is a semi-retired administrative hearing officer serving about a dozen cities in the greater Seattle area. He comments, "when you

enjoy your work and still have your health and faculties, why quit?"

- **Frederick Hoffman** is playing French horn with 2 orchestras, a concert band, a brass quintet, and a horn ensemble. He says, "In some ways my playing is still getting better. But in others is starting to decline. Sigh."
- In July, **Wayne LoCurto** and wife Kathy welcomed their first great-granddaughter, Kingsley Shannon Lesch. Wayne adds, "She is a beauty and a bundle of joy for our whole family."

## CALLING ALL AUTHORS

Have you written and published any books?

If so, please contact **Larry Geiger** by e-mail ([lgeiger@aol.com](mailto:lgeiger@aol.com)) or telephone (914-860-4945) giving him the names of your titles, the subject matter, and the name of the publishers and publication dates.

For our 80th Birthday celebration in Washington this spring, Larry is compiling a list of Class of 1966 authors and their books, and will display some of the books at our class breakfast on Thursday, May 2.



### Class Officers

President:	John Rollins
Vice-Pres:	Budge Gere
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Class Website: [www.dartmouth66.org](http://www.dartmouth66.org)

## MINI-REUNIONS

### Annual Golf Outing

Our annual golf mini reunion will be held in Bentonville, Arkansas from Monday, September 9 to Friday, September 13.

Because many of our golfers will be attending the 80th Birthday event in Washington at the end of April, we decided to move our golf mini to September rather than our traditional late winter/early spring timing.

Bentonville is a new and unique venue for us. With a central location, we are hoping to attract classmates and spouses from both coasts, with air service into nearby Fayetteville Airport. Besides a variety of excellent public golf courses, Bentonville features the beautiful Crystal Bridges art museum, excellent restaurants, hiking, biking, shopping venues, historic sites and museums. Spouses will have many daytime options while the guys are golfing.

We expect to follow our traditional calendar of events:

- Monday evening cocktails and dinner;
- Golf on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;
- Group dinners each night;
- Optional additional golf on Friday.

Golfers with spouses or partners can play 9 holes allowing time to see the sights and Wednesday will be a 9 hole day to tour the Crystal Bridges museum. We will be filling in details of golf course selections, headquarter hotel, and restaurants over the next few months.

If you have any questions, contact Tim Urban [timurban44@gmail.com](mailto:timurban44@gmail.com) or Al Keiller [sienawine@me.com](mailto:sienawine@me.com) 802-230-6238.

### Homecoming 2024

**Save the date:** We are planning our traditional Homecoming mini reunion for November 1-2. Harvard is the football opponent.

We will hold a Friday evening reception and supper before the parade and Dartmouth Night festivities, a class meeting Saturday morning, and an evening reception and dinner Saturday night.

— Al Keiller

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**80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
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## DARTMOUTH DIALOGUES

### Creating a Brave Environment

*A Letter from President Beilock*

Dear Dartmouth community members,

During my presidential inaugural address in September, I shared my commitment to make our campus a place of ideological diversity—where every member of our community feels comfortable expressing unpopular views and questioning others who hold beliefs with which they disagree.

As I wrote in my message to you last week, the urgency and significance of such effort has never been clearer to me than over the past three months. Today, with this sense of importance in mind, I am pleased to announce Dartmouth Dialogues, our shared commitment to expanding programming across the institution dedicated to facilitating conversations and skills that bridge political and personal divides. With every school, center, department, division, and classroom at Dartmouth aligned on this important goal, I know that we will generate more powerful and lasting outcomes.

Dartmouth has a history of exposing our community to different viewpoints—from the Great Issues course introduced by then-President John Sloan Dickey in 1947 to presidential debates held on campus beginning in 1984—Dartmouth Dialogues brings a renewed focus on our ability to think critically, to question, to probe, and reflect, rather than blindly follow a predetermined ideology. Dartmouth Dialogues expands our capacity to cultivate these talents for our campus community—something that has never been more important for the successful future of higher education and the leaders we produce than it is today.

A cornerstone of Dartmouth Dialogues is the Dialogue Project, being co-led by Dean of Arts and Sciences Elizabeth F. Smith and Kristi Clemens, who is serving as the project's director of student and staff initiatives.

The Dialogue Project is based on the idea that engaging in constructive dialogue takes practice, intention, and modeling from experts. And, that brave spaces thrive when members of our community hold their own opinions, do their homework on an issue, and actively and responsibly engage in dialogue with others.

## DARTMOUTH DIALOGUES (CON'T)

The project will provide training and practice for students, faculty, and staff in empathetic listening, managing emotions, navigating conversations, and finding points of connection across ideological differences. Leading psychologist and best-selling author Marc Brackett, the founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, will be at Dartmouth Jan. 26 to talk with and help faculty, students, and staff build skills that will enable us to have difficult conversations productively.

And, through its One Small Step program, StoryCorps is bringing together community members with different perspectives, two at a time, to record a conversation about their lives—and in the process, discover their shared humanity. We look forward to opening this opportunity up to the extended Dartmouth community including our alumni.

As you can see, there is a lot going on through Dartmouth Dialogues. Please take part in these exciting opportunities. And thank you for your work on these important initiatives.

Best,

Sian Leah Beilock

On January 26, Marc Brackett, the founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, was the inaugural speaker for the Dialogue Project, an initiative to train faculty, students, and staff in the skills necessary to speak openly, collaboratively, and respectfully with each other.

Speaking on “Emotional Intelligence: Pathway to Well-Being, Productive Relationships, and Professional Success”, he noted that “We tend to overrate the power of cognitive intelligence to get us through home and work life while underestimating the power of emotional intelligence.”



## IN MEMORIAM

### Peter L. Hargraves

Peter Laurence Hargraves, 79, of Bryan, TX, formerly of Austin, TX, and Darien and Madison, CT, passed away on December 23 after a long struggle with ALS. He was taken care of at home for the last six years by his loving and devoted wife Barbara Krings Hargraves. Peter and Barbara married in 2016 and moved to Austin, Barbara's home. When the nature of Peter's illness became apparent, they built a house in Bryan suitable for caring for him. Peter was a Vietnam veteran and the VA provided much life-giving support.



Born in Hartford, CT in 1944, raised and educated in Bristol, CT, he then attended college (first Dartmouth, then the University of New Hampshire, where he graduated in 1970.) His senior year was interrupted in 1968 by a year of active duty in Vietnam. After college Peter joined the international department of Connecticut Bank and Trust in Hartford. After a few years he was transferred to the bank's international subsidiary in New York City, where he lived before moving to Darien, CT with his first wife Nancy Walton Hargraves and their two daughters, Elisabeth and Emily. He went on to work for Danske Bank in New York, and then Webster Bank in Connecticut.

Peter was witty, friendly, and gregarious and always had a story or a joke to tell. In New York he was a member of the Yale Club and the Downtown Club, and in Connecticut, of the Middlesex Club and the Madison Winter Club. Peter adored jazz and in his younger days was a gifted trombonist. Peter skied, cooked, and played golf with enthusiasm. He especially loved to cook and could often be found in the kitchen producing self-proclaimed masterpieces from his arsenal or the New York Times. He also played bridge and did crosswords all his life. He was a generous volunteer to civic organizations like the Darien Arts Council.

In addition to his daughters and his wife, Peter leaves his twin brother John '66 of New York and Lyme, CT, and his older brother Robert of Hanover, NH.

Private funeral services were held in Bryan, TX, and a memorial gathering will be held in Connecticut at a later date. Donations may be made to the ALS Society ([www.als.org](http://www.als.org)) in Peter's name.

—John Hargraves





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