

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage with a college education. —Mark Twain

# Along Route '66

## Class of '66 Begins Career with Freshman Week; 803 Freshmen Introduced to Dartmouth Experience Longstanding Traditions Unify Class; College Opens Year with Week of Orientation, Freshmen Buy Beanies Upon Arrival Conducts Lectures, Meetings, Moosilauke Trip

by TERENCE A. LOWE

Traditions are many, spirit is strong, and both are integral parts of the Dartmouth campus. The Class of '66 will arrive on campus, a confused and disorganized group. The old traditions will serve to help unify, and instill the Dartmouth spirit in, the new class. Therefore, one of the first things which the freshman must begin to develop is a feeling for the College's many, varied and important traditions.

The freshman begins fulfilling



by E. MICHAEL GOODKIND

Before ever setting foot in a classroom, the Class of '66 will be guided toward a successful adjustment to College life by an extensive orientation program.

"Freshman Week is in its broadest and most inclusive sense, devoted to getting new students effectively engaged in a Dartmouth education and introducing them to Dartmouth life," states Dean of Freshmen Albert I. Dickerson.

Caught in a parade of newness —new setting, new acquaintances, new independence, the freshman

answering freshman questions from the most general to the most specific. Those upperclassmen who wear black versions of freshman beanies are known as dormitory representatives. Each is responsible for directing and guiding individual groups of freshmen within the dormitory.

On the faculty level, an adviser will be provided each freshman group to help the freshman plan his courses and to assist generally in his academic adjustment.

Tests

plays utilized by the team will probably be demonstrated.

**Outing Club Trip**

A prelude to Freshman Week is the annual Outing Club trip on the College's North Country property. This year there will be two trips. One group will be from September 11-15 and a second group will be conducted from September 13-17.

To help the '66's decide what activities, if any, they wish to engage in, the Orientation Committee has scheduled an Activities Night on September 25. Freshmen

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## JOIN THE CLASS OF 1966 FOR OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

**B**eginning on Monday, June 15th a large group of our classmates, many with their Dartmates, will arrive in Hanover to begin celebrating our 60th Reunion. 180 participants signed up as of early May, and Co-Chair **Budge Gere** expects that the final attendance will be about 200. There is still plenty of time to sign up and join us! There is no charge for any classmate to attend all, or a part, of the planned events.



- A view of the Stefansson Collection in Rauner Library, and of Baker Library in the digital age
- A talk by Professor Adam Breuer '09, of the Computer Science and Government Departments
- A college update from President Sian Beilock
- A conversation with Athletic Director Mike Harrity
- A talk by History Professor

Matthew Delmont, a prolific author whose new book is titled *Until the Last Gun Is Silent: A Story of Patriotism, the Vietnam War, and the Fight to Save America's Soul*.

The Reunion will end with breakfast on Thursday morning, June 18th. That afternoon, classmate **John Pearson** will host an optional trip along the Connecticut River in his private historic railroad car. (See details on page 8.)

Haven't registered yet? Here's the link:

<https://dartgo.org/1966reunion>.

A complete reunion guide, including registration information and the complete schedule for the four-day event is on pages 5-8.

To relive our years at Dartmouth, visit page 8 for the link to watch a nostalgic video put together by Jim Lustenader and Paul Klee.

Budge and Co-Chair **Al Keiller** have put together a diverse schedule of activities, while reserving plenty of open time to allow informal socializing—and to explore what has changed and what has not on the Dartmouth campus. Among the highlights of the 4-day event are:

- A welcoming reception and dinner at Baker Library
- A tour of the expanded and newly re-opened Hopkins Center
- An open house at Thayer School with Interim Dean & Professor Doug Van Citters '99 Th '03 '06

## LIST OF REUNION ATTENDEES (AS OF MAY 10)

Richard & Judy Abraham	Laurence & Sharon Goss	Bill Ramos
Martin Adler	Lewis & Susan Greenstein	Rick Read & Carolyn Collette
Richard & Maxine Alderman	John Hargraves	Ken Reiber & Mi Herzog
Allan & Gwen Anderson	Steve & Barbara Hayes	Rick Reiss & Guest
Bob & Jan Baldwin	Frederick & Betsy Heerde	Don Ries
Dan & Cynthia Barnard	Robert Hermann	Bill & Sharon Russo
Timothy Barnard	David & Heather Hightower	John & Anne Rollins
Graeme Bell & Claudia Cooley	Robert Hill	Alan & Debora Rottenberg
Richard Blacklow & Janel Rider	John Hughes	Lee Sandler
Mark & Kathy Blanchard	Gary Jefferson	Stuart & Lucy Schweizer
James Botelho	Edward & Paulette Jereb	Paul & Barbara Semple
Tom & Betsy Brady	David Johnston	Bob & Karen Serenbetz
Jack Brister	Thornton Jordan	Richard Sheaff
Gary & Sharon Broughton	Joff & Graciela Keane	Chuck Sherman & Margie Carpenter
Paul Buffum	Al & Jo Keiller	Steve & Jean Smith
Halsey & Isabel Bullen	Paul & Marya Klee	Bob & Linda Spence
Wally & Cindy Buschmann	Walt Knoepfel & Kim Blanco	David & Peggy Stedman
Jim Cason	Stephan & Barbara Lanfer	Brad & Mary Stein
Peter Cleaves	Ed Larner	Jamie Stewart
Ben & Joan Cohen	Gehr Leib	Andy Strauss
Bob Cohn	Wayne & Kathy LoCurto	James & Bronwen Sutherland
Jon & Sue Colby	Jim & Elizabeth Lustenader	Kenneth & Caroline Taylor
Bob & Martha Cowden	Rick MacMillan	Peter & Marge Titcomb
Ben Day	Michael & Mary McConnell	Bill Todd
Paul & Margo Doscher	Gregor McGregor	Peter Tuxen & Tinker Bavender
William & Barbara Duval	Bruce & Kathryn McKissock	Tim & Toni Urban
John & Ellie Erkkila	Ken Meyercord	Andrea Vincent
Jim & Cathy Everett	Gary Miller & Barbara Young	Steve & Anne Warhover
Jef & Kathy Fellows	William Morgan	Jim Weiskopf
Noel & Anne Fidel	Hector & Myra Motroni	Henry Wollman
Richard Friedman	Joel Mumford	Jim & Nadene Yarmon
Jeff & Susie Futter	Gail & Amanda Opaskar	Steve Zegel
Glenn Gavin	Peter & Susi Orbanowski	Neal & Sherrie Zimmerman
Larry Geiger	Mead Over & Elizabeth King	Ken & Ann Zuhr
Budge & Anne Gere	Robert Page	
Jeffrey & Penelope Gilbert	John Pearson & Cynthia Simeone	
David Godine	Peter & Ann Prichard	



# Our Legacy of Generosity

By Budge Gere

The Class of 1966 has a Legacy of Generosity. Annually, the giving of many class members has supported the Dartmouth College Fund. Such generosity has meant countless students, many the first in their family to attend college, have experienced a Dartmouth education that would not have been possible without our support of the DCF. To continue this legacy, on this Reunion Year our class goal is \$500,000, double what we give on non-reunion years.

During Reunion years, in addition to increased support of the DCF, our class giving has had a great impact on the Dartmouth Experience. Specific scholarship programs, funding and sweat equity to build the Class of 1966 Bunkhouse at Mt. Moosilauke and the rebuilding the DOC's collapsed Harris Cabin near the Appalachian Trail, gifts of both the first electronic scoreboard at Memorial Field and a Webcam on top of the Hanover Inn so "around the girdled earth" the whole world could see the Dartmouth campus—all are part of the Class of '66 Legacy of Generosity.

Our 60th year Reunion Gift is designated for the Class of 1966 Polar Exploration Digitization Gift. Dartmouth Libraries are home to the Stefansson Collection on Polar Exploration, one of the world's premier polar research collections. Targeted at \$500,000, our gift to digitize the collection's most significant materials will make them freely accessible worldwide, particularly to Indigenous communities in the North, as well as enhancing teaching and research at Dartmouth.

## Ways to Give

To participate in the Class of '66 Legacy of Generosity programs, including the Dartmouth College Fund and Polar Exploration Digitization Gift:

- Online giving direct link to both class priorities:  
<https://dartgo.org/1966digitizationproject>
- Online giving information:  
<https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/how-give>
- Stock, wire transfer, and IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gifts are also accepted.
- Checks payable to "Trustees of Dartmouth College" should include the gift purpose in the memo line and be mailed to:  
Gift Recording Office  
6066 Development Office  
Hanover, NH 03755-4400

For questions or to ensure proper gift designation, contact Sandra Swain-Bromwell at:  
[Sandra.J.Swain-Bromwell@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Sandra.J.Swain-Bromwell@dartmouth.edu) or (603) 359-2477.

## About the Stefansson Collection

The Stefansson Collection on Polar Exploration maintains an international reputation as one of the finest historical collections on polar exploration and is used by scholars and students throughout the world. It was created and developed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson as his personal library from roughly 1925 through 1951. At that time, it was transferred to Dartmouth College, primarily to support the Northern Studies Program at the College. The collection was purchased by the College in 1952 and has been a part of the Special Collections since that time. Housed in Rauner Library, the collection contains over 3,000 book titles, and 751 linear feet (that's 2-1/2 football fields!) of manuscript materials and 282 separately named collections.

Class support will enable the library to selectively digitize the highest value materials related to polar exploration, which will then be freely accessible to the Dartmouth and the global scholarly community as well as polar enthusiasts world-wide with internet access. Of particular importance is its relevance for Indigenous communities of the North, who have a direct stake in the information uniquely contained in the collection.

The collection supports instruction and research in history, geography, environmental studies, earth sciences, anthropology, biology and Native American studies. The collection is also used by the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratories and by the Center for Northern Studies in Wolcott, Vermont.

The primary subject area is the discovery and exploration of the northern and southern polar regions with the bulk of the collection relating to the north. Materials are divided evenly between pre-twentieth and twentieth century. Included in the resources are printed materials, manuscripts, and bodies of papers relating to history, geography, geology, transportation, ethnohistory, ethnoarchaeology, language and linguistics.

The primary language of the collection is English. At the same time, there are many materials in Russian, the Scandinavian languages, French and German. There is no language restriction for the collection.

The geographical areas for the collection are lands above 60 degrees North latitude and below 50 degrees South latitude. The latter is defined as the area encompassing Tierra del Fuego. The main concentration of the collection is on the Arctic regions of North America. The chronological boundaries are materials relating to events in the Arctic before 1925 and in the Antarctic before 1940.

— From the Dartmouth Libraries website

**David Stedman** wrote in to provide some insight into his “life after Dartmouth”:

“A stimulating class in African history led to graduate work at School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London and then to both my life’s vocation as an inner-city elementary teacher in Camden, NJ, and to an enduring 55-year marriage to my wonderful Peggy. We have three children: Allison, Dartmouth ‘96 -- now professor of French lit at UNC-



Charlotte – Meredith -- in the law department at UPenn -- and Patrick -- who is a well-known relationships coach, now living in Poland with his family. With nine grandchildren ranging in age from 21 to 8 months old we are often traveling to be in their lives.

I really enjoyed teaching and in 1995 I was selected city and then in 1996 county teacher of the year as well as runner-up for New Jersey State

teacher of the year. This brought from my school district an offer to retire honorably at age 55 which I accepted. I became a Philadelphia tour guide, mostly introducing young students to their American heritage in Olde City Philadelphia. I also enjoyed researching and writing.

As I had taught a Sunday class on Christian art and history for many years, my adult students urged me to take them to the places we had learned about, and so came the yearly organizing of tours, mostly to Europe, beginning in 1998 and continuing for a dozen years. We often followed these with family trips to the same areas. These tours included a memorable church trip to the Holy Land in 2013. I have been a ruling elder in the 1st Presbyterian Church in my hometown of Haddonfield off and on since 1971 and now serve as ‘Clerk of Session’. If you know this job, you know it is more than just being a secretary!

My grandmother had taken me to Scotland as a teenager and outfitted me with my first kilt. She was strong about our family ties with Clan Campbell. I joined the Clan Campbell Society (North America) at

a Highland Games in 1981 and in due course passed through the ranks and was elected Society president. My son and I pioneered, and I then led, several Campbell tours of Scotland. I still edit Clan Campbell publications, serve as secretary of their Education Foundation, get to wear two feathers in my bonnet, and manage a tent at a local Highland Games. Three years ago, CCSNA awarded me Clan Campbell’s highest honor, the Order of the Bog Myrtle. Honored to be asked by colleagues to be historian of the venerable St. Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia, I have also been for several years editor of their monthly newsletter, The Chronicle, serving up a lot of Scottish lore and info to the gentlemen members. Within my local community I am also currently active as Secretary of the Camden Home for Children (founded for orphans after the Civil War) and President of the Walt Whitman Association, the Friends Group at Walt’s historic Camden home.

I look forward to seeing many of my classmates at the College in June.”

**Brad Stein** provided an update on his background and career: “After graduation I went to theater graduate school for an MFA, then served my country my own way by teaching high school in inner city Washington, DC. for 14 years. I then noticed that Mary and I had growing children who might want to go to college someday, so I switched careers and became a litigator in New York, ultimately specializing in defense of mass tort cases often relating to chemicals but also to other areas. The last ten years before I retired I spent defending the owner and lessee of the World Trade Center, the Port Authority of NY and NJ and the Silverstein company. I was lucky enough to join a small litigation ‘boutique’ firm that actually cared about its lawyers as people, with families and various outside interests. Although financially rewarding, this was not as personally fulfilling as teaching kids had been.

Now I’m living the life of Riley full time at my childhood summer home on a lake in Columbia County, NY. Here I play golf with a few friends (we’ve been doing this together for over 30 years) and work outside taking care of the property. I’m also on the board of our lake committee; we manage the health of our lake, fighting invasives and monitoring the lake’s chemistry. In addition, my wife, Mary, and I have been campaigning for candidates in local elections, going door to door talking to our neighbors, as well as participating in some other grass root efforts.”

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2026: Our 60th Reunion

# Complete 60th Reunion Guide

## Monday, June 15

**10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.** *Check-In — Maynard Street Tent*

**12:00 p.m.** *Lunch on your own*

**1:30–3:00 p.m.** *Walking Tour of the West End of Campus*  
— **Meet at Blunt Alumni Center Lawn**

Van shuttles will also be provided with departure and return at the parking lot adjacent to the McLaughlin Cluster dormitories.

**1:30–2:15 p.m.** and **2:15–3:00 p.m.** *Dartmouth College Today Campus Bus Tour*  
— **Meet at Maynard Street Bus Stop**

**3:00–4:00 p.m.** *Thayer School of Engineering Open House*  
— **Class of 1982 Engineering and Computer Science Center**

During the open house, at 3:30 p.m., hear from Interim Dean & Professor Doug Van Citters '99 Th '03 '06, who will share how Thayer is addressing today's biggest challenges, driving bold ideas, and connecting engineering to the broader Dartmouth community and beyond. We are excited to welcome you to the high-performance and energy-efficient Class of 1982 Engineering and Computer Science Center.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.** *Back to Class — Cook Auditorium, Murdough Center*  
Adam Breuer, Assistant Professor of Government and Computer Science (co-chair) who holds joint faculty appointments to the Computer Science and Government Departments. He chairs Dartmouth's AI initiatives and leads the Cybersecurity Research Cluster. His classes and research focus on the relationship between AI and politics.



**5:00–6:00 p.m.** *Friends of Bill W. Fellowship — 061 Carson Hall*

**6:00–7:00 p.m.** *Welcome Reception — Reiss Hall*

**7:00–8:30 p.m.** *Dinner — Baker Library Lawn*

Welcome comments from Budge Gere and a presentation by Rick Reiss and Dean of the Libraries

**9:00–11:00 p.m.** *Class Socializing — Occom Commons*

## Tuesday, June 16

**8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.** *Check-In and Help Desk* — **Blunt Alumni Center**

**7:30–8:30 a.m.** *Breakfast and Affinity Group Connections*  
— **Class of 1953 Commons (Thayer Dining Hall)**

**8:30–10:30 a.m.** *Two concurrent sessions beginning at 8:30 and 9:15 a.m.*  
— *Meet promptly at the Baker Library Information desk at 8:30 or 9:15 a.m.*

### **Library Programs:**

Orozco Murals, library walking tours, Rauner digitization of Stefansson Arctic Collection. Mural tours will run from 8:30–9:15 a.m. and again from 9:15–10:00 a.m.

### **Baker Tower Tours:**

Two 30-minute tours to the top of Baker Tower. Each tour will take approximately 25-30 minutes to ascend, take in the beautiful views, and descend. Each person must be able to navigate nearly 100 steep steps and ladder on his/her own.

**9:45–10:15 a.m.** *An invitation from the Class of 1971 to join their class program, After the Final Climb* — **Loew Auditorium, Black Family Visual Arts Center**

A presentation by Kathy Harvard and Michael Maynard about their work to create an enduring legacy and educate the public about dementia in its many forms.

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** *College Update* — **Moore Theater, Hopkins Center**  
A Conversation with President Sian Leah Beilock '76a

**12:00–1:15 p.m.** *Lunch* — **Rockefeller Center Courtyard**  
(Rain location: Class of 1953 Commons)

**2:00 p.m.** *Open Meeting with Victoria Holt, Director of the Dickey Center for International Understanding* — **6048 Haldeman Center**

**2:00–4:00 p.m.** *Exploring Today's Dartmouth*

- Hopkins Center: Tours begin at 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 3:30 p.m.
- Hood Tour: John Stomberg, the Virginia Rice Kelsey 1961s Director of the Hood Museum of Art, will lead two one-hour tours of the Museum, 2:00–3:00 p.m. and 3:00–4:00 p.m.
- Dartmouth Cemeteries Tour: Meet at the Blunt Alumni Center at 2:00 p.m.
- Baker Tower Tours: Two 30-minute tours to the top of Baker Tower. Each person must be able to navigate nearly 100 steep steps and ladder on his/her own. Meet promptly at the Baker Library Information desk at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.

**3:30–4:45 p.m.** *'66 Authors and Their Books* — **Occom Commons**

**5:00–6:00 p.m.** *Friends of Bill W. Fellowship* — **061 Carson Hall**

**5:00–6:00 p.m.** *1769 Society and Bartlett Tower Society Reception*  
A celebration of generosity for members of the 1769 Society and Bartlett Tower Society. By invitation only. — **Hayward Room, Hanover Inn**

**6:30–8:00 p.m.** *Class Reception and Dinner* — **West End Circle**  
(Rain location: Class of 1953 Commons)  
Featuring remarks from President Beilock and a faculty guest speaker.

**8:30–11:00 p.m.** *Class Socializing* — **Occom Commons**

## Wednesday, June 17

**8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.** *Information and Help Desk – Blunt Alumni Center*

**7:30–8:45 a.m.** *Breakfast and Affinity Group Connections*  
– *Class of 1953 Commons (Thayer Dining Hall)*

**9:30–10:30 a.m.** *Class Meeting – 126 Silsby Hall*  
*DartMate Program – L02 Carson Hall*

**10:45–11:45 a.m.** *A Conversation with Mike Harrity –*  
*Filene Auditorium, Moore Psychology Building*  
Mike Harrity is the Haldeman Family Director of Athletics and Recreation at Dartmouth.



**12:00–1:00 p.m.** *Lunch – Blunt Alumni Center Lawn*  
(Rain location: Class of 1953 Commons)

**1:30–3:00 p.m.** *A Conversation with Professor Matt Delmont – L02 Carson Hall*



History professor Matt Delmont is the award-winning author of *Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting WWII At Home and Abroad* and the recently published *Until the Last Gun Is Silent: A Story of Patriotism, the Vietnam War, and the Fight to Save America's Soul*.

**1:30–3:30 p.m.** *Tour of Rowing Facilities and Alumni Row*  
*Friends of Dartmouth Rowing Boathouse*

**3:00–4:30 p.m.** *Affinity Connections*

**4:30–5:30 p.m.** *Memorial Service – Rollins Chapel*

**5:00–6:00 p.m.** *Friends of Bill W. Fellowship – 061 Carson Hall*

**5:45 p.m.** *Class Photo – Dartmouth Hall Lawn*

**6:00–8:00 p.m.** *Class Reception and Dinner – Baker Library Lawn*  
Featuring a reading of the Class Essay and a performance by the Dartmouth Aires

**8:30–11:00 p.m.** *Class Socializing – Occom Commons*

## Thursday, June 18

**7:30–8:30 a.m.** *Breakfast – Class of 1953 Commons*

**10:00 a.m.** *Residence Hall Checkout*

**Mobility**

If you are concerned about mobility and/or long walks between venues, Alumni Relations has purposely selected locations that are reasonably close to one another. Passenger vans will also be available to shuttle us between specific event locations.

**Student Workers**

A team of Student Workers will assist in making our Reunion program run smoothly and will include providing transportation to and from events.

The team will be headed by Ava Thurston, our Head Student Worker. Ava is a Senior from Waterbury VT who will graduate in June. She was a key competitor on the Dartmouth Ski Team throughout her 4 years, earning first-team All American honors in this year’s NCAA championship.



She majored in Psychology and this fall she will be heading to Bozeman, Montana to be a member of a professional ski team located there.

**CREW GATHERING AT 60TH REUNION**

**Don Ries** has arranged with rowing coach Trevor Michelson for a reunion tour and trial of the moving water tanks and then a row on the Connecticut for Wednesday, June 17th, from about 1:30 to 4:00pm. All former oarsmen and coxes are invited—both lights and heavies—and there will be NO weigh in.

All who are interested, please contact Don by email (linda\_ries@yahoo.com) or by phone (385-218-7986). He has also invited members of the class of 1971 to join us as their 55th reunion is at the same time as our 60th.

**ENJOY A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE**

With special thanks to Paul Klee and Jim Lustnader for their collaboration and production of this video:



**“Dartmouth ’66: 60th Reunion”**

Here’s the link to view the video:

<https://qrrouting.com/Dartmouth66Video.html>

**Private Rail Car Train Trip**

**June 18, 2026**

*White River Jct. and Norwich to Wells River, VT and return*

Travel along 40 miles of the beautiful upper Connecticut River Valley in Vermont from White River Jct and Norwich to Wells River, Vermont and return on the afternoon of June 18 aboard the NYC 3 private rail car.

Enjoy a menu of select hors d’oeuvres served during the afternoon by our chefs and accompanied by a choice of wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages that complement the menu.

Take some time to enjoy riding in the open air on the observation platform to appreciate the charm of the Upper Valley.



John Pearson

You can take a virtual tour of the NYC 3 private car by googling “Private Train of the Vanderbilt Family: A Tour of NYC 3” on YouTube.

The trip—hosted by classmate **John Pearson**—will depart from White River Jct. Amtrak station at 12:30pm and will stop to board passengers at Norwich, Vermont at 12:45pm if requested. Return trip arrival times at Norwich and White River Jct will be between 5 and 6 pm.

The ticket price including travel, food and beverages will be \$95, including tips for food and beverage service.

Space is limited so be sure to make a reservation if you choose to join us! To reserve your place on this unique post Reunion excursion email Al Keiller at sienawine@me.com no later than June 5 and also send a check for \$95 per person made out to Dartmouth Class of 1966 and mail it to:

Class Treasurer Bob Serenbetz  
PO Box 1127  
Newtown, PA 18940

**Bill Sprole** also shared his experiences since Dartmouth, saying “Whew, where does the time go, indeed?! Our family of four traveled around much of the world during my 26-year USAF career in the intelligence business, although they missed out on my remote tours to Korea and Saudi Arabia! The latter was during the Gulf War (Desert Storm), where I had the privilege to serve as a squadron commander with an RC-135 airborne reconnaissance unit. Just a few years before that, we were in the process of moving from England to Germany when daughter Karen headed off to Hanover to join the Class of 1989.

Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1992, I worked in Flight Control for two different airlines, before ultimately returning to government civilian service with the U-2 program (the spy plane, not the rock band..!) For some years after retirement, Sue and I settled in the Hill Country of Texas, but for the past 10 years we have enjoyed living closer to both kids and a grandson in the Denver area. The mountains still beckon for hiking and skiing, and we ride bikes to our 55+ “active adult” community pickleball courts! Not bad for two geezers coming up on a 60th Wedding Anniversary!”

**Bob Spence** noted in April that “I am done for the year as an AARP tax volunteer. Our venue filed 600 taxes this year, for the low income and elderly. I can’t say it is fun but there is a lot of satisfaction helping others. Along with my commitment to our class raising funds for the Dartmouth College Fund, I’m on the finance committee here at the Rogue Valley Manor, overseeing budgets, bonds and cash flows. Having spent 30 years as an international commercial banker, monitoring a 501(c)3 is interesting.

Two of our sons reside in Oregon, one in Grants Pass, flying air ambulance helicopters for Mercy flights. The other is an entrepreneur in Bend. Our four grandchildren are now in college -- none at Dartmouth for the first time in four generations. Given that our oldest granddaughter is at St. Andrews in Scotland, it was a good excuse to take a trip last summer around the British Isles to see her. Our oldest son is an anesthesiologist at Dartmouth’s Hitchcock hospital. We return to our cottage in NH each summer to see family, my siblings in NH and friends in New Canaan CT, where we lived 34 years.”

He adds “Here at Rogue Valley Manor, a CCRC (so our kids don’t have to worry about us), there are about

1000 residents from all walks of life (even Dartmouth). We have been here for nine years now. It is a very vibrant community, people travel the world (we’ll go to the Swiss Alps this summer), volunteer, and someone here can resolve almost any question about anything (thank goodness when it comes to tech and AI).”

Jean and **Steve Smith** are planning to be at the 60th Reunion in June. In the meantime, he provided some details about his life in retirement: “I retired in 1996 after about thirty years in various positions in sales and marketing with General Electric, General Telephone & Electronics and AT&T. My wife counted that we moved about 8 times in my career covering the United States from the Boston Area to Phoenix and many other areas of the country in between. Having started my career in Manufacturing Management, after about 10 years I was promoted into Sales and Marketing Management. My mentor at GE at the time said it was because I was the only one in the Transportation Systems Business that could tell the customer (at that time the Railroads) why they could not get their locomotives next week and get them to understand it and even come away liking it.



Steve and Jean Smith in Alaska

After retirement from my paying career, a friend in Lakeside Michigan (where we retired) asked Jean and me if we would be willing to join him and his wife in founding a Land Trust in Southwestern MI. We loved the community there right on Lake Michigan and we set our serving area small so we could focus on what we thought we could manage and serve effectively. Our initial serving area comprised just six rural townships in Berrien County. We were incorporated as a non-profit land trust in 1999 and then the fun began. It was a whole new world as we got up to speed attending

## NEWS OF CLASSMATES

workshops conducted annually by the Land Trust Alliance that serves about 1700 land trusts across the country. The four of us met monthly to review target land holdings that had high environmental value and work to get to know the landowners and their interest in preserving the natural habitat and features of Southwestern Michigan. The first few years it was like drinking from a fire hose. We finally learned enough to be dangerous and our first property that was protected was only five acres right on Lake Michigan.

Jean and I served on the Board for over 10 years, and Chikaming Open Lands (Chikaming means roughly 'Land by the Big Waters' in the Pokagon Indian language) was one of the first land trusts in Michigan to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. We now have a staff of 7 and have protected over 2200 acres. The real bottom line for me is that of all the accomplishments I had in my paid working career, I strongly feel that I have had more satisfaction, personal rewards, and enjoyment from the work I have done over the last 20 years as a volunteer bringing this land trust to fruition."

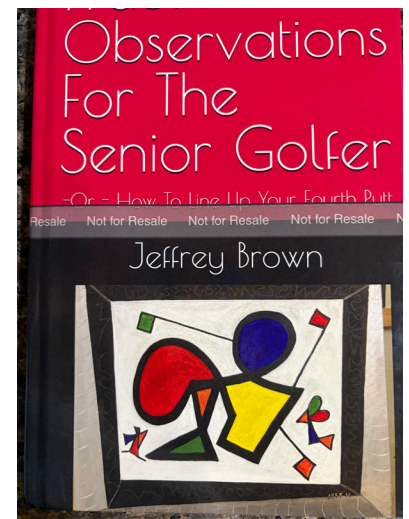
**Chuck Sherman** writes, "Here's a pic of a patch evidently for our Class of '66 or some event in 1966. **John Chapin** '66a gave it to me and I had it framed with a photo (by **Rich Abraham** of the Class of 1966 Lodge) that adorned the wall of the Class of 1966 Room of the

Canoe Club Bistro. It now hangs in my house.

"I found another copy of the patch for sale on-line and bought it (close-up photo below). Please ask our Classmates if anyone knows the origin of the patch."



**Jeff Brown** just published a new book entitled *Practical Observations For The Senior Golfer - Or - How To Line Up Your Fourth Putt*, which is now available on Amazon.com. Jeff says "I collected notes for years on how to make the game easier and more fun, particularly for the issues facing seniors. And the cover is a golf-themed abstract painting that I did." In addition, he just shipped one of his oil paintings—an abstract of a General in uniform—to His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire in the U.K.



You can see samples of his work on his website: <https://jeffcontemporaryoils.com>.

## ELECTION OF NEW CLASS OFFICERS

At each of our Reunions, the Class of 1966 elects Class Officers to serve five years until our next reunion.

In accordance with our Class Constitution, President John Rollins has appointed the following classmates to serve on the Nominating Committee: Jim Lustenader, Chair, Ben Day and Gary Broughton.

The Committee will be recommending the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the Class Meeting to be held at our 60th Reunion on June 17 at 9:30am:

Budge Gere, President;  
Al Keiller, Vice President;  
Larry Geiger, Secretary;  
Bob Serenbetz, Treasurer.

If other classmates would like to be considered for these offices, contact Jim Lustenader at:

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## CALLING ALL 1966 AUTHORS

For our 60th Reunion, **Larry Geiger** is updating the list of class authors and books to be posted on the Dartmouth66 website. Make sure you and your works are included.

Get in touch with Larry by e-mail ([lgeiger@aol.com](mailto:lgeiger@aol.com)) or telephone (914-860-4945) with information about your published works. The updated list of class authors and books, along with many of the books themselves, will be on display in June.

### Class Officers

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Vice-Pres:	Budge Gere
Secretary:	Larry Geiger
Treasurer:	Bob Serenbetz
Alumni Council:	Albie Macdonald
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## IN MEMORIAM

### George Emlen

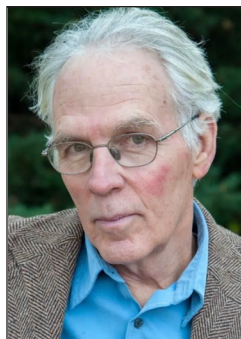
George Emlen, a gifted conductor, composer, arranger and music educator, passed away in early April 2026.

At Dartmouth George was a music major, played rugby and was a member of Theta Delta Chi and Dragon. After four years in the Navy and brief stints as a blacksmith and small-town newspaper editor, George earned an advanced degree in choral conducting at the New England Conservatory.

Over the years George conducted chorale groups throughout Maine and served on the music faculties of numerous colleges and private schools.

In 1984 he started working as music director of the Revels, a performing arts organization that stages spectacular, joyous celebrations around the U.S. George served in that key capacity for four decades.

George is survived by Jan, his wife for 58 years, his children Hannah and Sadho, and grandchildren Hazel,



Juniper and Marigold. Donations in honor of George can be made to Revels at [revels.org](http://revels.org).

### Charles Greenberg

Charles (Chuck) Greenberg passed away on March 16, 2026, in Little River, California.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Chuck attended Dartmouth and transferred to the University of Pennsylvania where he received his master's degree in English. While teaching at Oak Lane Day School in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, he met and fell in love with the Director of Admissions at the school, Claire Ellis.

In 1986, with their children raised, Chuck and Claire moved to Little River, California. Chuck worked as a building contractor and the couple formed a large circle of friends. Chuck volunteered with and supported Habitat for Humanity, the Albion-Little River Fire Department, and the Community Foundation of Mendocino County.

Chuck is survived by his wife Claire and their children, Tracy, Jessica, Jamie, Noah, their grandchildren, Jacob, Ezra, Benicio, Neve, Talia, Arlo, and great-grandchildren, Olivia and Elaine.



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