

## '53 OUT REVEILLE AT THE CLASS OF 1953 COMMONS

*Starting Line for the Magnificent 65th of '53*



The Sixty Fifth Reunion of this remarkable class of 1953 has come BUT WILL NEVER BE GONE and our illustrious Presidente Al will dwell a bit on that thought in his always perceptive Collins Corner which follows later. For now please allow your Scribo to sum it up in the profound words of a very special classmate and dear friend to all of us, Bob Malin, who proclaimed on Graduation Night at a dinner that "We were a mediocre class scholastically, but we had our scholars, and we were also a mediocre class athletically but we had our stars, however we were an outstanding class socially—we liked each other, and then the President of the United States spoke to us at our graduation today. So, WE HAD BETTER GO OUT AND DO SOMETHING!!! AND WE DID, BOB,. We really have

and Al and others will enjoy refreshing your memory on all we have done for our country, for our Dartmouth and for each other in this two thirds plus of a century we have been together.

***It begins!!*** Joanne, my '53 Bride, Don Perkins, my freshman year roommate, and I walked the Green late Saturday afternoon after our Dartmouth Footballers crushed Penn, and it was a delightful time and place for some loving nostalgia. Baker's majestic presence, amongst those magnificent trees that almost hide Webster, is always the emotional opener even when driving into Hanover from, White River with Baker's tower popping above all. The "imposition" of Rollins Chapel architecture is hastily erased as one takes in the timeless presence of Dartmouth on the Hill on whose steps my brother and I sat with Dad '19 at his 15<sup>th</sup> and where he proclaimed us to be members of the Classes of 1951 and 1953. Admiral Dad, one of the Founders of the Seabees, was always right!. Our eyes then scanned to the West at the approaching sunset over the Inn, then over Collis, and behind is The Class of 1953 Commons. then followed by Robinson as the sun set behind the trees. The soothing lyrics of Dartmouth Undying entered our hearts at that very moment "Who can forget those soft September sunsets, those hours that passed like dreams?" Our Reunion Magnifique was just that, a remembrance and cherishing of those "hours that passed like dreams" and this '53 Out begun by the immortal Donald Goss six decades plus is all about THAT.



And, as a tribute to our dear friend Donald, we are going to compose this edition and following editions of '53 Out Together!!!! Your editor will start and send out Chapter 1 and each input from our classmates, widows, and family, whether at the 65<sup>th</sup> or not, will add each a new chapter of words and PICTURES and memories of this lifelong experience of Dartmouth 1953.

OUR GOAL FOR THE '53 OUT FOR DARTMOUTH'S GREATEST CLASS IS 53 CHAPTERS PER YEAR. AND THE FUN THING ABOUT THIS APPROACH TO '53 OUT IS THAT WE CAN ADD TO OR "CHANGE OUR STORY" AS WE GO ALOMG

## HERE WE GO Chapter One

*Al and Put and Harlan and Ron and Dick and Mark and Angela and Laurel and others had been planning the 65<sup>th</sup> for monthes and monthes,*

### *Then*

*It all began with Put's spectacular trip to and tour of the new Lodge at Moosilauke in which Put has invested his knowledge, part of his forest! but ,mostly his heart with the love for the Mountain, the Lodge, for Dartmouth, and for 1953. "From Our Hearts, Put, Thanks and Forever"*



*Pictures by Joanne, '53 Bride*



**Oh with such care we walked each stair**



**With heartfelt devotion, Master Put set all in motion**





**And what is that thingamajig, Put?**



**Note the natural shape of the log supports**





Original Moosilauke Ravine Lodge Sign and the Lodge Front





**The Wrap Up of a Tour and Party 1953 Style**



Ross McIntyre, always leading the pack in his many accomplishments in life, is also the first to take us up on the offer to- use today's 53 Out as a platform to communicate on issues of broad interest to the class as a whole, You will really enjoy his note. This is exactly the kind of whole class participation on building our class memory bank discussed at the reunion.

"Dave.

One of the great things about reunions is that they provide the opportunity to meet and speak with those classmates that for some reason we never got to know well during college. Each time I have attended a reunion I have spoken with several such persons and have found their stories fascinating and often linked in some way to a prior experience of mine.

For instance, I happened to ask Skip Adams about his career and learned that among other things he was the supervisor of the construction of the last (possibly final) large concrete dam to be built in the U.S. This dam, dedicated in 1969 impounds the Amistad Reservoir on the Rio Grande River, near Del Rio Texas. An aerial view of this structure and a portion of the impoundment can be viewed at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amistad Dam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amistad_Dam).

In 2017, my wife Helen and I camped at the Amistad reservoir while on a trip that eventually took us to the tip of Baja California. We were most impressed with the feat of constructing a dam that impounded water that covered real estate belonging to two countries and which benefitted both nations. I mentioned this to Skip and learned that he had lived in Del Rio for a time during the construction. We then both reminisced about the super powered radio station with studios in Del Rio but with a transmitter across the border in Mexico where a transmitter of that super power was legal. Many of our classmates enjoyed tuning to this station while driving on lonely nights across remote portions of our country. We also both recollected the reports about the quack M.D practicing in Del Rio who transplanted monkey gonads into men with erectile dysfunction, (or lack of pep). One of the attached photos shows the road near where we camped bisected by the waters of the reservoir and continuing into the distance across the water.





The other photo shows a mile long train we found on a siding in Del Rio, loaded with what I believe are Recovery M88 vehicles, two per flat car for a total of 132 (more or less) in desert paint. These are very helpful if it is necessary to recover an Abrams tank or some other 70 ton object from where it should not be. Since looking at that train I have found that the M88s cost \$2 million apiece. The cost of that train would put one PhD mathematician, or physicist, or chemist in each of 132 US High Schools for 10 years and buy chalk for them too. I wonder which choice would make America stronger”



And now the pictures are starting to roll in and our dashing Redhead from Palm Beach. Lore Dodge, sent in a treasure trove of shots of classmates and those special ones of our '53 widows who do so much for this great class. Here we go!



**Our '53 Beauties---The Delight of the Reunion Celebration**

**From Left to Right, Jane Springer, Marilyn Paganucci, Shirley Cobb, Cathy Callender, Ann Simpson and Lore Dodge**



**And Here are More of Our '53 Lovely Ladies:**



**Here's Lore Again with Two More of Our '53 Lovely Ladies  
Caroline Patten and Carol Henderson Who Do So Very Much  
for Our '53 Family**

**AND NOW THE GUYS, BEAUTIFUL???**

***COLORFUL, YES !!!***

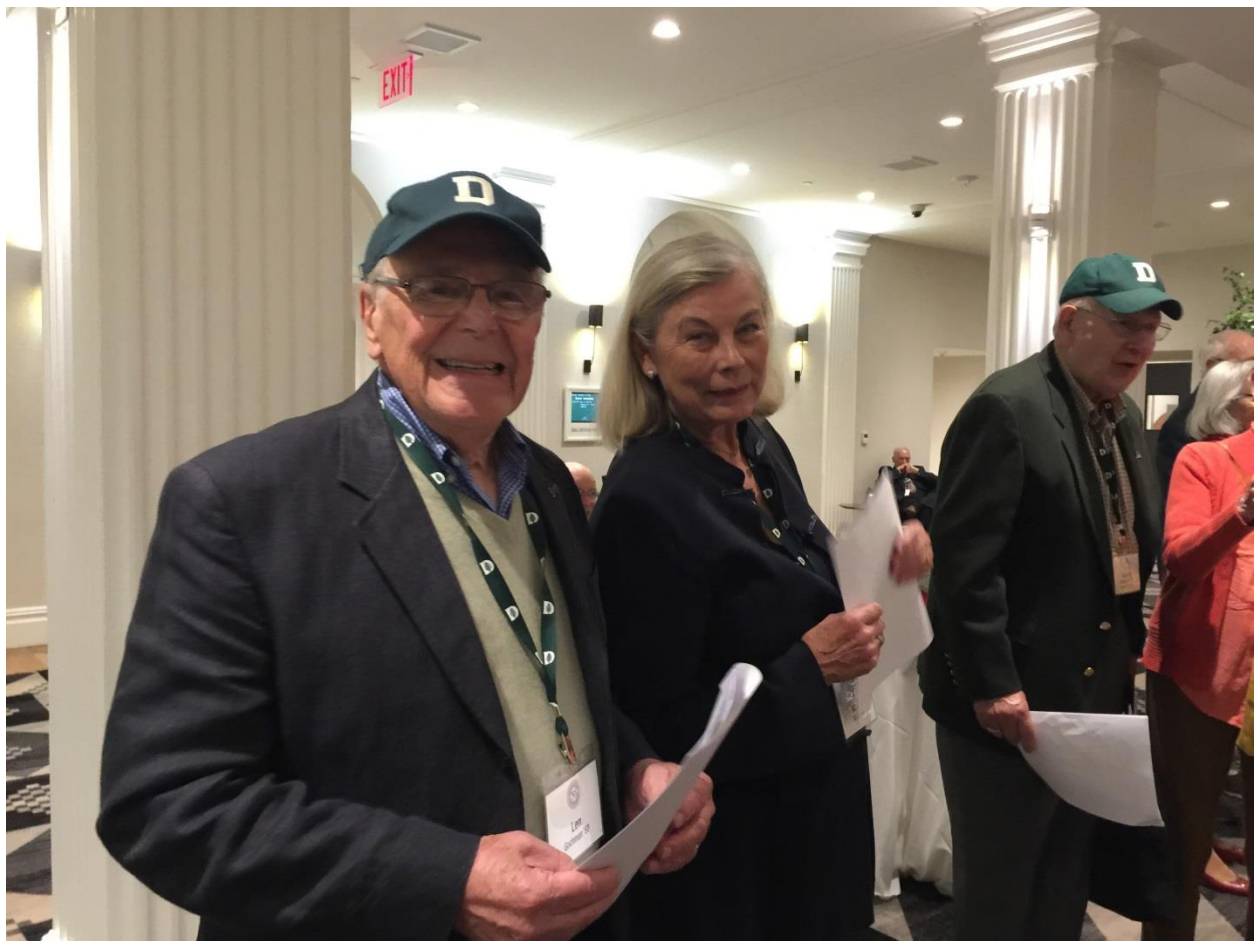


**On the left is the Blossom Blum with his usual even temper, Jack Patten pleading for something, Dave Florence peering over Jack's shoulder wondering what gives, the "Beek" appearing to cry foul, Gabby consoling Phil, and Bob "Toodlepip" Simpson deciding to sit this one out.**





**Artistry from the well trained hands of Dr. Mark, DDS, Yes, and even moreso from the forever warm heart for his classmates and friends, and it comes out in his music. Thanks for everything you do Mark.**

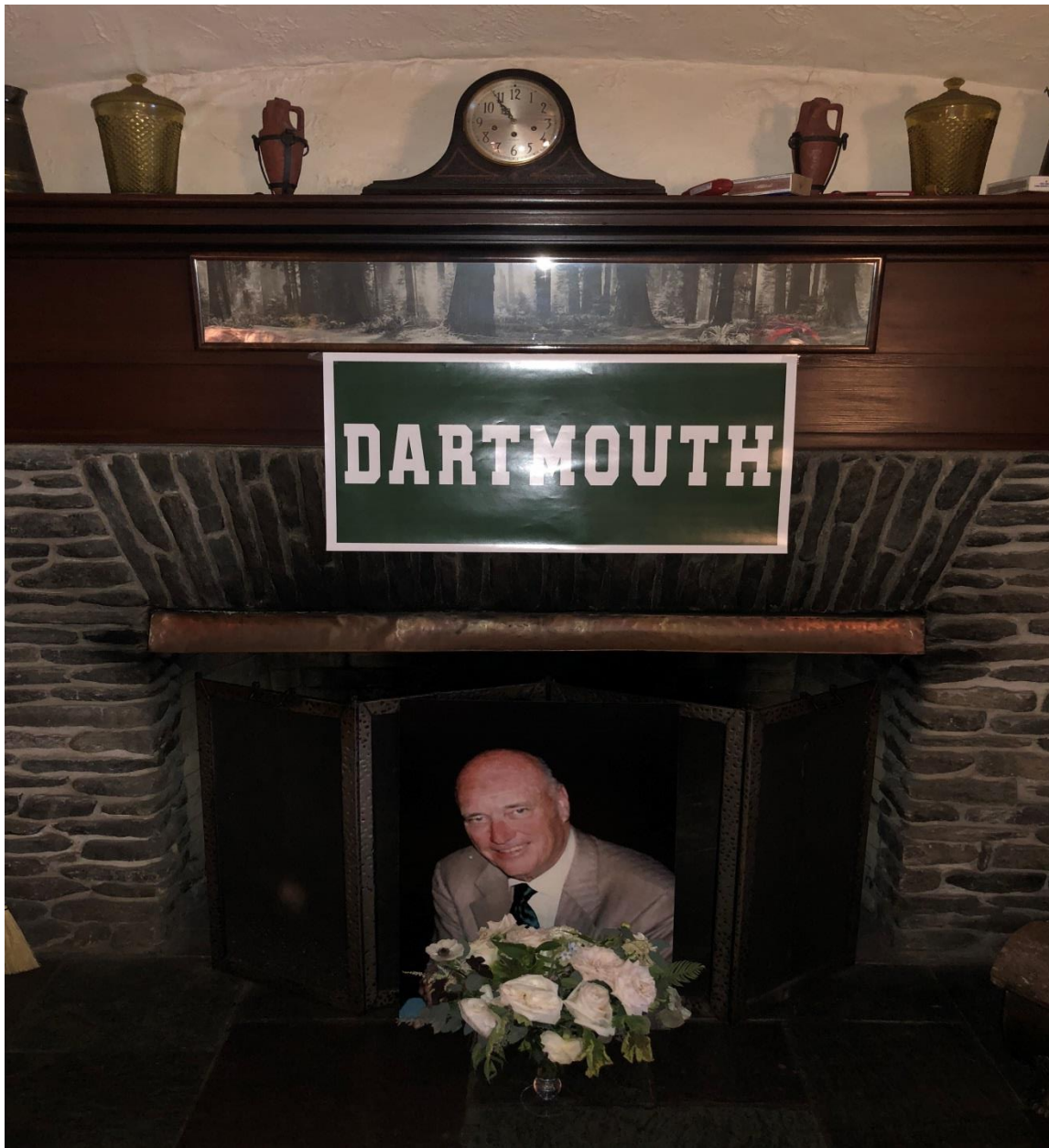


**Len and Marita Gochman of Broadway fame shared the Courtyard experience with us and several others during reunion and it worked out nicely. They have been so helpful over the years when we needed someone who knows Broadway and that they do. Tis Gabby in the background singing “Vini, Vede, Vichi” or words to that effect.**



**Wow. The Marilyn's donated to the Class and "Dartmouth by Ted and Audrey Spiegel and with Lore Dodge pointing the way**





**John's Remembrance in Lore's and John's home and one that we can share with Lore and the memories of '53 South at Harbour Ridge, those fabulous days when the HR Club House seemed like The Class of 1953 Commons. Cheers to you both, Lore and John, and countless thanks for those memories.**

Some “Green Card” notes received prior to the Reunion

**John and Helene Bishop** Christine Bishop, John and Helene’s daughter sent a loving note wishing us well for the 65<sup>th</sup>. “I send best wishes for your 65th Reunion. My father loved Dartmouth and the Class and I know he will be with you in spirit. My mother has also- passed away and she wanted you to know how much she loved the way the class welcomed and embraced her over so many years. The caring, friendships and communications touched her deeply. Thank you the Class of 1953 for being such an important part of our family’s life.” Christine Bishop, Edina MN

**Laurence Garvin** sent us a note wishing us well for the reunion and indicated his wife of 60 years had just passed away. He has 4 children and 12 grandchildren and has retired with his daughter now running his business The Garvin Tire Company, “Five Star”

**Dick O’Connor** dropped off a short note that he and Cynthia had visited **Jim Cartmell** in their new place in North Carolina and that he is taking “one day at a time.” Jim has been ill for a number of years while living in Vero and sadly has been out of touch with the Class. We will see if we can get more information and an address from Okie

So be it for Chapter 1 of the new version of '53 Out and other chapters will follow as more stories and pictures come in. The citation on our website in 2013 sums up what we have been doing there and are expanding on the new website, and that citation is noted below.

*What we are doing with the new chapter approach with the '53 Out newsletter is to capture that same spirit expressed in the citation for the class website, a sense of community, history, and friendship. Our history of family inclusion right from the beginning is just that and we think that is very much in keeping with President Hanlon's Leadership Objectives for Dartmouth*

Here is the Class Website citation



## CLASS OFFICERS WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 20-21

### *IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE*

*Dartmouth College Recognizes with Deep Appreciation the Extraordinary Achievements of David Halloran '53 2013 Class Webmaster of the Year*

What makes for a great class website? The easy answer is a full suite of features and functions, such as an events calendar, dues payment tool, and links to the Dartmouth College Fund and other College-sponsored sites.

***The Class of 1953's website takes a different approach. It consists of only six pages. But with just those six pages, your website has what nearly all other class websites lack: a sense of community, history, and friendship. The result is an elegant class website that has the power to choke up even the most casual site visitor.***

Your class website's welcoming home page invites one to explore the rich content that includes:

- extensive archives of past newsletters and *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* class notes and articles;
- galleries of photos, old and new; and
- audio recordings from the April 1953 "Hums" competition
- recording of President Eisenhower's address to the class at graduation

**Your website is heartwarming and inspiring. We would expect nothing less from the most honored class in Dartmouth's history,** and from a webmaster who has given decades of service to the College and to his classmates.

David, your brilliantly genuine class website should inspire all classes to expand the definition of what a class website can be. Your many contributions to your class, to the Dartmouth Class Webmasters Association, and to Dartmouth College are greatly appreciated. We congratulate you on being named 2013 Class Webmaster of the Year.