

What a Wonderful Group of Friends We Are!



Chimes Sound in Gratitude for Dartmouth Pandemic Workers Wherever They Are and the video with sounds captures that delight.

The bells are ringing every evening to honor the thousands of Dartmouth people who are providing vital services during the pandemic. A recent addition to the bell schedule aims to show gratitude for Dartmouth people worldwide and in particular those who continue to serve the community during the Pandemic. Every day at 7 p.m., the bells in Dartmouth Library's Baker-Berry Library bell tower peal for two minutes.. By ringing them, Dartmouth joins people and institutions across the world in using sound to acknowledge those in the Dartmouth community who are taking these risks.

"We so appreciate the Dartmouth staff who come to campus every day to perform essential duties, as well as the health care professionals on the front lines combating the virus and its effect on the Upper Valley," says Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries. "The ringing of the bells every day at 7 p.m. is our way of saying thank you. "The details differ—from tolling church bells to songs belted out of open windows to tributes shouted from city stoops—but the feeling behind them is the same. "It is a privilege to be able to help echo the sentiment of gratefulness that we all feel for the folks on the front lines," says one of the Dartmouth bell ringers. Here is the video of Baker and the campus So Moving

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Okie's Outlook [and a hearty round of cheers for our new Prexy]

Dear Classmates – I am humbled to follow Put Blodgett and Al Collins in this role of the President of our Great Class, but someone had to take the job!!!. As I am not in a location in Glens Falls, NY, where I would see a lot of our classmates, I do plan to visit Hanover when the virus restrictions are lifted and the town opens up again. We are fortunate that Donna Reilly, Chuck's wife and a resident of Hanover, has accepted the class' offer to be our Vice President and will be in touch with our classmates who are in residence, or close by, or visiting Hanover.

Thinking ahead a few months, we have several projects to finish, The annual Dartmouth College Fund promotion will conclude the end of June and, as always, our Head Agent Ron Lazar has that well under control. There have been some delays this year due to the Pandemic and there are several letters on that subject that follow later on in this Newsletter.

Secondly, we are preparing a plaque for Put Blodgett to be placed in the New Moosilauke Lodge, highlight of our 65th Reunion, as a remembrance of Put and the enormous work he performed to update the lodge including many timbers from his own property. Harlan Fair is organizing this activity and we plan to dedicate this remembrance on Put's birthday, August 1^{stm} 2020.

Our third task for this year is the Annual Class Meeting which is normally held during Homecoming in October. Since the football season schedule is undecided, hence Homecoming also, we plan to set up a Distance Phone Arrangement so that we can vote for the Class Officers as well as address other Class business. I will be working with Harlan Fair to determine the preferred dates for such a meeting to include the Class Officers and any other interested classmates. I am not sure whether or not we will be able to use the College facilities for this “virtual meeting.”

Lastly, let me say a few words about the Coronavirus and its effect on your activities. Please pay attention to the rules for us seniors and stay indoors or wear a mask if out in public, and be safe and sane for the remainder of the Pandemic. Progress is slow but we are getting there.

Stay well and all the best, *Dick “Okie” O’Connor*

A Letter from your '53 Out Editor

Dear Classmates and Family and Friends, These are difficult times for all with the widespread disruption of our lives due to the contagion of the Corona virus as well as the uncertainty of one’s vulnerability with the extensive illness about us. I shared with family and friends at a virtual birthday party for Joanne that the experience was a déjà- vu for me of the immediate months following Pearl Harbor when we lived in Newport, R.I. and when there was the threat of Nazi submarines in Narragansett Bay so no lights at night were permitted , no cars moved at night, no beach walking anytime or use of the beach-side roads, and the general uneasiness all about until that threat cleared. It turned out there was at least one U-boat there so the precautions were not In vain but they took their toll.

With today’s circumstances, we decided to use the Newsletter a bit differently this month from our normal approach and provide an outlet to take care of some class business on Class Dues for Dick Fleming, for the Dartmouth College Fund for Ron Lazar, and for the burgeoning Memorial Books program that John Kennedy has created over many years, now some 512 volumes. This is an

awesome achievement by John and the Class and one that the College has observed is beyond anything other classes have accomplished. Well done John and what follows is a summary of that program that John prepared several months ago and with a listing of some 79 of the books in the special categories noted. The balance of the 512 books each dedicated to a deceased classmate will be listed on the Class Website which you can reach at www.classof53.site This is a monumental achievement by John for the Class, of course, but consider the years of study by Dartmouth students over centuries to come when they come across YET another book donated by the Class of 1953, clearly reinforcing the legendary memory Dartmouth will have of the greatest class ever to attend the College, perhaps not in either extraordinary scholastic or athletic achievements but certainly the number one class forever for its dedication to the College, and to each other as our dearly departed friend Bob "Mole" Malin would say, "we were outstanding socially because we just liked each other" and as our dear Professor Don Pease would say "1953 is the most affable and socialable class" at Dartmouth". We agree and the Memorial Library by John Kennedy and his predecessors bear that point out in totality.

Here is John's report, and the attached total listing of book is dated April 2020

THE DARTMOUTH MEMORIAL BOOKS PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION BY THE CLASS OF 1953

By: John H. Kennedy, '53

In 1946, the Dartmouth Class of 1914 conceived the idea of honoring its deceased members by making funds available to the College Library for the purchase of books in their memory. The volumes acquired were to be of valuable character and each would carry a special bookplate bearing the name of the classmate being honored. These books would serve to tangibly perpetuate the ties between the Class and its members, while at the same time creating memorials of a useful and significant nature. Since its inception, 61 Dartmouth Classes have chosen to participate in this Program and over 17,000 books have been added to the Library's collection in memory of

Dartmouth Alumni. It has become one of the finest College Libraries in the country,

In August of 1973, Don Smith became aware of the program and subsequently the Class of 1953 joined the Memorial Books program. Records are sketchy for the next 20-plus years; however, in 1996 Don Goss asked if I would, as a collateral duty to writing obits for deceased Classmates, check on the status of our participation in the program. I was informed by the Library that our participation had been dormant for a number of years and was sent a list of 38 Classmates for whom a memorial book had not been assigned. In the Fall of 1996, it was approved at a Class meeting to forward the required funds to the College for assignment of those 38 books. By November of 1996 all additional books had been assigned and I was sent a complete list of the names and assigned book titles for all deceased Classmates to date. From that time forward, we have ensured that, once we hear of a Classmate's death, we notify the Library's Acquisitions Services Office and they have been timely in their assignment of a book in his memory with the bookplate noting the Classmate's name and its donation by the Class of 1953. As of February 20, 2020, 439 books have been donated by our Class in honor of those who have passed on and 3 additional books are pending assignment.

In the late 1990s, Don Goss put forth another of his wonderful ideas, specifically, that our memorial book program be expanded to allow books to be donated to Baker-Berry Library to honor Classmates and others in several additional ways with similar bookplates to be inserted giving the name of the person being honored and the name of the donor. This was accomplished and the categories and the number of books donated through April 2018 in each are as follows:

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| 1. Memorial Books for deceased Classmates donated by other Classmates, | 18 |
| 2. Memorial Books for those of other Classes & others | 22 |

3. Books honoring living Classmates

23

4. Books honoring Past and Current Presidents of the Class 16

As you can see, the Class of 1953 has extended its *Legacy of Leadership* into another area of College activity, one with a lasting impact on the students and faculty who will benefit for many years to come from the scholarly works being added to the Library's collection by the generosity of our Classmates. With a total as of this writing of 518 books donated to the Dartmouth Libraries, our Class is certainly among the leaders in this program. As one member of the Memorial Books Staff put it "1953's extracurricular book donations are unparalleled" by any other Dartmouth classes. *John Kennedy – February 2020*

John, Your report is just plain AWESOME and one I would expect from a fellow Naval Aviator. As in the Navy after an exercise like this tis time to take a beer break so here 'tis for you dear friend,



BUDWEISER BEER
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Toward the end of the Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" 80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one man, Walter Barnes, a Dartmouth graduate Class of 1922..

"Mr. Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any," he replied gruffly. "Mr. Barnes, that is wonderful but very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-eight," The congregation stood up and clapped their hands.

"Oh, Mr Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?" The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply, "I outlived all them a-holes" – and he calmly returned to his seat. The jaws of the congregation all hit the church floor simultaneously



Mark's Mark for the Season--I write this as the hideous pandemic rages on. I hope that when you read this, we have survived this holocaust with a more humane sense of our fellow worldly tenants and a renewed zest for life itself rather searching for its frills. .Once again, in a time of crisis, I am heartened by the efforts on the part of our Classmates to check on each other's well-being. Admissions admitted the Class of 2024 this month which caused me to think of seventy-one years ago when we were in the same position as the present Class of 2024 . I think of what might await them as they begin their Dartmouth experience and subsequent journey. From the perspective of a lifetime of those seventy-one years, I remember the many successes, and the failures, and the joys and the sorrows,. I see the continuing evolution and contributions of my classmates to the world and to Dartmouth.. They were wonderful as classmates,; they are even better as alumni. I think of the energy and exuberance of a group of incoming freshmen, and a continued zest for life so long after, and I know that these '24's have all of this to look forward to. Welcome! As promised earlier, Richard Cahn's book "Making Law: A Memoir of Good Times" is now published and can be bought in various forms from Amazon. My critique of this book which appeared from the *DAM* is available at Amazon. Two giants of the Class fell this past month. Bob Malin, one of the stalwarts of the Class who kept everyone in touch with one another passed away after a long illness. And, Put Blodgett after only a few weeks after his ascendancy to the presidency of our Class also succumbed. Put was a treasure for the State of Vermont as a donor of forest lands to the Conservancy as well as for Dartmouth and the Class, having been a major contributor, both in material and creativity in the new Mount Moosilauke Lodge. In addition to these we are very saddened to announce the demise of Robert Nicholson, Bruce Gilmore, Robert Foster, Chuck Talamo, Tom Trager and Alan Sessler and offer our condolences to their families and send to them the love of this wonderful group of friends that have shared the experience of the Dartmouth Class of 1953 for 70 years.

Mark Smoller; 401 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579; (845)603-5066.



Paul "Pag" Paganucci is the pioneer, the George Washington, of the leadership of 1953 that has so inspired and perpetrated the spirit of dedication to the College, each other and our families, and now our memories of an experience we can simply call Love. Pag triggered many initiatives that benefited all of the parties involved, and still do.

And Mark Smoller has kept the College and the Alumni apprised for years in the Alumni Magazine about the Class of 1953's superb activates for the College and our community and we are forever Indebted to both Mark and Bobbie for their dedication to all of us,

Following Is Yet Another Example of What This Great Class of 1953 Has Done and Is Doing For Our Beloved Dartmouth,



Dartmouth College Fund 1953 Activity

On the following page is a sample *draft* of Head Agent Ron Lazar's usual Dartmouth College Fund letter that he sends out in May reminding classmates that their gift or pledge to the College is requested by June 30th in order for the Class to get participation credit. The shutdown of the campus offices this year, resulting from the Pandemic, has delayed those letters indefinitely so we are bringing you his current note on the subject as well as a sample draft of the letter you would normally receive.

Dear Classmates,

Most importantly, I hope that this letter finds you and yours in good health and good spirits. In these trying times all of our institutions face difficult and costly decisions. Our beloved alma mater, Dartmouth College, is no different. Our support remains critical. The great class of 1953 has always wholeheartedly guarded its' Legacy of Leadership' and for very many years our class participation in the college fund has been a beacon for the classes that follow us.

Please participate generously once again by sending your donation as early as you can before June 30. Keep well and I'm always delighted to hear from you at 516-459-4954. You could even make a credit card donation on the phone.

Best regards from your classmate,

Ron

The standard letter on Dartmouth stationery etc. follows on the next page and may arrive in late May or June. Ron's letter preceding is offered as a substitute in the COVID19 inconvenient times!!



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Ron Lazar
Head Agent D53

PS: I'm available at 516-459-4954.

*“Other days are very near us, as we sing here soft and low,
We can almost hear the voices of the boys of long ago.
They are scattered now, these brothers, up and down the
world they roam. Some have gone to lands far distant, from
the dear old college home. Some have crossed the silent river,
they are looking down tonight. And the thought of these old
brothers, makes our love now burn so bright.”*

Robert Abernethy Malin

*And with a heavy heart here is the obituary from Bob’ son of a special classmate
and very dear friend, Bob “Mole” Malin.*

(December 13, 1931 – April 15, 2020). Born Mount Vernon, NY to Patrick Murphy Malin and Caroline Biddle Malin. Attended St. Edwards School (Oxford, England), Swarthmore High School (Swarthmore, Pa.), Dartmouth College (the legendary Class of 1953) and Tuck School of Business (1954). After Tuck, he attended Officer Candidate School and served as a lieutenant in the Navy, most notably aboard the destroyer USS Stoddard. Bob started his brilliant career at Biddle Purchasing Company, then rose through the investment banking ranks at Reynolds Securities Inc., Blyth & Company, and First Boston Corporation where he spent sixteen years and was a managing director. He also worked at Tiedemann Investment Group and Sea Bridge Investment Advisors. He was a member of the advisory council of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the accounting committee of the Securities Investment Association. He was known on Wall Street for his impeccable ethics, devotion to his clients and his stunning good looks. He had a passion for the sea and served as Commodore of The Moorings Yacht & Country Club (Vero Beach, Fl.) He was the consummate husband, father and grandfather (Pop-pop) and adored his family above all.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of almost sixty years Gail Lassiter Malin, his children Alison Campbell Malin Zoellner (Scott Zoellner), Robert Lassiter Malin (Coleen Kuehn), and his grandchildren Teddy, Jamie, Olivia, Hanes and Annabel, as well as his brother Randall Malin. A memorial service will be held in the summer. Donations in Bob's memory may be directed to: the Dartmouth College Fund or Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County, Vero Beach, FL.

Bob is certainly one of the many pioneers of the Legacy of Leadership of the marvelous class we all love and his toast to all on graduation day is classic. "We were sort of a mediocre class academically, but we had our scholars, and we were sort of mediocre athletically but we had our stars, but we were just plain outstanding socially because we liked each other, and then Ike spoke to us today so we had better go out into the world and DO SOMETHING". We have Bob, and God bless you and we will see you at the Great Reunion when all 1953 seats in the Pearly Gates will be painted green! Here's Ike"53 Honorary Member.



Each Day You Must Have Some Fun ---Ike '53 taught us that, and as an ardent golfer, he certainly would follow the Pandemic Golf Rules during this difficult time. We explored that with some of our classmates to see how we could work it out and get back on the course and escape from our self-imposed monastery. Everyone recognized the danger and severity of the situation, but when faced with the decision to remain sequestered or to risk contracting a deadly virus, it was a no-brainer!!!. Every man opted to play golf, safe golf and a foursome of '53 classmates did not pose a medical risk to mankind. The government has established guidelines for social engagement that one must stay at least 6 feet apart and no more than 10 people allowed at a gathering, which means that Harvard classmates' clubs can still meet. In addition to these rules of wisdom, our foursome drafted their own specific rules for Pandemic Golf.

We Must Play Golf Always and the Pandemic Rules of Play are:

- Hazmat suits are permitted. As an alternative, one can wear a College mascot costume or big bunny pajamas. [Wah[Hoo]Wah}
- Masks are not permitted, because we would look more like stagecoach robbers than a foursome.
- Always leave the flag in the hole.. And, to avoid retrieving balls from the hole, any putt shorter than LeBron James is good.
- Ride in separate golf carts and don't come closer to another player than a fully extended ball retriever.
- Don't touch another player's balls!!. This is always good advice!!.
- No high fives. Fortunately, we seldom have a reason.
- No petting the geese or the cart girl.
- Don't use the spot-a-pot. More disease in there than in all of Wuhan
- No excuses. Slicing or Hooking are not side effects of the pandemic.
- Make an online bank transfer to pay off your bets for the day.
- Straddle the sprinkler on the 18th hole before getting into the car.

Beer calls for hole bets, missed putts, lost balls, “lie” adjustment will be correlated and shipped by Walmart to each Pandy Golfers home. Adjustments can be handled by email. AND, we just cannot imagine any of our so-skilled Linksters not abiding by these Corona driven rules so we scanned some of the possible candidates for the 1953 Pandemic Players Foursome Tournament, and here they are:



The Undefeatable Pandemic Foursome of Bob Simpson, Charlie Buchanan, Gib Warren, and Jack Tukey Pre-Pandemic Positioning Probably Playing Par Posting Putts Plentifully.

Harbour Ridge has been a great haven for Dartmouth '53 and other Dartmouth folks, and the golf there has been terrific. Periodically the size of the golfing crowd grew, and grew, and grew as we will see in the next Photo. Our population at HR has dwindled a bit in recent years but the memories will always continue and we are reminded of a '53 Mini Reunion we held for the Harbour Ridge, Vero Beach, and West Palm

crowd in our quiet condo populated by Cal, earlier Pag, Flembo, Dave Donovan and yours truly. Dartmouth '53 South it was and the stories, refreshments, and bets were generated with a ferocity. John and Lore Dodge generated a mecca for this socializing class at Harbour Ridge, a place so aptly named. Thanks forever Dodges; You are the best.



There we all are in living color with some but insufficient Green. That would be taken care of on the Harbour Ridge Course, of course. when we have our next tournament there,

or wherever, the nectar will no doubt flow and we can make arrangement for the ladies of the club to provide the refreshments. Here is their qualifications brochure for the serving of refreshment s at tournament receptions.



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Back to Business for a Quick Second – Class Dues and a short note from our esteemed Treasurer and keeper of the Treasury, Dick Fleming, fellow son with “moi” of the Class of ’19, 1919 that is. And here is Dick’s note on Class Dues.

“Class Treasurer Dick Fleming reminds you that, if you have not yet made your Class Dues contribution: please do so by June 30 (preferably earlier). Class Dues remain at \$ 100.00. Please make your Check Payable to "Dartmouth 1953" and Mail to:

Dartmouth 1953, Ledyard National Bank, 66 Benning Street. Suite 5, West Lebanon, NH 03784 Many, many thanks ! "

The Family Legacy at Dartmouth

One of the countless and unique aspects of the Dartmouth community in our time is the legacy of generations upon generations of family sharing the special nature of a Dartmouth education which continues on for a lifetime. The numbers of sons and daughters that have followed in our footsteps to “The College on the Hill” is colossal and so prevalent in our beloved class of 1953, and someday we should itemize all of those to include in our history.

Dick Fleming, Dick Hall, and I shared a unique experience in October of 1950, our sophomore year, when the Class of 1919 sponsored a

Father- Son weekend for all the sons of '19 that were at Dartmouth at that time, Freshman thru Seniors, as well as Tuck and Thayer.. The following picture captures your editor in the top row next to Dick Hall on the right-end, my brother Richard '51, then a grand ole senior, and our Dad '19, second row from the bottom and fourth in from the left. Dick Fleming is in there somewhere as is his dad and when discovered will be reported real time. The place is the Clubhouse at Occum Pond. In later years I drove Dad to football games and reunions and that crowd of 1919 were a cool, fun lot and enjoyed sharing the Dartmouth experience with family and friends' family--. "Tis the loyal sons who love her."





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the world they roam. Some have gone to lands far distant,
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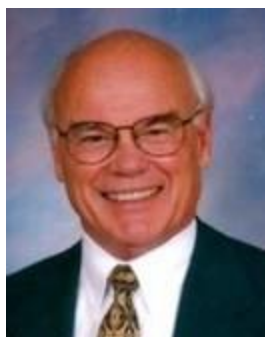
Chuck Talamo

Chuck was a resident of Randolph, Massachusetts for the past 47 years, and is the son of Joseph and Rebecca Talamo. He passed away on April 21st of this year after a brief illness. He was predeceased by his wife of 37 years. Ruth, and is survived by his son David and wife Allison and their children, and has three stepsons from an earlier marriage. Chuck attended all our Reunions from the 5th to the 55th. He was an active member of the Shalom House Chabad of the South Area, Stoughton, MA.

Now is the time when we are adjusting to the reality of our mortality and when we say farewell to those who have “Crossed the Silent River”. That farewell also implants forever in our hearts the memories of these dear brothers who shared the experience of a lifetime, the legacy of leadership of the Dartmouth Class of 1953. President Eisenhower was prophetic in his cry to us that June day “ You are leaders; you are bound to be leaders.” That we are and will continue to be; that is the Legacy of the Dartmouth Class of 1953.



Thomas Humm Trager



Thomas Humm Trager, age 88, of Peoria, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Manor Court surrounded by his loving family. Born May 25, 1931 in Peoria, he is the son of Clyde Christian and Virginia (Humm) Trager. He attended Columbia Grade School and graduated from Peoria High School in 1949. He went to Dartmouth College and graduated in 1953. Thomas honorably served in the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corp from 1953 during the Korean War until his discharge in 1956. After his military service, Thomas entered Ohio State University Law School in

September 1956, transferring to the University of Illinois Law School in 1957, where he received his law degree in 1959. On July 28, 1956, he married Alethe Mary McDonough in Bay Village, Ohio. She preceded him in death on January 1, 1983. On May 24, 1985 he married Joyce Becker Blaydes at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. In 1960, Thomas began practicing law with his father in the law firm of Trager & Trager. He was an Assistant State's Attorney of Peoria County serving in the administrations of State's Attorneys James Cunningham and George Kennedy until 1966. Thomas joined the firm of Vonachen & Lawless as a partner in October of 1966, which became Vonachen, Lawless, and Trager & Slevin. From 1982 through 2011, he continuously served as the Public Administrator and Guardian Ad Litem for Peoria County. During this period, Thomas represented various municipalities of Peoria County, including the City of Chillicothe and the Villages of Peoria Heights and Glasford. He was a member of the Peoria County and American Bar Associations and participated in the Inns of Court and Abraham Lincoln Inn. Thomas practiced before the Illinois State Courts and the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Thomas was a member of The University of Illinois Lawyers Alumni Club, Dartmouth Alumni Club of Chicago, the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club and served as past President of the Bradley Braves Chiefs Club. He received the Volunteer Community Award from the Salvation Army and was a member and supporter of the Hooked on Fishing Program and Ducks Unlimited.

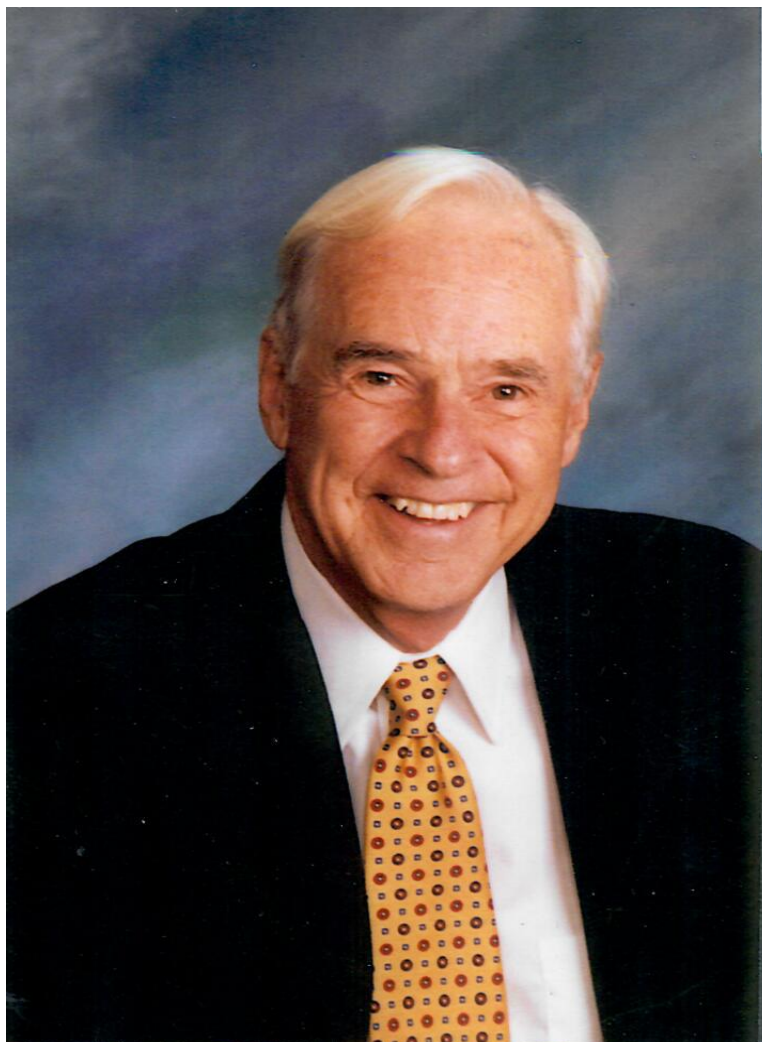
Survivors include his wife Joyce Trager of Peoria; four children: Dr. William L. (Meg) Trager of Sheboygan, WI, Timothy J. (Alba) Trager of Goleta, CA, Richard T. (Jill) Trager of Midland, MI, and Libby Ann (John) Trager-Reich of Inver Grove Heights, MN; and three step-children: Ginger (Frank) Blaydes-Shalkowski of Torrance, CA, Geffrey R. (Suzanne) Blaydes of Sun Prairie, WI, and Robert L. Blaydes II of Torrance, CA. Thomas was a very proud grandfather of twelve.

Thomas was also preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, William R. Trager. Cremation rights have been accorded. A memorial service and interment of ashes in Mt. Hawley Cemetery will take place at a later date. The family wishes to extend their deepest thanks to the Manor Court, Unity Point Methodist Crescent eighth floor and Vitas Hospice staffs for their love and care of Thomas. Memorials in Thomas's memory may be made to Hooked on Fishing or Ducks Unlimited..



Time for Walking Down Memory Lane With Life Long Friends and Classmates.

One of the many delights of doing things with the class post graduation, and staying in touch with many, is the delight when one accumulates pictures of classmates, family, events and so on. I have dozens of these and plan over this and the next few issues of '53 Out to include some in the copy with a few reminding words. My role as Newsletter Editor and Website Chieftain [as Mole called it] followed stints as Class Head Agent, Treasurer, and Beer Meister for the parties at the Ratskeller in the Ole Barn at the Halloran estate in Westchester. Those experiences gave me extraordinary opportunities to photo and collect ourselves in action! plus to obtain the more posed pictures that emanated from the various College functions. Reunions, Mini Reunions and the like are already captured on the website, but here are some of the collection in no particular order and if you have some at home you would like to broadcast to Dartmouth humanity via this hallowed script, send them on to Dave Halloran, 631 Savory Place, Lake Mary, Florida, 32746 out here in the boonies and loving it, and keeping an eye out for the bears.



Chuck Reilly and Dave Siegal, both residents of the Hanover area when they were doing their “thing” as the Award Winning Alumni Fund Head Agent for Chuck, as well as with Donna, a warm inviting Reception House hostess for 1953 post football game activities and other class fun wonders. We are so fortunate that Donna has agreed to be the Class Vice President and located there in Hanover so she can be the eyes, ears, and spokesperson for Dick O’Connor when he is unable to travel to the College.

And, Dave and Bonnie Siegal, probably the ones to gain the title of Host and Hostess with the Mostess receptions in the Alumni Offices on campus on Football, Homecoming, or other class functions and with preparation of edibles and beverages second to none, Bonnie was also famous for her buses and bikes to get visitors around campus, affectionately called Bonnie’s Buggies. The parties after games were a veritable class reunion and had opportunities galore to see folks not in touch since graduation. Great fun.

Fred England and Kisuk Cheung, whose pictures follow on the next page, are remembered as superb “accomplishers” of the things they did, Freddy, a fellow TD Chier, as the Manager of the Swimming Team who kept his head above water always, and Kisuk as a superb soccer player when that sport was still embryonic in Hanover. Coming from Seoul, Korea, known for superb soccer teams, Kisuk brought so much of that history to our new team which will always be remembered.



On the followig page, you will know all of these characters well, the prime movers in our Great Class including Harlan Fair, who understands the workings of Hanover best, Put Blodgett, President and Outdoorsman Supreme and the Saint of the Modern Moosilauke Lodge, Al Collins, our superb award winning president for many years, Dick O'Connor, our new president and skier and linksman supreme, Bob Simpson, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Harbour Ridge Linksman graduate, and Dick Fleming, Class Treasurer and fellow '19 Son.





WOW ---Need a Whole Page to List These Super Stars!
Click on down to hear the tale of '53 spin, spin, and WIN!

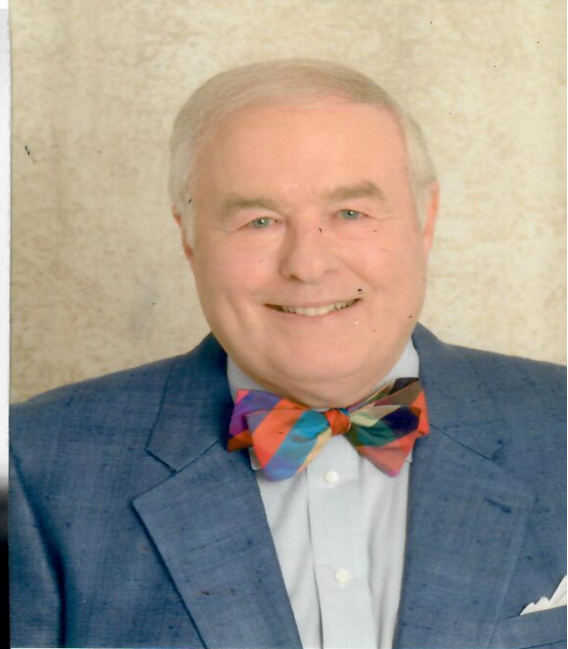
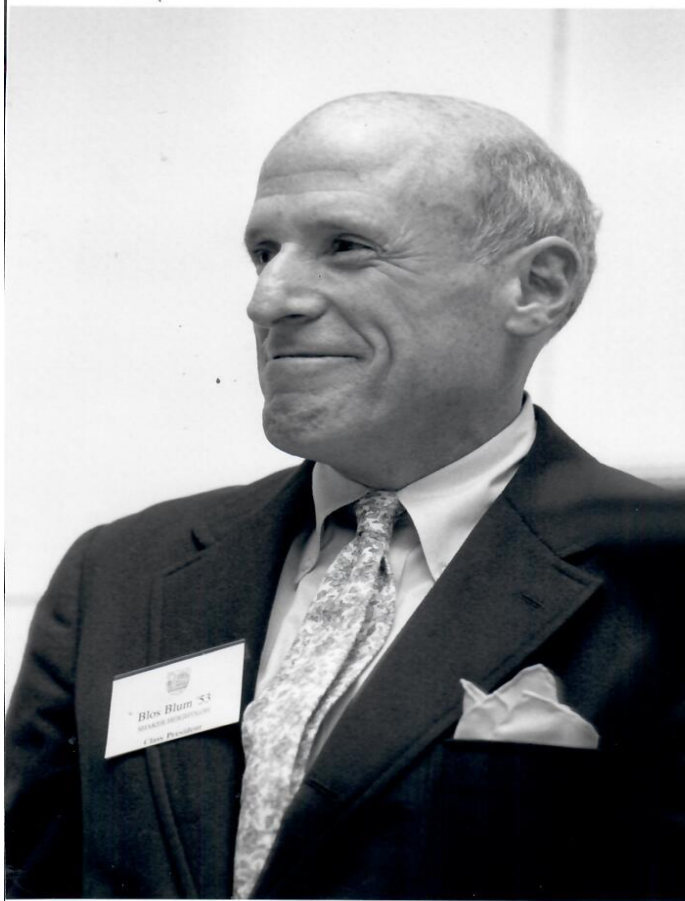
The upper picture is of Richard Cahn, Don Goss, and Bob Malin. Richard has authored several books on both legal and philosophical matters and has provided considerable material for the Alumni Magazine. Don Goss, a fraternity brother and life long friend, who was the original “Scribe” for this great class had a superb career in the advertising business but chose to live in Hanover to be part of the Dartmouth scene. Then cometh Bob Malin, financier superior. and along with Cathy Callender, superb host and hostess of the annual luncheon in NYC, and probably one of the best promoters of the class. Missing the 65th because of his illness was heartbreaker for Bob, and for the rest of us too.

The lower picture at the Class of the Year award is Bob Malin, Chuck Reilly, Phil Beekman, Al Collins, Harlan Flair, Dartmouth's President, Ron Lazar, Dick Blum and Bernie Sudikoff.

The picture the follows is also loaded with other superstars including Bob Simpson, Fred Whittemore, Fred Stephens, Bob Malin and in the front row Don Goss, Eddie Boyle, Chuck Reilly and Jack Crisp. And towering over the group is the great purveyor of the Dinosaur ties, financial wizard of the times, finder of the lost fifth verse of Dartmouth Undying which we use again and again, and this time with Bob Malin's, Chuck Talamo, and Tom Trager's obituaries..



Blos Blum and Howie Clery, and their story follows on the next page because there is so much to write about these two dear friends that the Voluminous Volume director said “Page It.”



Howie Clery has been our Class President, Vice President, Undergraduate Council member, and on and on during the undergraduate and graduate years and along with Connie have contributed so much to our togetherness. And for colleges at large In the US, after the tragic loss of their daughter in a campus crime, their tenacity to obtain legislation aimed at preventing future similar tragedies was successful and has had a positive effect ever since. God bless you both for placing the good of many atop your pain in order to preserve campus safety for all in the future. Generations are indebted to you both.

Dick “Blos” Blum has been super active in ’53 affairs after graduation and his tour in the Marine Corps then returning to his hometown of Cleveland and building on the family company, Blossom Industries hence the nickname. Always helpful to friends and family alike, Blos along with several others at a reunion steered me to a particular doctor at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York in the early 2000’s when I experienced some hip deficiencies requiring surgery. Weeks later when arriving in NYC for the workup, Blos and I perchance met walking down 3rd Avenue and I was surprised, as was he, and then he recouped, just wanted to be sure you got to the doc. I did and those titanium hips are still clanking along, thanks to Blos and friends. P

Vital Knowledge for All Octogenarians Jailed by COVID 19 Quarantine

Alaska -- More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Amazon -- The Amazon rain forest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

Antarctica -- Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Brazil -- Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Canada-- Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village'.

Chicago--Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

Detroit--Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus , Syria --Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul , Turkey--Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Los Angeles--The full name of Los Angeles is: I Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula - and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

New York City--The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel .

Ohio --There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, everyone is man-made. Lake Erie only borders Ohio it's not in it.

Pitcairn Island --The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 sq. miles/4.53 sq. Km.

Rome--The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy (in 133 B.C.) There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia --Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests. 0

S.M.O.M.--The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, and has an area of two tennis courts. And, as of 2001, has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is. 0

Sahara Desert--In the Sahara Desert , there is a town named Tidikelt, Algeria, that did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically, though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years

Spain ==Spain literally means 'the land of rabbits'.

St. Paul , Minnesota--St. Paul , Minnesota , was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

Roads Chances that a road is unpaved: in the U.S.A = 1%; in Canada = 75%

Russia --The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Superdeep Borehole, in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles.) It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one

of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen - so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.

United States ==The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Waterfalls --The water of Angel Falls (the world's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters.) They are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls .

Someone said, 'you should learn something new every day'. Unfortunately, many of us are at that age where what we learn today, we forget tomorrow. Would you like the summary repeated?? OH, Forgot one ---Lake Mary, Florida --home of a nerdy squeezebox player and his cute chick Joanne and he thinks he's still at Dartmouth --- Go '53 2053???





One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around. When the volunteer firefighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact."

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could

bring out the company's secret files. From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant. Without even slowing down it drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters. The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?" "Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 70-year-old fire chief, "Da first thing ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat focking truck



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Technology can be a little scary—check out the video above

Here's a little ditty about what We Retired Dudes and Dudessas do



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And we close with a touch of Aviation action including our Blue Angels at a recent flyover at Ponte Verde, Florida, and the Italian Air Force “Red, White and Green” Angelicas flying over Malta Bay opera,



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*Words Just Cannot Capture The Love We Have For Each Other,
A Toast to The Great Class of 1953, Their Brides, and Their Families*



And a Special Toast to Al and to Put, and Thanks Forever