



Spring on the Green
—Jim Lustenader

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2024 66th Night Festivities

by Bob Cohn

This year, 65 classmates—along with spouses and guests—joined 66th Night gatherings at 11 in-person venues in the U.S., one in the Dominican Republic, and for one Zoom session.

As usual, the largest celebration was in Hanover, where 16 guests gathered in the Paganucci Lounge in Olde Thayer Hall. Chuck Sherman hosted the event, which featured a talk by Jon Plodzik—the Director of Dartmouth Dining (the DDA in our day)—and vocal performances by the Dartmouth Decibelles, who sang both Crosby, Stills, and Nash selections and some Dartmouth classics. Attendees included Teresa Carpenter, Judy & Stan Colla, Penny & Jeff Gilbert, Lewis Greenstein, Doug Hill and Alexandra Breed, Sue Kaufman, Jo & Al Keiller, Gordon Lerversee, Kathy & Wayne LoCurto, and Chuck Sherman & Margie Carpenter. Chuck noted, “Conversations were convivial, wine & beers were plentiful, and the 16-year-old tradition of 66th Night lives on in Hanover.”

Don Glazer hosted a large multi-day gathering of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity brothers at his home in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Joining Don were Judy & Rich Abraham, Maxene & Dick Alderman, Dick Blacklow, Ben Cohen, Dick Friedman, Dave Johnston, Myra & Hector Motroni, and Rick Reiss & Joanie Cohen.

Bob Baldwin organized the get-together in Maine and reports “14 of us had a great time with lots of fun and laughs.” Attendees included Jack Aley, Gwen & Andy Anderson, Jan & Bob Baldwin, Cindy & Wally Buschmann, Peter Griffin, Barbara & Steve Lanfer, Peggy & Lance Tapley, Peter Titcomb, and Will Wilkoff.

In Winter Park CO, classmates gathered at Tim Urban’s home, where former Glee Club baritone Steve

Coles led the group in Dartmouth songs. Joining them in the singing were Gary Broughton, Jon Colby, Budge Gere, Joff Keane, and Peter Tuxen.

There were three separate celebrations in Florida:

- On Sanibel Island, Joan & Bill Gruver hosted Erv Burkholder and Betsy & Larry Haas for dinner at their home, along with Rick King’s widow Estelle and some “ringers” from the classes of 1960, 1964, and 1965.
- In Delray Beach, Anne & John Rollins got together with Mary & Brad Stein
- In Miami, Lee Sandler shared dinner with Jim Cason, Joanne Brown & Jeff Tew, and Bill Wilson.

In White Plains NY, Larry Geiger organized a gathering at Sam’s of Gedney Way, a local restaurant. Joining him were Dace & Gundars Aperans, Robert Hermann, Susi & Peter Orbanowski, Sherri & Gerry Paul and Andy Seidman.

Bill Hobson, Steve Zegel, and Dave Pothoff’s widow Dede celebrated at the Train Wreck in St. Louis, while Bruce McKissock and Dave Stedman and their wives held the banner high and had a great time together at the Union League Club in Philadelphia. In Lobeco SC, a suburb of Beaufort, Jim Weiskopf met up with Karen & Bob Serenbetz and Barbara & Ted Temple.

Larry Goss and Jack Young and their wives met for dinner in Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Finally, Tom Brady organized a Zoom call of Alpha Theta brothers, including Bill Gruber, Bryce Harbaugh, Brad Laycock, Mike Millemann, Ken Reiber, and Steve Tosi.

Everyone in all of these celebrations “gave a rouse” for Dartmouth and for our class!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Our class 80th Birthday Party in DC took place under warm, sunny skies, with more than 100 attending. It began with a cocktail party on Monday evening, April 29, at the Hotel Washington, just a block from the White House. On Tuesday morning we toured the U. S. Capitol, from the Crypt to the Rotunda, with professional guides. After that we scattered with free time, some for lunch on Capitol Hill, others in search of museums and historic sites.

At 4 pm, we boarded buses to the Kennedy Center, overlooking the Potomac River near Georgetown. There we toured the major concert halls with knowledgeable guides—including the lavish Opera House and its artwork collection—and admired the famous Kennedy bust in the Grand Foyer. We finished our tour at the Center's new rooftop-level exhibit titled "JFK: Art and Ideals," while privately we recalled where we were that afternoon of November 22, 1963.

Dinner at the Sequoia restaurant on the Potomac shoreline in Georgetown followed, with an open bar and elegant dinner. As we finished our vanilla bean crème brulee, our classmate poet, **Jim Lenfesty**, read a number of his thoughtful and charming poems. The evening concluded with the buses taking us on a "Monuments by Moonlight" tour on our way back to the hotel.

Wednesday included lots of free time to explore the sites of DC. Also available were private guided tours of the west wing of the National Gallery of Art and of the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, where the exceptionally knowledgeable and interesting guide turned out to be the museum's curator.

That evening we donned sports coats for a banquet at Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak, & Stone Crab, just two blocks from our hotel. As we finished dinner, I introduced our classmate, Senator **Angus King**, who spoke about "Ten Things You Didn't Know About the U. S. Senate." Needless to say, his talk was insightful, entertaining, and thought-provoking. After a standing ovation for Angus, each person lifted a tiny green mug of faux green beer in a toast, and class VP **Budge Gere** lit an "8" and a "0" candle while everyone sang "Happy Birthday." In traditional

Dartmouth style, the evening concluded with **Steve Coles** leading all in "Dartmouth Undying," which proved a challenge for our 80-year-old voices, but we ended with a rousing "Men of Dartmouth."

Thursday morning breakfast was served in the hotel's rooftop Skyroom, with a spectacular view from the Mall to the White House and across the Potomac to the Pentagon. Budge spoke about entering "Our Ninth Decade of Life," which managed to be both thoughtful and entertaining. (See reprint on page 5.) I then introduced the members of the planning committee who worked with me to make the reunion possible: **Steve Hayes, Wayne Hill, Joff Keane, and Mead Over**. Following adjournment, many of us stopped at the table displaying copies of dozens of books published by members of our class—a very impressive array! Thanks to **Larry Geiger** for identifying and tracking down copies of each of these books for this display, a fitting end to our celebration.

—John Rollins

TREASURER'S LETTER



With our fiscal year ending June 30, this will be our final appeal for 2023-2024 dues payments.

Thanks to the 263 of you who have sent in your checks or credit card payments, we are within reach of matching last year's total of 304. And a special thanks to the 239 classmates who also contributed to class projects, many of whom contributed more than the \$34 suggestion.

We have already initiated our final email campaign to those classmates who paid dues last year, but not this year (our "LYBUNTS"). You can pay on-line, either by credit card or PayPal, at www.dartmouth66.org, clicking the "Class Dues" button on the left and following the instructions for PayPal/Credit Card payments on the lead page. This option allows you to pay either by credit card or via a PayPal account. Or you can send a check made out to "Class of 1966" for \$66 or \$100 (including contribution to projects) to Bob Serenbetz, PO Box 1127, Newtown, PA 18940.

If you have forgotten whether or not you've paid, there is a list of all payees on the dues web page. Remember that dues and project contributions are both deductible for federal income tax purposes. Thanks again for your support!

—Bob Serenbetz

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FUND

As we have come together these last two months as a class, let's remember that it was Dartmouth that created the class of 1966. Now as the Class of 1966, it's our turn to help create Dartmouth, by supporting the Dartmouth College Fund. We need \$38,000 and 60 additional donors to meet this fiscal year's goals.



We can do this, and your support as an individual classmate makes this happen. Moosemates, please go to DartmouthCollegeFund.org and make a contribution now, before the close of the fiscal year.

Dollars Creating Futures, that's what the DCF is all about.

—Bob Spence
Head Class Agent

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UPDATE

2025 Class Trip

For the first time our class trip in 2025 will be in the USA, not in Europe.

Beginning on May 23rd in Portland Oregon, we will board the next day on the American Cruise Lines ship American Harmony. We will travel up the Columbia and Snake rivers following the travels of Lewis and Clark. On board will be an expert on those explorers to give us lectures and to be available for questions along the way. The trip lasts 9 days and 8 nights, ending in Clarkston Washington, near the border with Idaho, on May 31st.



To see the digital brochure that features this trip, click on:

[Columbia and Snake Rivers Digital Brochure](#)

If you are reading this newsletter in hard copy go to the website of the company, www.americancruiselines.com and look at the trip Columbia and Snake rivers, and then look at the cabins on the diagram of the ship American Harmony. Most cabins next year will cost between \$5900 and \$6945 per person depending on size and location, but the deposit to lock down your participation is only \$500 per person.

To sign up, send an email to our travel agent, Margy Sansone, at margy311@gmail.com and she will tell you

what you need to do. Please copy me on that email at bradstein66@gmail.com to help me keep track of our travelers.

Several of our classmates at the recent 80th birthday party have already told me they plan to join us so please act with "all deliberate speed" as this is American Cruise Lines' most popular offering and cabins are likely to go quickly. If you have never traveled on one of our class trips, just ask anyone who has and they will tell you they had a great time. I know that Mary and I are already looking forward to this one.

—Brad Stein

KENDALL FARM ON MOOSE MOUNTAIN

At the 66th Night dinner in Hanover **Stan Colla** and **Doug Hill**, on behalf of the Hanover Conservancy, requested that classmates make donations to protect the former Kendall Farm on Moose Mountain in Etna, which is a ten-minute hike from the Class of 1966 Lodge.

Stan, a former Board member of the Hanover Conservancy, notes "The Kendall Farm on Moose Mountain presents an extraordinary opportunity for all interested parties to conserve major acreage in Hanover's 'emerald necklace.' Because this opportunity is so close to the Class of '66 Lodge and encompasses a portion of the Fred Harris Trail, we thought that members of our class might be interested in helping to conserve this property."

Richard Kendall owned this 150-acre farm and forest for 60 years, allowing backcountry skiers and hikers to use the 3/4 mile of the Harris Trail that crossed his land. When he died last fall, the Hanover Conservancy determined to protect this scenic property and assure continued public access to the Trail. The Hanover Conservancy – the oldest local land trust in New Hampshire – was established by Dartmouth faculty & friends in 1961 as the Hanover Conservation Council. Since that time, they have protected over 500 acres on Moose Mountain. Their goal is to purchase the Kendall Farm, sell the house on the property to help cover some of the costs, and retain and permanently protect 140 of the 150 acres.

Classmates willing to support this effort are encouraged to consider a tax-deductible contribution to help preserve this Moose Mountain property. To find out more, and to contribute, go to:

hanoverconservancy.org/lands/moose-mountain-forest/

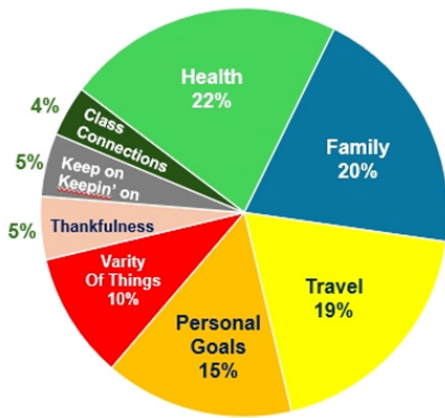
1966 80TH BIRTHDAY SURVEY

Thanks to the 90 classmates who took the time to provide thoughtful responses to the Class of 1966 80th Birthday Survey which was sent out by e-mail in January. The overall results indicate that, even at 80, classmates continue to look forward to making a positive difference with both family members and those less fortunate. The two key themes that resonate throughout are that classmates are generally happy with the lives they are living and the success they have achieved but apprehensive that the divisions and extremism in our body politic may cause lasting damage to our nation.

Here is a summary of the responses; you can find complete results and quotes from respondents by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page or going to our class website: www.dartmouth66.org.

What were our classmates most looking forward to doing in their 80th year?

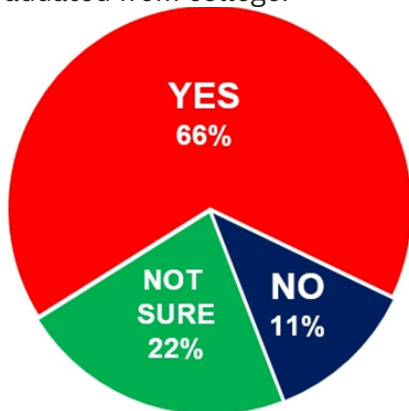
- 22% responded: Good Health – keeping it or getting it
- 20% wanted to spend more time with family
- 19% are looking forward to travel
- 15% want to achieve personal goals
- 5% want to “keep on keeping on”
- 4% want to maintain or strengthen their Dartmouth connections



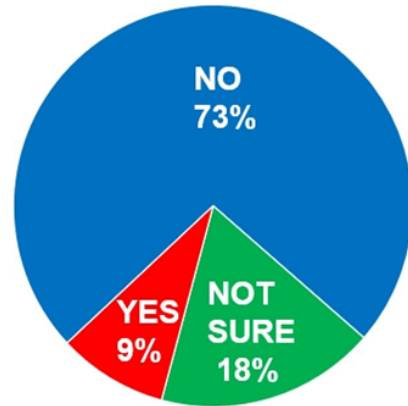
When questioned about their overall feelings about turning 80,

- 28% responded “hopeful”
- 26% said “happy”
- 18% were “happy & hopeful”
- 8% were “happy, hopeful, & fearful”

Asked whether things were better than they expected when we graduated from college:



When asked whether things were better for the country than they expected they would be, the responses skewed much more negative:



Finally, when asked what thoughts or advice they would give to others upon reaching this milestone, the responses fell into 4 general categories:



To see the detailed results and comments, go to: <https://dartmouth66.org/downloads/1966-80th-Survey.pdf>

“Reflections on Beginning Our Ninth Decade of Life”

Presented on May 2, 2024 by the Reverend Dr. Brewster H. (Budge) Gere '66



At class reunions we hold a memorial service at which time we acknowledge the presence of the absence of classmates who are no longer living. This morning, given the nature of this gathering, a birthday party, I wish to focus how we who are still blessed with life can most fully live out the years that are still ours here on earth.

When Class President John Rollins invited me to share remarks at this concluding session on some topic befitting an 80th birthday party of classmates, I began thinking just what rhetorical and oratorical genre this really was. In search of an answer, I consulted with our in-house authority on rhetoric and composition. That would be my wife Anne, whose acclaimed half-century career as a university professor of English with a specialization in rhetoric and composition was celebrated at the University of Michigan just this past week at an event that became known as ANNEFEST. Her answer was there didn't seem to be much literature about this area of discourse so that I should just “go for it.” But as an afterthought she did add one thing: “Remember the first rule of preaching,” which, in turn, pointed me back to my seminary training that included this advice: “Preach about God and preach about twenty minutes.”

Well, given my background, while this is not a sermon, you can expect some God elements and references in my reflections on “Beginning Our Ninth Decade of Life.” As for the 20 minutes, I did promise in pre-event publicity that my goal would be about 17 minutes—roughly one minute for the first 8 decades we have, or almost have, lived; and nine minutes for the decade we now enter. My reflections might take a few minutes more than that, but not much more, because we have a 12:30 flight to catch.

At Tuesday night's dinner, at which time I had the privilege and pleasure of introducing Class

Poet-Laureate Jim Lenfesty, as a way of reminding myself that I was the introducer of the speaker, not the speaker, I shared a line from the poet Mary Ann Moore that suggests often “less is more” in writing and speaking circles. When musing on any attempt to describe a lion's leap to snare its prey, she remarked, “Extended explanation tends to spoil the leap.”

This morning, my reminder of the 20-minute dictum is this wristwatch, something that has not been on my wrist very often since the days I spent long hours in many meetings. I have this watch with me as a reminder of the story of a young boy who accompanied his grandmother to church one Sunday. Being a wise grandmother, she knew that the way the boy would be most involved in the experience would be to sit in the front pew where he could see everything that was going on.

When in the service the time came for the sermon, the preacher mounted the steps into the pulpit, and before uttering a word, ceremonially took off his watch and placed in on the pulpit. “Gamma,” the boy whispered. “What does that mean?” In response, the woman, wise to the ways of many ministers, rolled her eyes and answered in a stage whisper that landed on the ears of not only her grandson: “Absolutely nothing.”

19th century Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard observed: “We live life forward, but we understand it backwards.” To spark reflections that might lead us into thinking about our futures, I began by focusing upon both generalities and specifics that have dominated each of the past eight decades of our lives. To that end, I made a chart and filled it in with themes and events that seem to correspond to certain periods of our lives.

Now, far from an honors math major at Dartmouth, in this exercise I did do what I thought was logical numerically. I began with a 0-9 age group column,

realizing life is lived on a continuum; and that throughout life things happen when they happen, beginning with one's conception until the time of one's birth—which may or may not have been a nine-month proposition for us, and thus our dear mothers. Which is to say, my intention in mentioning any experiences and events during any decade is meant for you to fill in corresponding ones in your life.

Beginning with the first nine years, while I could list specifics of what was important to me during those years, I find that author Robert Fulghum, in an essay entitled "All I Ever Needed to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten," captures the essence of those years poignantly and humorously in the following way:

"Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you are sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw some and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day."

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out in the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup? The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why. We are like that.

And then remember that book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK! Everything you need to know is there somewhere: The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation, ecology, and politics and the sane living.

The 10 to 19 decade—what a leap! Pre-pubescent boys beginning those years a foot shorter than girls, clinging to childhood yet trying to have a cool hairdo by standing in front of a mirror and using a squirt gun to water it down. Next, the confusion and effects of puberty—voice change from contralto to bass in one sentence, zits, hair, emerging manhood. As for girls, they develop earlier physically, have mad crushes on boys, giggle and scream. There are zits...and hair...and all the while they are smarter than guys. Add to this mix the issues of moral development, individuating from families of origin, choosing a college and potentially a career, dating and mating. Whew!

In our case, the last two years of the 10-19 decade morphed into our early and mid 20's with an array of events that profoundly shaped us, our nation and our world and catapulted us into adulthood: the Cuban Missile Crisis, John F. Kennedy's assassination, the Vietnam War, the specter of the Draft, marijuana, the pill, civil rights advances, MLK's and RFK's assassinations, riots on campuses.

During those 20 to 29 years, while much of our career credentialing was occurring, many of us were starting families. Now that was really where the credentialing should have been going on! Think of the manuals in the military, the charts in med school, the diagrams in business school. Where was the manual we really needed... the one on childrearing?

30 to 39: kids and careers, careers and kids. And...speaking for guys... two big things for many of us. First, if you identified as

an athlete, the painful reality is you lose a step in your late 30's. For me the moment of truth came in Seattle where we lived at the time during a neighborhood 4th of July party soccer game, adults vs. kids. Because we adults wanted to win, we always declared that the kids' team would be made up of all who were younger than Peter, then a teenager who was really good, good enough to go on and play for the Seattle Sounders professional soccer team. That day, as I went to toward the goal on the right wing, Peter passed the ball to where I should have been, and would have been 20, even 10, years before. That year I didn't get there. I had lost the step.

There is a second big event that often emerges in the lives of men as the late 30's end and the 40-49 decade unfolds. I call this period The Crazyes. I am convinced all men need to go through some form of mid-life crisis. One hopes the way or ways it unfolds isn't too crazy or too destructive. Two books that describe the phenomenon well were published during the Class of '66's living out of this time-period. *The Seasons of a Man's Life* was the long-form; Gail Sheehy's *Passages* a shorter form. Classmates: you—or those closest to you—can fill in the details. Dartmates: ditto, and please be gentle as you do so!

The 40-49 decade is a coming of age. Many of us were no longer junior this, associate that. Among the stuff to add to careers and kids are the specifics—teen-age kids, college-age kids, career consolidation, potential spousal role changes in the family system,

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and, an add-on, the beginning of needing to think about now-aging parents.

50-59: My analogy is the Bus: What bus is the right bus to be on as one goes into the future? What seat on the bus? Who's driving the bus? Who's on the bus with us? What "stuff" are we transporting? Personal and professional changes are already occurring or are on the horizon. This is the opportune time to think about how one is going to reinvest time, energy and resources.

60-69: In this time frame what is now frequently called The Third Act begins. For most, the word retirement is associated with any change of the kind or amount of work people have been doing. As for how people transition into this period of life, I have always preferred to call the next commitments taken on during this time period reinvestment.

70-79: I'm too close to the past decade to know exactly how it has been substantially different from the decade before. But, now that 80 is the operative age on the chart, now that in my case the birthday cake and ice cream are history, there are new realities to face, and they are wrapped up in fears, tears and cheers.

Let's get the fears out of the way. At this age diminishing physical and mental capacities are of legitimate concern. We are solidly in the midst of the aging process. As a recent *New Yorker* article that discussed the health risks of this election year's presumed presidential candidates poignantly pointed out, age is not a risk factor at this time of life. It is the risk factor. I presume that those of us in this room are well aware of the approximate ages of the men in question and our own.

On a lighter note, my metaphor for what has changed in my life regarding what it's like to be 80 is that now when preparing to go on a trip, I am finding that it takes me as much time to pack my medicines as my clothes...and I'm not on very much stuff.

For this event, our class superscribes and communicators, Larry Geiger and Ben Day, collated the results of a Class of 1966 Birthday Survey. One question that was asked focused on thoughts or advice we as classmates have upon reaching the 80th birthday milestone. Your answers are my answers: Stay Healthy—Be Thankful—Enjoy Life—Keep Giving Back.

Regarding health, our primary care physician is terrific. He's smart as a whip, twenty-five years younger than we are, and, a bonus, he is the head of

Michigan Medicine's palliative care program. His big deal: stay mobile. To that end, most mornings Anne and I swim. Hearing that, people say, "Oh, you're a swimmer." As one who prefers H₂O in other forms such as ice formerly to skate on and now in the bottom of a martini glass, and snow so we can ski at our Class of '66 Ski Mini-Reunion with numbers of you, thanks to Toni and Tim Urban's extraordinary hospitality, I answer: "No, I'm not a swimmer. I swim." Behind that answer lies this truth: the best form of exercise is the one that we will do.

In an attempt over the next years to live lives of vigor and rigor, let me share a beginning platform from my religious tradition, which is grounded in Main Line Protestantism as first articulated by Reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin. Stern though they were about their brand of faith, a question from a 16th century church catechism stated in 21st century language this way: "What is the chief end of humans to be?" yielded this answer: "To glorify God and enjoy God forever."

Whether God is central to one's faith structure or is code for that which is greater than oneself, I believe that by giving glory to God, to the Creator of all that may be called good,

our moral compass is set on True North. This, in turn, brings enjoyment to ourselves and others. And, a piece—a big piece—of this enjoyment is to embrace this time of life as a gift, as a time for Joyful Reflection.

Over the past few years, I have been trying to articulate what distinguishes the differences between information, knowledge and wisdom. The cornerstone of this triad is wisdom. Given that we have lived eight decades, and, knowing so many of you as I do, I believe that our individual and collective wisdom is great. To actualize our wisdom, I charge us all to boldly use it for the greater good. Now is the time to leverage our lifetime of hard-earned wisdom.

How? The late civil rights leader and congressman from Georgia, John Lewis, always spoke of making "Good Trouble" in service to building a Beloved Community. What that means is to advocate for change where change is needed. To that end, I invite you to think of yourself as a THERMOSTAT, not a THERMOMETER. Thermostats change the temperature. Thermometers only measure it. Be a change agent.

At this age all of us have many, many things we can do, especially for others. This starts with a Positive

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Mental Attitude, a P.M.A., focused on what we CAN do, not on the limits we have. The truth is in so many realms of life ATTITUDE DETERMINES ALTITUDE. We can fly high with joy when we turn our attention to others, when we practice ministries of Presence, of just being there for people. A tip here: practice what I call PROACTIVE WAITING. That often means just being around, offering yourself when you see even the smallest of ways you might ease the way for someone, and when appropriate, saying four simple monosyllabic words: “How can I help?”

The writer David Brooks is known to many of us for his *New York Times* op-ed columns. I have observed over the past several years his writing has moved more and more toward introspective pieces, lifting up the virtues of moral and ethical behavior and practices and promoting meaningful relationships among people. Brooks has recently written a helpful book for those who wish to be truly present for others. The title is *How to Know a Person*, and I recommend it. His word for people who reach out and come to truly know others is Illuminators, those who bring light into others’ lives.

There is a wonderful law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom and peace of mind—are only and always attained by giving them to someone else. Embedded in that reality is the concept of RELATIONALITY, a key concept in Indigenous culture. It is based on respect, responsibility, and reciprocity as each has an impact upon intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical realms of another. When Relationality is practiced, it sparks Relational Joy among all who are involved.

The composer Gustav Mahler said, “Tradition need not be the worship of ashes but the preservation of fire.” Our gathering these past days is just such an example of maintaining and fueling relationality. The truth is when such relationality is built and maintained among us as a class and with others, Relational Joy follows.

Returning to the four thoughts we as a class collectively named as most important in our lives—staying healthy, enjoying life, being thankful and keep giving back—finally, none is more important than giving back, the giving of our time, our talent, our treasure, ourselves. Life is a gift that gains ever greater

joy, satisfaction and meaning in direct proportion to how much we give in response to that which has been showered upon us.

Clearly, there is much more to say. But I hope what I have said will be a springboard for your thinking and acting at this watershed time of your 80th birthday. I now close with two quotes from two different books from the pen of Dartmouth icon, Theodore Geisel, Class of 1925, known to the world as Dr. Seuss, and I then send us on our way by lifting up nine virtues that are known as the Fruit of the Spirit from the spiritual tradition I know best.

The first quote is from the book *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* It reflects the narrator’s feelings about 20-year-olds we once were ready to head into the world: “Oh, the Places You’ll Go! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” And so we have,

experiencing life’s ups and downs along the way.

The other is from a lesser-known book, *You’re Only Old Once*, that chronicles the future of an older guy after a day-long

physical checkup. The verdict? “You’re in pretty good shape for the shape you are in.”

So, here we are...in the shape we are in...Thankful for this time together and all that enriches our life, including each other. Clinging to this truth, as we leave this marvelous gathering, my wish for you is that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control will fill your lives in the years to come and guide the days of our ninth decade.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this with you all.

Practice proactive waiting... just being around... ..and when appropriate, saying four simple monosyllabic words: “How can I help?”



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MINI-REUNIONS

September Golf Mini-Reunion

We will be holding our annual golf mini reunion in Bentonville, Arkansas from Monday September 9 to Friday September 13. Bentonville is famous for being the HQ of Walmart, and its wonderful Crystal Bridges Museum. Given the many non-golf activities available, we expect many Dartmates will accompany our golfers.

Golf courses:

We will play all rounds at Bella Vista, about 20 minutes north of central Bentonville (https://bellavistapoa.com/thingstodo/golf_home/).

They have five 18-hole courses and two 9-hole courses. According to the pro shop, each of the five 18-hole courses has its own personality, including one links course. They each have their own pro shop and check in. Greens fees for all five 18-hole courses are \$60 including carts. We can book 7 days in advance.

Hotels:

There are many options. Here are three at different price points.

- 21c Museum Hotel — <https://www.21cmuseumhotels.com/bentonville/>
- Doubletree suites by Hilton — <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=BNTDTDT>
- Courtyard By Marriott — <https://www.marriott.com/reservation/>

We are too small a group to qualify for a group rate. None of the three include breakfast; each has a restaurant that serves breakfast.

Restaurants:

Lots of good options for our four dinners:

- The Hive — <https://thehivebentonville.com/#menu>
- The Preachers Son — <https://www.thepreachersson.com/>
- Table Mesa — <https://tablemesabistro.com/#home>
- The Conifer (at the Museum) — <https://www.coniferbentonville.com/conifer-menu>
- Tusk and Trotter — <https://www.tuskandtrotter.com/>

Activities:

- Crystal Bridges Museum — <https://crystalbridges.org/>
- We will plan a Wednesday afternoon group tour (9 holes in the morning)

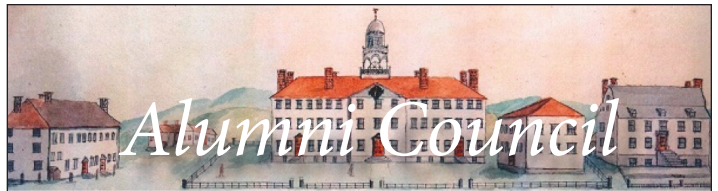
- Walmart Museum — <https://www.walmartmuseum.com>
- Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens — <https://www.peelcompton.org/visit-peel/>
- Pea Ridge Military Park — <https://www.nps.gov/peri/index.htm>
- Museum of Native American History — <https://www.monah.org/>
- Walking and biking network of trails

Transportation:

- The local airport is Northwest Arkansas Regional (XNA), Fayetteville, about 20 minutes from Bentonville. The Doubletree has a shuttle, the other two hotels listed above do not.
- We should be able to share rental cars and carpool once other travel arrangements are made.

If you have questions, please contact Al Keiller at 802-230-6238 or seinawine@me.com.

— Al Keiller



Here is a summary of the Alumni Council's Zoom meeting held on Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, 2024.

During those two days, The Council's representatives met with administrators and trustees to discuss

1. student health and housing issues
2. initiatives with Artificial Intelligence and environmental studies
3. campus events of May 1, when the Green was occupied by protesters and
4. open topics.



Events of May 1, 2024

President Beilock has written and spoken openly about the College's response to the student protests on May 1. The Alumni Council discussed the College's response to the protests, and whether the response was appropriate or overreaching. There were strong feelings on both sides. Looking ahead, there was general agreement among the Council representatives on the need for protocols governing

open and respectful dialog on campus, and for the College to maintain its academic and community values when protocols for open and respectful dialog are violated.

This is an area of great interest to many, if not most, of our Class, and, from the evidence of this meeting, the current primary concern among Dartmouth alumni across the board. There will be more discussion on this at the Alumni Council meeting in the fall. I'll report back at that time.

Housing and Food Security Issues

46% of Dartmouth's students have some level of financial aid during the year, and approximately two-thirds of those students do not have a full meal plan. The Alumni Council reviewed "Food Bank" measures at the College, which provide free meals many times each week for students in need. Food insecurity gets little attention from folks who think Ivy League students "have it all", but it's an area that gets a lot of attention from Dartmouth's food service personnel.

Housing is also a difficult issue for some students. The College has six "House Communities", in addition to "Residence Halls" (formerly "dorms") and Fraternities/Sororities. Freshmen assigned to House Communities are finding it difficult to change residences when they would like to, or to live with roommates they would like to choose after Freshman year. These are real issues to a number of students, and something the Alumni Council will be discussing in future meetings on the College's housing plan.

Environmental Studies

The Dartmouth Climate Collaboration will invest \$500 million in the next five years on "environmental sustainability," with particular focus on campus decarbonization, organic farming and use of the 2nd College Grant. Also at this time, there are approximately 50 undergraduates majoring in Environmental Studies, and some minoring in climate change. These students are working with faculty on projects that make Dartmouth THE academic research body anywhere for Arctic and Cold Region Studies and help Dartmouth to be a recognized leader on climate change issues worldwide.

Artificial Intelligence

The term "Artificial Intelligence" was coined at a Dartmouth conference in 1957 (Who knew? Maybe plaques somewhere on campus for both Beer Pong and AI origins?). Advanced study is happening now

at the Geisel School of Medicine for the use of AI, to be combined with clinical judgment and ethical decisions. Pretty exciting, and more to be heard in the year ahead.

Athletics, Admissions and Other Matters

I asked two trustees, Jeff Blackburn '91 and Erika Schultz '95, about their feelings on declining results for some of our athletic teams. Both Jeff and Erika were varsity athletes (Jeff under Buddy Teevens, and Erika as Captain of Crew). They lamented how difficult it is to recruit for 35 varsity teams, having the smallest student body among the Ivies. They commented on how competitive the Trustees are (how else did they get there?), and how they all like winning more than losing (just like us), but the reality is that athletics must fit in with the overall academic emphasis at Dartmouth. Improvements in this area could come by reducing the number of teams (already tried, of course), or growing the College, but no big changes in the foreseeable future.

On growing the College, there is always the look of how to expand in certain areas, but housing and overall space is a constant issue. There wasn't much talk this time with the Alumni Council about the use of the golf course property, but that will be on the burner for discussion at future Alumni Council meetings.

On the issue of Dartmouth Basketball voting to unionize, the College emphasized it is not anti-union in any way, that the College works well with five unions on campus, but is not willing to accept varsity athletes as employees of the College. Of course, this is a nationally important issue, where Dartmouth students may create another "first" for the record books. More to come on the outcome of Dartmouth's appeal of the National Labor Relation Board's ruling in favor of unionization.

On "legacy admissions", the numbers weren't verified yet for legacy admissions to the Class of '28, so we didn't hear at the May meeting about possible changes in the percentage of "legacies" for the incoming class, due to the Supreme Court's decision to nullify legacy preference. More on this, also, at the fall Alumni Council meeting.

See you in the fall!

—Albie Macdonald

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2024 66TH NIGHT



St. Louis: Dede Pothoff, Bill Hobson, Patricia Ferrell, Steve Zegel



Colorado: Tim Urban, Gary Broughton, Jon Colby, Budge Gere, Pete Tuxen, Joff Keane, Steve Coles



Sanibel Island: Joan & Bill Gruver hosted Erv Burkholder, Betsy & Larry Haas, Estelle King and some "ringers" from the classes of 1960, 1964, and 1965



Wisconsin: Larry Goss, Jack Young



Philadelphia: Dave & Peggy Stedman, Kathy & Bruce McKissock



White Plains, NY: Larry Geiger, Susi Orbanowski, Dace & Gundars Aperans, Bob Hermann, Sherri Paul, Andy Seidman, Peter Orbanowski, Gerry Paul.



Miami: Bill Wilson, Jeff Tew & Joanne Brown, Lee Sandler, Jim Cason



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Delray Beach: Brad & Mary Stein, Anne & John Rollins



SC: Ted Temple, Jim Weiskopf, Barbara Temple, Bob & Karen Serenbetz



Dominican Republic: Dick Friedman, Dick Blacklow, Ben & Joanie Cohen, Rick Reiss, Judy & Rich Abraham, Dave Johnston, Don Glazer, Myra & Hector Motroni, Maxene & Dick Alderman.



Zoom: Ken Reiber, Betsy & Tom Brady, Mike Millemann, Bill Gruber, Brad Laycock, Bryce Harbaugh, Steve Tosi

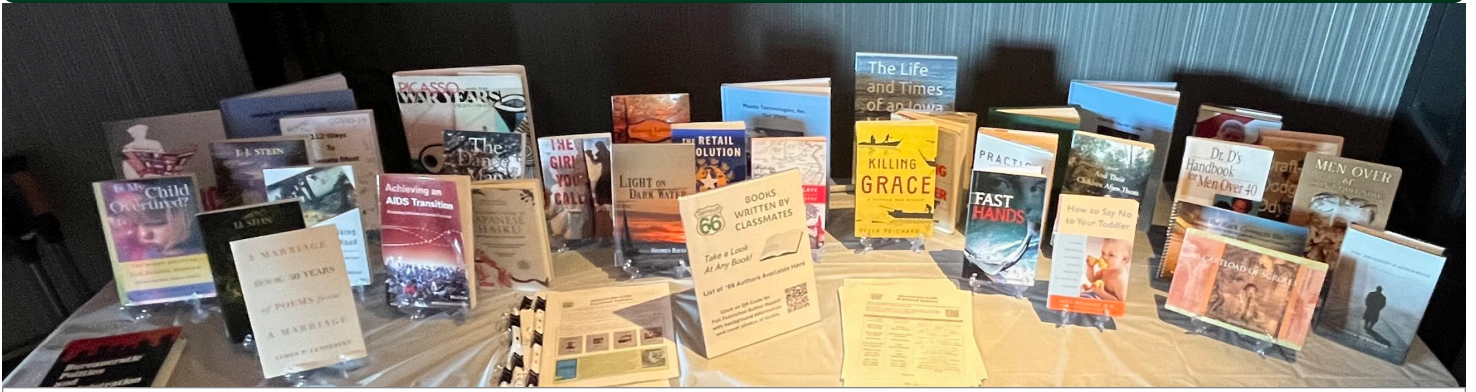


Hanover: Al Keiller, Wayne Locurto, Gordon Leversee, Doug Hill, Alexandra Breed, Margie Carpenter, Penny Gilbert, Jeff Gilbert, Lewis Greenstein, Theresa Carpenter, Stan Colla, Sue Kaufman, Judi Colla, Jo Keiller, Kathy Locurto. Chuck Sherman took the picture [and shared this video](#).



Maine: Barbara Lanfer. Gwen Anderson, Cindy Buschmann, Peggy Tapley, Jan Baldwin, Andy Anderson, Bob Baldwin, Lance Tapley, Peter Griffin, Wally Buschmann, Steve Lanfer, Peter Titcomb, Will Wilkoff, Jack Aley

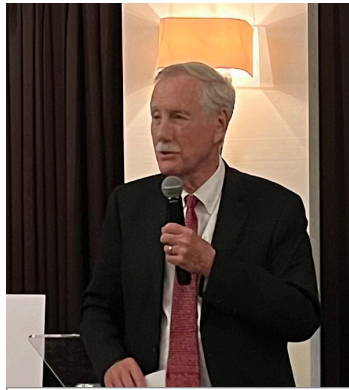
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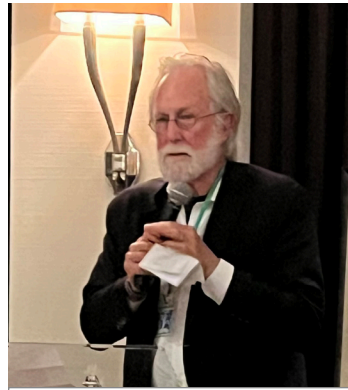
Larry Geiger's exhibit of books published by members of the Class of '66



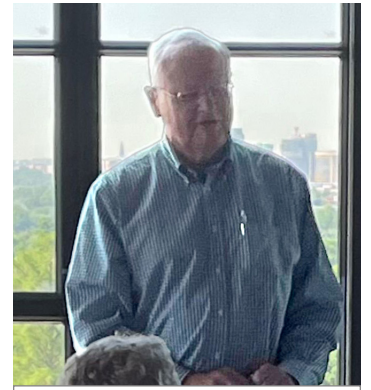
John Rollins



Sen. Angus King



Jim Lenfesty



Rev. Budge Gere



Tour of U.S. Capitol (guide at right)



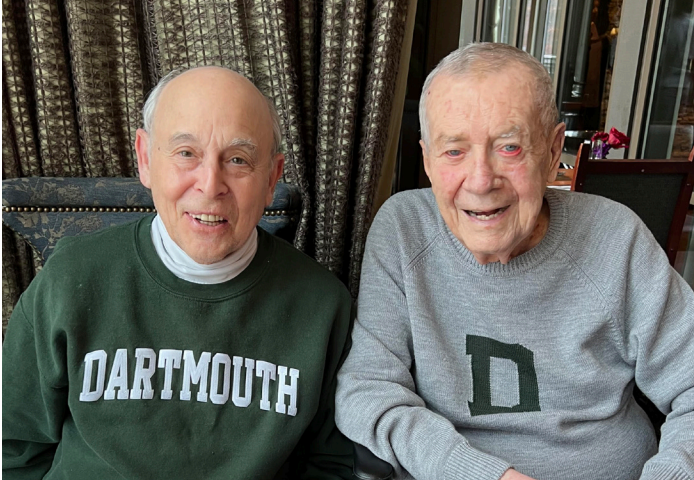
Tour of Kennedy Center at bust of JFK



Bus ride between events at Birthday Party

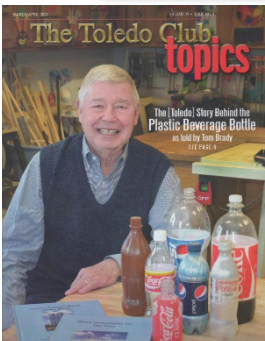
NEWS OF CLASSMATES

In February, **Jeff Futter** was introduced to former Congressman Frank Guarini '46 while he was a guest at a spa in Pennsylvania. Guarini is now 99 years old and was instrumental in transforming the multiple department graduate programs at Dartmouth into the Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies.



Dartmouth's Class Secretaries Association (CSA) recently recognized **Larry Geiger** in its CSA News & Notes newsletter, citing his recent columns in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine for their wittiness and creativity. Larry compiled a list of 1966 book authors for our 80th birthday celebration in Washington which you can read by clicking here:

dartmouth66.org/downloads/1966-Books-by-Class-Authors-Full.pdf



The *Toledo Club Topics* magazine featured a cover story about **Tom Brady**, the creation of his company, Plastic Technology Inc., and the help he received from his wife and his father-in-law Sam Carson, Dartmouth '34.

Bill Bryan has been living and working in North Lake Tahoe for the past 7 years, noting “lovely place, but at the same time a challenge. Last year had 37 feet of snow at our elevation of 7,400 feet.” He and wife Connie celebrated their 55th anniversary last August. Their daughter Nora '98 and husband Scott '98 & three children live nearby in North Lake Tahoe,

which he says is “wonderful”. He stays in touch on a regular basis with Gamma Delt brothers **Geoff Huck**, **Mike Schail**, and **Ted Temple**. Bill adds “we are never at a loss for topics to chat about, i.e., the state of affairs nationally and internationally and, of course, our health scorecards.”

Last year **Bob Baird** and his wife Ann sold 425 acres of their ranch to the federal government for inclusion in the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Bob says that gift insures “that it will never be swallowed up by the rapid development that is taking place near us northwest of Austin TX.” They feel good that they were able to retain a 16.5 acre life estate that permits them to live on their ranch as their primary residence — but now completely surrounded by the wildlife refuge.

In November, **Jim Lenfesty** will publish his eighth poetry collection, *Time Remaining: Body Odes, Praise Songs, Oddities, Amazements*. After a career in academia, marketing communications and journalism on the editorial board of the *StarTribune* —where he won several Page One awards for excellence – Jim has published seven collections of poems since 2000, two collections of personal essays, edited three poetry anthologies and co-edited *Robert Bly in This World*. His haibun memoir, *Seeking the Cave: A Pilgrimage to Cold Mountain*, was a finalist for the 2014 Minnesota Book Award. His sixth poetry collection, *A Marriage Book: 50 Years of Poems from a Marriage* was a finalist for two 2017 Midwest book awards. In 2020 he received the Kay Sexton Award for significant contributions and leadership in the Minnesota Literary Community. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, the journalist Susan Lenfestey. They have four children and ten grandchildren.

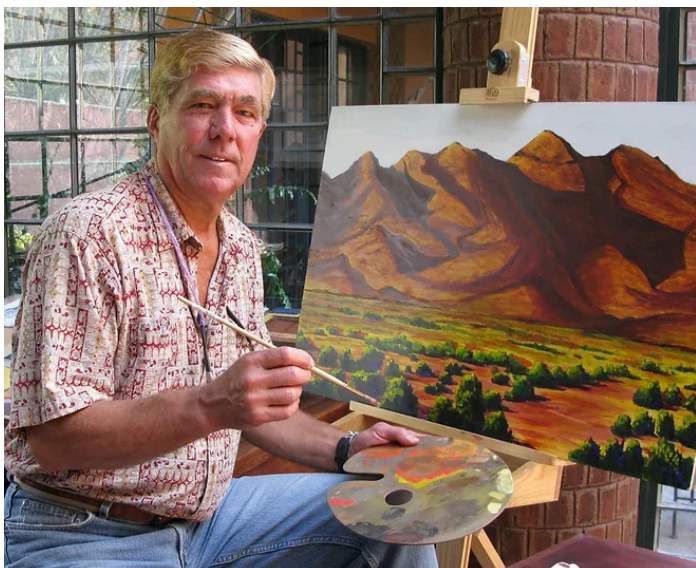
Rick Reiss's family threw an 80th birthday party for him at his home in New York City. He sent in these photographs of the event.



NEWS FROM CLASMATES (CON'T)

Steve Nash and his wife Carol recently went on a Dartmouth travel program — a cruise on a small ship from Venice down the Dalmatian coast to Athens. He writes, “The attendees comprised alums from a number of different colleges, including Harvard, Michigan, and others, so it was a pretty brainy bunch. Dartmouth was well represented, and we were delighted to learn that another 66er, **Gary Broughton**, was onboard with his wife. The trip proved to be well organized, educational, luxurious, and highly recommendable for anyone wanting to enjoy some Dartmouth travel.”

Tom Lips retired last June after four decades in the investment management business. His career started with the practice of law in San Francisco, then to the world of higher education as legal counsel and Assistant to the President at Trinity College, and then to the very different venue and profession of wealth management where he built a significant business, surrounded by four able and committed partners to whom he passed the leadership torch. He writes, “It was a profession and culture I relished and now view with great appreciation and satisfaction. My focus now is on charitable pursuits and support with more time and attention also being given to art, a passion I have enjoyed since my youth and what served me well as needed ‘therapy’ during my professional years. Do visit my website: thomaslipsart.com. Meanwhile, I count my blessings, reflect on my four formative years at Dartmouth, and marvel at the accelerating passage of time as the year 80 looms on the horizon.” In March, Tom and wife Margah celebrated their 54th Anniversary in the mountains of Mexico.



IN MEMORIAM

Albert C. Jones

Albert Covey Jones, 79, of Laconia died May 13, 2024. Al was born September 3, 1944, to Laurence H. and Dorothy S. (Covey) Jones in Hanover, NH. He is survived by his wife, Larissa Lezama, and many others whose lives he touched.



He was proud of his native New Hampshire, graduating from Lebanon High School and Dartmouth College. He served 2 terms in the NH House of Representatives, and owned insurance businesses for 50 years in Newport, Claremont, Hanover, Lebanon, and Concord. He loved boating and teaching people to water ski on Crystal Lake in Enfield, Lake Kolelemook in Springfield, and Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia.

He dreamed of owning an elephant since he was 3 years old. He got his wish in 1987 and bought his first elephant when Benson’s Wild Animal Farm in Hudson closed. He eventually rescued 4 other elephants and purchased a lion. He traveled throughout the US for business, and led family trips to Nova Scotia, France, and many ski mountains. Finally, in 2015, the trip of a lifetime: a safari in Africa to see elephants and lions in the wild.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Lezama Family Happy Tails Dog Park www.HTDPNH.org.

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Looking for the First Tee
 —Jim Lustenader