

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

Dear Classmates, Widows, Children and Grandchildren
of the Great Class of 1953.

This is your periodic newsletter that we have been emailing for decades, but with one exception; we have received very little news from the '53 family for quite a few months, probably because of the upheaval from all the Pandemic issues, and then the crash of the economy at the gas pump, etc or whatever, and we would like to continue that news to the Class and families regularly. Please take a moment and jot down some things you would like to share with the 53 Family and email it on to me at dghalloran53@gmail.com and we will publish your news to the class when we have received several inputs. Pictures are most welcome too, and while our '53 family includes 140 or so of us brothers still on this side of the sod as my grandpa used to say, even more widows, we also have many fabulous children and grandchildren from whom we have received letters and pictures and they are just delightful. I think all will enjoy this new twist. And we will also continue to report the regular news when we

receive some from all sources .Pictures prompt memories so we will photo commo in order to stimulate some of the fabulous memories of this gang of brothers and the almost 75 years we have known one another and left our imprint on the world as Ike instructed us to do when he said “You are leaders; you are bound to be leaders.” God bless you President Ike.

Here are a few pictures to turn on the memory bank.

The Alumni Magazine coverage of the Life of 1953 has been flown from the pen of our Dr. Mark Smoller for decades, and many classes and collegians have learned to seek that news for new ideas on the fellowship of alumni life. Here is a pick of Mark and his bride, and he hasn't changed a bit, and in addition to keeping track of 53ers, Mark is also a musician that entertains with his



piano sing along program which we have shared at reunion. Thanks for all you have done for us over the years Mark. .



For many of us this picture of Baker captures the essence of the natural beauty surrounding our beloved Dartmouth , and the towering spiral weather vein of our founder, Eleazar Wheelock, chatting with one of the Indian Chiefs from the Penacottt tribe, and it is a wonderful reminder of the noble cause upon which our beloved college was founded, the bringing of the story of Jesus Christ to the Natives of America. The vane was removed several years ago but we know the sense of nobility of Dartmouth's origin will bring it back someday.

HAS ANYONE DONE ANY CLIMBING OF MOOSELAUKE

RECEMNTLY is a memory catch from a while ago with our Outdoorsman Supreme Put Blodgett, Harltn Fair, and Ron Lazar with his lovely bride Lilliane who is making the transition from France to Mooselauke so very well



And at the Mooselauke Lodge in deep conversation we find Ron Lazar again, Mr. Outdoors Put Blodgett, and we believe John Dodge and gosh I should know the classmate in the upper left hand corner. All nominations welcome.





Richard Cahn, Don Goss and Bob Malin, three giants in this gathering of Dartmouth brothers. Don will probably be remembered as the Shakespeare of '53 with his many copies of 53 Out carrying the class news for years until he asked me to take over when his health became a problem. A Giant of a Man is Don Goss. In addition to his publications which shown his Dartmouth heritage, Counselor Dick Cahn is busy persuading the college that Dwight Eisenhower was such a profound influence on recognition of the college that an appropriate remembrance such as a statue should be built, , and on the Class of 1953 where his famous admonition still rings "You are leaders. Dartmouth has made you bound to be leaders." Bob Malin captured that theme at dinner graduation night when he quoted Ike and said we had better go out and do something, and the record shows we have.



Homecoming Class Meeting Via Zoom. What is next for a 53 First; perhaps a Zoom Reunion between the Hanover crowd and the scattered brothers and families of 53.

One of the unique aspects of our history is the numbers of classmates who chose to serve their country before going out into the wide-wide world in their chosen

careers. We believe that trait added a very special ingredient to our post Hanover lives. God Bless the USA.



Fred England, Classmate of the Year, Super friends and fraternity brother, Insurance Industry Agent of the Year,, and a big help to the college on those matters. Fred and Valerie loved Dartmouth and all its people and will always be remembered as the perfect gentleman, My mother thought Fred was a gift from God!!!



Shall we say here is the Board of Directors for this great class of 1953; they certainly made the wheels turn faster and smarter as we sailed down the path of achievement for Dartmouth, America, and our families. Thanks to Harlan Fair, the incomparable Put Blodgett, our championship class president Al Collins, Class Golfer Champ Dick O'Conner, Bpb Toodlepip Simpson of USMC fame, and fellow son of 1919 and Treasurer supreme, Dick Fleming. These guys made good things happen.

DARTMOUTH COMMENCEMENT



This Year's Valedictorias and Subvaledictorians. How things have changed when we had only one Valedictorian.



Here is the Council of Preserve the Tradition which we did in all fields with some exceptions, like academics 'amd athletics, but were number one in all of the social decorums and campus activities that existed and all the related territory beyond, like Smith, Skidmore etc.

I think we would all agree that Fred Whittemore was the Columbus of this class and heee he is with some of his shipmates. Below is Charlie Buchanan, Jim Foster and I should know the name next to Charlie.





This creature in green and dabs of other colours holding the tallest Guinness ever poured is at the keyboard now and then to pass on profound news of 1953 but this shot during a Saint Patty's Party should be considered an exception.



Our Classmates, who came to share the delight of Al's life with his family and friends in Boston on February 8th. Al is with them, and all of us, in spirit and, in his classical Collins' style, in "portrait" as well. Only the master Al and his family would think of that as he joined with Blos Blum, Ron Lazar, Harlan Fair, Dick O'Connor, Put Blodgett, Dave Donovan, John Thornley and Dick Fleming to celebrate his journey through a life well lived. and lived for all of us.

Al's favorite passage from Robert Hastings that defines his Journey

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us. "Relish the moment," is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118, verse 24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today. Let' stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles



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A very warm letter from Kim Collins Parizeau for the Collins family

Dear 1953 Classmates of Allen Collins , My Dad Thank you so very much for attending the *Celebration of Life* we had for my father last Saturday. Wasn't my father the luckiest man ever to have all of you as his friends? As my Dad taught us, "The better part of life consists of friendships, " and you 1953 Dartmouth friends, along with his family, were indeed the best part of my Dad's life. I loved having each and every one of you with us on Saturday and seeing so clearly the deep bond you all have with one another. I wish I had had more time to talk with you! Seeing you all sitting together in the front rows and then later congregated in a huddle surrounding the photo of my Dad was truly inspiring and special. Thank you for being there on Saturday and for sharing your stories.....and for helping to make my Dad's life so very vibrant and full.

With our very best to you all, Kim, Wylie



The Dartmouth 1953 Band of Brothers, a Class of Classes Forever.

