

DARTMOUTH
CLASS OF 1953



NEWSLETTER

News & Events for our Class



Dear Classmates and Families,
Here is our latest newsletter to pass on news of our classmates and their families. These are the difficult times when so many of us are passing on but there is comfort in sharing our stories with one another and to stay in touch with families at their pleasure.

2021 VERSION

The Affable, Charming Dartmouth Class of 1953, Great Too!

The Class of 1953 is a class very special; as Professor Don Pease said on our Riverboat Cruise in 2005 "The class of 1953 is th most affable class I have ever known at Dartmouth" and that sentiment has been expressed by others as we have walked this almost 72 year journey together. Asides from our "sparkling personalities" the combination of extraordinary leadership at the outset of our alumni years by Pag and others, and superb communications by Don Goss and Mark Smoller have kept us in touch and wanting to do things together for the College, yes, but mainly for each other. What a beautiful journey is has been and still is for the hundred plus who are still afoot.

So, to keep this "loveball" rolling send us your news and views to share please send them to dghalloran53@gmail.com or dhalloran@cfl.rr.com. All News, Old and New, is Good News so Check Out Our 1953 Class Site At:

[The Dartmouth College Class of 1953: Class of '53](https://www.classof53.site)

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The website was designed and is maintained by son Mike Halloran '83 who opens it with the pictures of the lyrics from the final verse of Dartmouth Undying. Those scenes always bring a bit of a choke into our spirit.



There She Be – Baker, That Great Symbol of Dartmouth, with Eleazar and the Big Chief Gesticulating Atop the Weather Vane Currently in Retreat Pending its Resurrections. **Click on the black bar below to activate the recording of Ike's message to us on graduation day.** **CClick**

Here

to hear Fred Whittemore's Recording of Our Graduation Day; Comments by President Eisenhower and then the Immortal voice of Charlie Fleet Singing "Little Jimmy Brown," also known as "The Three Bells."

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Night 1953 which has the Eisenhower chat with us at graduation. And if you have difficulty with this, let me know and we will try some alternatives. The Old Soldier sounds like he is right in the room with us. What a day it was, and still is !!

What a Tremdous Homecoming Weekend for '53 and here is the report of our class meeting, both live and on ZOOM for over a dozen classmates and families. Great stuff to follow and here is Dick O'Connor and the class meeting plan.

"WELCOME TO ALL PRESENT AS WELL AS OUR ZOOM CLASSMATES.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE HAD THREE PRESIDENTS ,AL COLLINS, PUT BLODGETT AND MYSELF AND WE WILL TRY TO CONTINUE THE LOVING LEADERSHIP AL AND PUT PROVIDED.... WE ARE SO GLAD TO SEE ALL OF YOU HERE IN HANOVER AS WELL AS OUR FELLOW CLASSMATES ON ZOOM S. SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THOSE TWO YEARS WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO YOU AND HERE IS THE LINEUP OF WHAT WE HAVE PREPARED.

DICK FLEMING - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HARLAN FAIR - PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

- TODAY AS WELL AS THE STATUS AND PLAN FOR THE PUT BLODGETT TRAIL

MARK SMOLLER - -THOSE WE HAVE LOST AND THOSE STILL WITH US

RON LAZAR – DCF FUND RESULTS AS PARTICIPATION CHAMPION

- GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE COLLEGE AT DINNER

DONNA REILLEY - HER ROLE AS KEY HANOVER RESIDENT AND

CONTACT FOR CLASS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A REPORT ON THE NATURE OF THE FAMILIES' ROLE WITH THE CLASS ONCE A CLASSMATE HAS PASSED ON.

JOHN KENNEDY – MEMOIRAL BOOK CAMPAIGN WITH LINDA, HIS DAUGHTER KEY BACKN UP

RICHARD CAHN - EISENHOWER MEMORIAL STATUE

DAVE HALLORAN—ZOOM ATTEMDEE====NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

The additional classmates , some with wives attending on ZOOM are Perry Free, Dave and Cynthia Donovan, Bob and Anne Simpson, Nathan Burkan, Joanne and Dave Halloran, Barbara and John Kennedy, Timmy and Gil Shapiro, and Wade Sherwood, Additionally others that attended the class gatherings at the football game and dinner in the 53 Commons that evening are included in Mark Smoller's writeup for the DAM which follows, and our report where, as usual, he captures the warmth and depth of our special relationship over these now 72 years. Here's Mark:

“A weekend ,cool and crisp ,bathed in the brilliant sun of October , surrounded by leaves beginning to flash their vibrant colors; what could be better? Oh yes, a thrilling football game in which the good guys eventually defeated Yale in overtime to complete a perfect Homecoming Weekend. And, for the Class of 1953. we enjoyed another productive Class meeting at which we announced the completion and upcoming dedication of Put's Path at the Mount Mousilauke Lodge. Present at the meeting in the “53 Commons were Vivian and Richard Cahn, Harlan Fair, Dick Fleming, Marie and David Horlacher, Ron Lazar and his friend Jane Lattes, Cynthia and Dick O'Connor, ,Donna Reilly, and Bobby and Mark Smoller . Making use of Ron Lazar's expertise, classmates joined us virtually from their homes and participated using Zoom. In that group were Nathan Burkan, Cynthia and Dave Donovan, Joanne and Dave Halloran, Barbara and John Kennedy, Perry Free, Timmy and Gil Shapiro, Wade Sherwood, and Ann and Bob Simpson. We basked in the success of our

Dartmouth Fund Campaign this year made possible by efforts of , Philip Beekman, Richard O'Connor, Richard Blum, Richard Loewenthal, Frederick Stephens, John Avril, John Cernius, Thomas Duke, Carl England, William Friedman, David Halloran, Donald McMichael, George Sarner, Robert Simpson, Bernard Sudikoff, and Lowell Thomas, and discussed plans for a new and exciting project, To top it all off , we enjoyed dinner at the fabulous '53 Commons followed by an inspiring talk by Professor Bruce Duthu, Chair of the Native American Studies Department. Describing his journey from the bayous of Louisiana to Dartmouth, Professor Duthu demonstrated a pathway by which Natives have taken advantage of opportunities and through hard work and adjustment to their new surroundings have succeeded in gaining the education and tools to assist their people. Professor Duthu patiently answered some difficult questions explaining the emotions that many Natives feel when they arrive on Campus and how the Indian symbols have affected them. Once again, I sadly end this column with news of the demise of John Zimmermann and Harry Cherry. I offer the condolences of the Class to their families.
Mark H. Smoller; 401 Lake Shore Rd. Putnam Valley, NY 10579; (845)603-5066; Dartmark@gmail.com”

Donna Reilly then shared with the class the experience of the wives and families of our classmates and in particular as they adjust to the more difficult phases of life in the latter years. Donna kindly sent me a copy of her comments which follow and , for all of us who have worked with families of

fallen classmates you will find this truly inspiring. Thanks so much Donna.

DARTMOUTH '53 WIVES
Donald Grant Reilly '53

When I was asked to talk this morning about how the class of '53 might reach out to the wives and widows of classmates, I said I'd be happy to try. But, after thinking about it for quite a while, I'm not so sure this question is easily answered. Speaking as one '53 wife, I'd like to share some of my thinking with you.

Over the past 68 years, our Dartmouth husbands have worked hard to fulfil their expectations of what a good life should be, and we've done our part to help make it happen. Many of us have had wonderful marriages and happy families; some of us haven't been so fortunate. But, because of our husbands' strong class bonds, our association-by-marriage with the Dartmouth Class of 1953 has been filled with good times, strong friendships, and fond memories—things that time can never change.

In the meantime, our society has seen many changes for *women* since this class graduated in 1953: a big one was accepting female students at Dartmouth College. Although not popular with everyone at the time, it was a decision that has proved to be extremely beneficial for everyone involved—especially our class daughters and granddaughters. Women have been fighting for change and recognition for a long time now. Although we still have a long way to go, we've been pretty successful, and I think you have helped with that.

But when our husbands *die*, our lives often change dramatically. After the period of grieving lets up a bit, we find that life goes on but—ready or not—suddenly *we're* the ones in charge. We've had

to take on all those things our husbands used to manage: income tax, financial planning, and end-of-life decisions. The same is true for the growing number of us with severely disabled husbands, or those of us who have become Alzheimer's Widows—whose husbands are still here, but no longer participants in the world around them.

Fortunately, as we assume those responsibilities, we also find out we're a lot smarter and stronger than we thought we were. I think today's women are more self-confident and better prepared to play an important role in society than we were 68 years ago. But, no wonder! Those of us with '53 husbands had good role models!

Several years ago, I asked a good friend and '53 wife, "If your husband dies before you do, would you still want to attend class functions and keep up with class news?" Her answer was, "I don't know. I just don't think it would be the same." She was right. It isn't the same as it was when we were all together for reunions and homecomings—and some of us *are* trying to decide if we want to go on with it. I guess, if you'd really like to know what the Class of 1953 can do for us, try putting yourselves in our shoes for a while. Here are some things to know about us that might help with that:

Today, we, too, have college classmates we enjoy meeting on Zoom, and family and good friends with whom we share our joys and sorrows. But, like you, we're also aging, and finding that various body parts don't work as well as they used to. If we *are* blessed with reasonably good health, quite often we're active in our communities, and some of us are still working at satisfying jobs. We continue to teach, volunteer and organize—discovering that we have a great deal to give to others and much more time now in which to give it.

More of us are widows now, but we're all individuals with differing interests and needs. A few of us still take an active interest in the class, and play an important role in class functions. But some of us may feel timid about attending class events without our

husbands, and some of us may not want to continue the '53 connection at all. Some of us are dealing with personal trials we don't always feel comfortable sharing, and others are content to just follow the class from afar. But, even if we don't take an active part in class activities anymore, we still remember all the good times we once had. And, if asked, we probably would have a few opinions to offer as well.

So what can you do for us? It may take some time to work that out. But one thing is for sure: It's important for all of us to know you haven't forgotten about us, that you remember all those good time, too, and that sometimes you might be interested in what we think. Drop us a line or an email occasionally, or pick up the phone and call us. Also, inasmuch as we continue to send our newsletter to widows until they request that be ceasaed, one can always reply to the newsletter return address you're your questions or comments, And, most important of all, we hope you will continue to make it clear that, if you want to show up, the Great Class of 1953 will always welcome you, and Big Time if you h ave been away for awhile. We really love each other as a family. Always

A Wonderful Example of the Closeness Members and Families of this Class Share Stands Out in This Picture of Classmates Sharing Ted Spiegel's 75th Birthday "A Few Years Ago."



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Left to Right standing are Gabby Gaboanelli, George Shaw of 54. Dave Cost, Mole Malin, Dick Cahn, Charlie Buchanan, Dick Calkins, Bill Gitt, Jay Davis 54, and Irl Marshall of 49. and surrounding Man of the Day are Phil Beekman, and Butch Edgar.



And then the resourceful Donna found this picture to times past with her honey Chuck headlining the group surrounded by Bob Callendar, Ron Lazar, the host with the mostest Dave Siegall, Fred Stephens, TBD, and Jarlan Fioar. and Mark Smoller.

And on the Lighter Side from our Distinguished Class Secretary Mark:

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water.

As the bartender gives her the drink she says,

'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today....'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink.

In fact, this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like
to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of
water.'

'Coming up,' says the bartender

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy
you one, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two
drops of water.'

'Coming right up,' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the
Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to
hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

'OLD' IS WHEN....

Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs
and make love,' and you answer,

'Pick one; I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN....

Your friends compliment you
on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**A sexy babe or hunk catches your fancy
and your pacemaker opens the garage door.**

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**Going braless
pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.**

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**You don't care where your spouse goes,
just as long as you don't have to go along.**

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor
instead of by the police**

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**'Getting a little action'
means you don't need to take any fiber today.**

'OLD' IS WHEN...

**'Getting lucky' means you find your car
in the parking lot.**

'OLD' IS WHEN....

**An 'all nighter' means not getting up
to use the bathroom.**

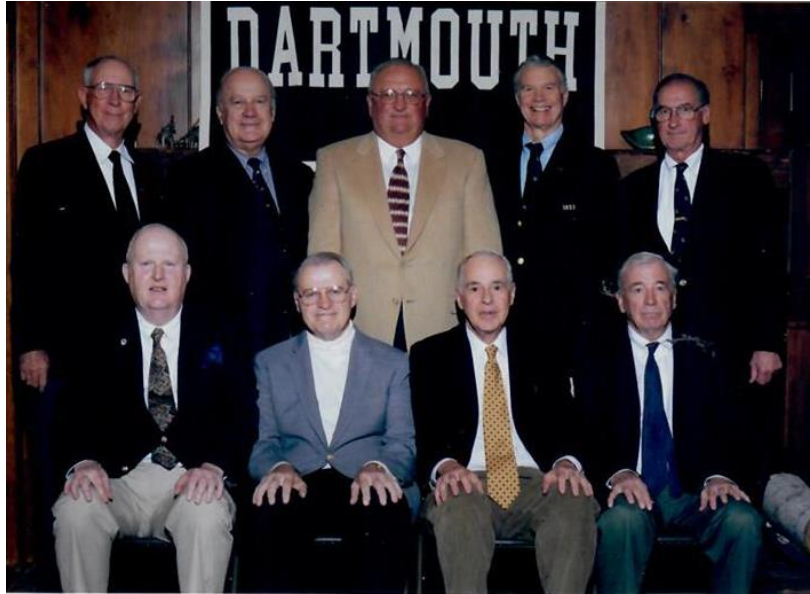
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'OLD' IS WHEN....

You are not sure these are jokes.

And Some More Homecoming Memories of 53ers/





**You Can Fill In All The Names of These Dear Friends
With Whom We Shared a '53 Lifetime of
Accomplishments for America, Dartmouth, Our
Families and the Joy of Great Friendships.**



Ike's Visit to Dartmouth and Our Graduation June 14. 1953

The Great Class of 1953, A Treasure Trove of Class History in Pictures was discovered by Sherm Horton's son, Sherman Horton III and is incased in the video "The Day Ike Came to Dartmouth."

<https://youtu.be/oM4p2J1l3n0><https://youtu.be/oM4p2J1l3n0>

Eisenhower at Dartmouth for our Graduation June 1953

"The Day Ike Came to Dartmouth." Ike Gives 1953 Their Sendoff Message: "Seek Joy and Courage Daily" In previous editions we covered the details of Ike's visit to Dartmouth on our graduation day. That message apparently got to Sherm Horton's son, Sherman the III, who managed to dig up some 24 pictures of Ike, Dartmouth, and the Great Class of 1953 on that memorable day. *Some of those pictures are in the video referenced which we suggest you copy with your computer and open on an independent page.* It is old technology, long, and performs better when independent as do most 53;s, .

When we learned that President Eisenhower was going to speak at our graduation on June 14, 1953, the stir of queries, wonderment, excitement were all evident in all the discussions within the class. We realized the impact and import of Ike's presence to our class at graduation, a class that had been rather mediocre in its overall performance although we had some superb scholars, superb athletes, and marvelous community activists. However, we were probably the most socially oriented class in Dartmouth's history with all kinds of events, parties, esprit de corps, and on and on. We just plain liked each other. Bob Malin captured it best when he observed that, with Ike's presence, this class of average performance had better go out and do something. And, WE DID!!!! In our personal lives and our ties to the Class and to Dartmouth, and we cannot help but believe that Ike's "Fireside Chat" on that fabulous day had much to do with it.

The video has the pictures that Sherman III discovered for us. Thanks again Sherm; what a discovery you have made. You have been and forever shall be a member of the Class of 1953 Family, and now a Family Member Extraordinaire. What follows are some excerpts from Ike's talk and for those who may have missed his entire speech recorded in our last newsletter, it appears on our website and also available on the black baar earlier in this newsletter.

Excerpts from Ike's Talk "Now, with your permission, I want to talk about two points-two qualities--today that are purely personal. I want to talk about these two things and merely suggest to you certain ideas concerning them. I am going to talk about fun--joy--happiness, just fun in life. I am going to talk a little about courage." "Now, as to fun: to get myself straight at once, for fear that in my garrulous way I might stray from my point, I shall say this: unless each day can be looked back upon by an individual as one in which he has had some fun, some joy, some real satisfaction, that day is a loss. It is wicked, in my opinion, to allow such a thing to occur. Now, there are many, many different things and thoughts and ideas that will contribute--any acts of your own--that will contribute to the fun you have out of life. You can go along the bank of a stream in the tropics, and there is a crocodile lying in the sun. He looks the picture of contentment. They tell me that often they live to be a great age--a hundred years or more-and still lying in the sun and that is all

they do.” “Now, by going to Dartmouth, by coming this far along the road, you have achieved certain standards. One of those standards is: it is no longer so easy for you to have fun, and you can't be like a crocodile and sleep away your life and be satisfied. You must do something, and normally it must involve others, something you do for them. The satisfaction--it's trite but the satisfaction of a clear conscience, no matter what happens. Whatever you do--a little help to someone along the road--something you have achieved because you worked hard for it, like your graduation diploma today, those things have become worthwhile, and in your own estimation will contribute to your happiness. They will measure up to your standards because your standards have become those that only you know, but they have become very high.”

“You are leaders. You are bound to be leaders because you have had advantages that make you leader to someone, whether you know it or not. There will be tough problems to solve. You have heard about them. You can't solve them with long faces they don't solve problems, not when they deal with humans. Humans have to have confidence. You have got to help give it to them. You are leaders.”

“This brings me up to my second little topic, which is courage. I forget the author, but one many years ago, you know, uttered that famous saying, “The coward dies a thousand deaths, but the brave man dies but once.” In other words, you can live happily if you have courage, because you are not fearing something that you can't help. You must have courage to look at all about you with honest eyes--above all, yourself. And we go back to our standards. Have you actually measured up? If you have, it is that courage to look at yourself and say, well, I failed miserably there, I hurt someone's feelings needlessly. You did not measure up to your own standards. Now, if you have the courage to look at yourself, soon you begin to achieve a code or a pattern that is closer to your own standards. “Look at your country. Here is a country of which we are proud, as you are proud of Dartmouth and all about you, and the families to which you belong. But this country is a long way from perfection--a long way. We have the disgrace of racial discrimination, or we have prejudice against people because of their religion. We have crime on the docks. We have not had the courage to uproot these things, although we know they are wrong. And we with our standards, the standards given us at places like Dartmouth, we know they are wrong. Now, that courage is not

going to be satisfied--your sense of satisfaction is not going to be satisfied, if you haven't the courage to look at these things and do your best to help correct them, because that is the contribution you shall make to this beloved country in your time. Each of us, as he passes along, should strive to add something. It is not enough merely to say I love America, and to salute the flag and take off your hat as it goes by, and to help sing the Star Spangled Banner. Wonderful! We love to do them, and our hearts swell with pride, because those who went before you worked to give to us today, standing here, this pride. And this is a pride in an institution that we think has brought great happiness, and we know has brought great contentment and freedom of soul to many people. But it is not yet done. You must add to it."

"Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book, as long as that document does not offend your own ideas of decency. That should be the only censorship. How will we defeat communism unless we know what it is, and what it teaches, and why does it have such an appeal for men, why are so many people swearing allegiance to it? It is almost a religion, albeit one of the nether regions. And we have got to fight it with something better, not try to conceal the thinking of our own people. They are part of America. And even if they think ideas that are contrary to ours, their right to say them, their right to record them, and their right to have them at places where they are accessible to others is unquestioned, or it isn't America.