

Our wonderful 70th reunion was not just a social gathering of the Class of '53, but a testament of our dedication to the Dartmouth experience which we have all shared.

We proudly unveiled a plaque located on the Green in front of Baker dedicated to President Eisenhower and his important Book Burners speech delivered at our graduation in 1953, the words of which are as relevant today as they were then. To place the speech in perspective, we also enjoyed a very fine lecture by University of Virginia Professor William Hitchcock, who is recognized as a foremost Eisenhower scholar. He was preceded eloquently by Dick Cahn who spoke of the circumstances which inspired Ike's speech. Professor Bruce Duthu, Chair of Dartmouth Native American program spoke of Dartmouth's relations with Natives since its inception. To honor and help fulfill Dartmouth original commitment to Natives, the Class has joined with the College to fund a Native American Academy whereby each year chiefs from native tribes around the country will come to Dartmouth where socially oriented experts, lawyers and other related citizens will discuss ways to help the tribes deal with issues which are relevant to their needs. In addition, Head Agent Ron Lazar reports that we contributed almost four times the goal set for our Alumni fund in which we had the highest participation of any reunion Class, and contributed the most of any 70th reunion Class in history.

In addition, we had a Ball, as we always do and a review of prior reunions on our website surely confirms that. Check it out at The Dartmouth Class of 1953 Website. Wow! Attendees were: Vivian and Richard Cahn, Lynn Atherton, Roxanna Kopp Smith, Seth Carpenter, Kevin Carpenter, Marge Cook, Melissa Cook '82, Al Davis, Joyce and Tom Duke, Margaret and Carl England, Jackie and Aaron Epstein, Dick Fleming, Ron Lazar, Deborah and Phil Lewis, Ross McIntyre, Helen Whyte, Sarah Melcher '82, Barbara and Bob Michael, Dick O'Connor, Granthia Preston, Donna Reilly '53, George Sarner, Rick Sarner '77, Gil Shapiro, Karen Shapiro, Bobby and Mark Smoller, Woody Spurgeon, Joan Collins, Thelma and Fred Stephens, Tim Thomas, Nancy and John Thornley, Joanne and Dave Halloran. For questions ask Mark H. Smoller: 401 Lake Shore Rd. Putnam Valley, NY, (845) 603-5066, dartmark@gmail.com



Here we are, a Band of Brothers many years ago, still together in spirit at the Seventieth Reunion celebrating the joy of fellowship, the love of the Dartmouth experience, and the good fortune we had to have Dwight Eisenhower share that graduation with us and sharing his philosophy on the avoidance of the Book Burners. The decal by Baker reminded us of that historic experience and also seemed to set the stage for our class involvement in the Native American Academy program discussed at the Reunion. In a way we are joining Eleazar Wheelock in his historic journey in 1769 to bring the message of civilization to the tribes in today's Vermont and New Hampshire, and Dartmouth College began. For years we competed in college sports as the Dartmouth Indians and it is joyful and profound that Dartmouth is once again involved in the affairs of our Native American brothers, the Indian tribes who are the original Americans. What a marvelous experience this Reunion has been for the Class of 1953 Dartmouth Indians and for the American Indian Tribes everywhere. We who live in the Seminole Nation also called Florida are experiencing a special delight from these wonderful events and provide our thanks to Ron Lazar and Donna Reilly and those that aided them for this wonderful development.

We just know that our many brothers pictured above, and who are no longer with us, are experiencing the same joy In their spiritual world and sharing that with the Great Class of 1953. No doubt there will be a Reunion of Reunions in the future when we all convene in spirit by the Pearly Gates which Al Collins has already painted Green.

Dartmouth '53 Forever.
Hoorah!!!!!!