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We are just short of the record for participation—if absent, send in your loyalty '53 contribution now to: dartmouth.college.fund@dartmouth.edu. Thanks.

Collins Corner Finally the summer is upon us, and a Hanover fall is not far behind. We have had a few happenings in our Class and in Hanover since the last Newsletter. Some I will share with you here and others will be in Scribe Dave Halloran's exquisite and detailed coverage. [Oh, I love it, Scribe]

After many years of devoted service to our Class in Hanover, classmate David Siegal and his wife and co-mini reunion chair, Bonnie, have decided to move to Oklahoma. Dave will continue to serve in the capacity of our Life Crises Officer. Dave will be sending out more details of his move. He and Bonnie have been the force behind our years of successful mini-reunions and they will be sorely missed. Much of what we see



as “just happening” at our dinners and meetings is really the result of hours of planning and hard work done for years by the Siegals. They will indeed be missed in Hanover, but in this world of “web and cloud” we will still be in touch with them. Our entire Class extends their thanks and gratitude to the Siegals for all they have done for us.



As a result of their departure on August 1st. the mid-summer mini in Hanover they had planned for August 7th has had to be cancelled. Going forward, I am pleased to announce that Harlan Fair and Put Blodgett have graciously agreed to assume the mantle of responsibility as co-chairs of 1953’s mini-reunions. Both Harlan and Put are Hanover residents and have served the



Class in the past in running mini-reunions. Harlan also served as chair of our very successful 60th reunion. We are fortunate and welcome them back into a leadership role in our Class.

The 2015 Dartmouth College Fund: Well, Ron Lazar, the master of the telephone, has nearly done it once again. As was mentioned at the start of the year, our regular participation level is much appreciated by the College, but this year we

wanted to stay respectable in dollars but really excel once again in participation. As I review the results to date I believe I have both good news and great news. The good news is that we are well on the track to achieving Ron's goal of being over 70% participation. The great news is, that with even a modest participation from some who have not yet been involved would put us at an all-time 63 year class record of 75% participation. We now have all but 88 of our classmates either in or committed. If we can count on at least 25 more of you to step up at any level, we will once again re-establish our Legacy of leadership in yet another category. Yes, it is a bit of a stretch but we can do this as we have so many times before. I believe our Class is more cohesive as we gently age than it has ever been. It's easy to participate with your credit card by calling **the Dartmouth Fund Office at 603-646-3355 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, or Ron Lazar at 516-459-4954, or me at 617-835-5781. Time is short – less than a week - as it all ends on June 30th**. Thanks for being a part of this Class wide initiative. I know we can do it!

Bill Vitalis Memorial Service:

On May 16th I drove out to Cornwall CT to attend a memorial service for Bill Vitalis at the United Church of Christ in Cornwall Village. The church was filled with friends from several generations to join in the celebration of a life well lived. Bill's legacy of leadership and involvement in matters small and large both locally, nationally and at Dartmouth were very impressive and often unknown by many. Classmate and brother-in-law Charlie Buchanan spoke eloquently on Bill's behalf as did his daughter Rita and other friends. His son Bill held the congregation captive with his well-trained voice as he sang several meaningful pieces. Classmate Byron Menides and his wife Laura were also in attendance. Jean hosted all at a wonderful reception following the service at the Church's social hall.

Hank Edler Memorial Service:

Although we lost Hank Edler on January 1st, Betty and his family held a memorial service in Denver on this past Sunday, June 14th. Classmate Karl Friedmann traveled to Denver to attend as they were close friends and fellow Kappa Sigs. Karl emailed me



this morning that over 200 folks were there celebrating Hank's life including many Dartmouth alums from a wide range of classes. Karl had a chance to chat with our 1953 classmates Don McMichael, Bert Melcher and John Shaddock. Those three were also classmates of Hanks in high school so they have a long history together. Hank worked tirelessly his entire adult life for the Denver community and for Dartmouth and was honored by both over the years. He was a recipient of the coveted Dartmouth Alumni Award on April 5th, 2001.

Memorial Stadium Renovation:

And some more good news! Memorial stadium was completed in 1923 and stands as a memorial to students and alumni who answered the call during World War 1. The stadium is now undergoing major renovations to transform the facility into a modern comfortable stadium while preserving its most historic elements. A group of alumni have proposed that the new stadium serve as a memorial to all Dartmouth students and alumni who have died in service to their country and a tribute to the College's veterans.

There have always been two large granite slabs at the stadium. One has long served as the Great War Memorial and the second slab has been blank. This slab will now be engraved to honor Dartmouth veterans and those who have fallen in subsequent wars. Other war memorials around the campus will be relocated to the site, making it truly a Dartmouth Memorial Field. The funding for this memorial has been undertaken by classes wishing to participate. The Great Class of 1953 is one of those classes and has contributed \$3,000 towards the completion of this initiative. Participating classes will have their numerals permanently engraved on a plaque in the stadium near the two granite memorial slabs and will be recognized in the Dartmouth 2015 football program. The rededication of Dartmouth's Memorial Field will take place this fall and 1953 is proud to be a participant and to be so recognized on the permanent donors plaque. Yet another site on campus where the numerals 1953 will gleam proudly in perpetuity.

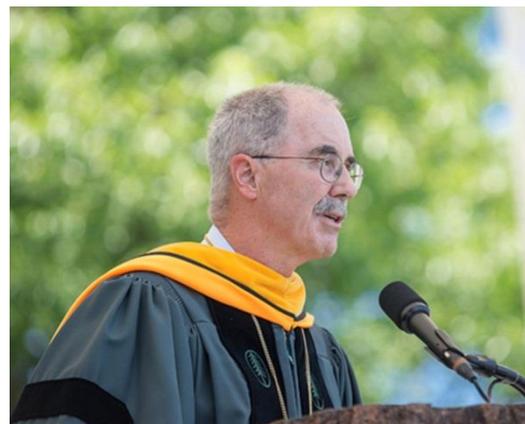
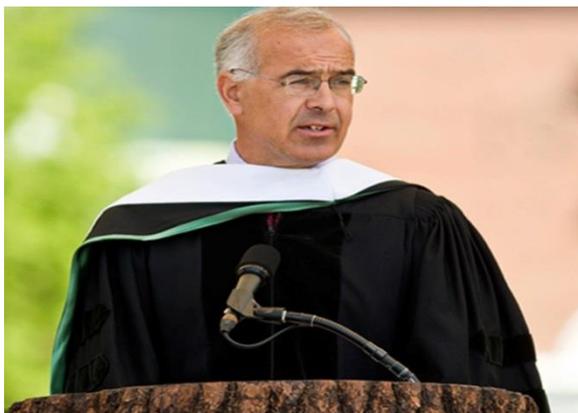
Commencement 2015

Sunday, June 14th brought over 12,000 parents, friends, family members, Dartmouth alumni and interested souls to Hanover for the commencement ceremonies. Dartmouth awarded 1,868 total degrees including 1,193 Bachelor of Arts; Geisel Medical School – 88 Doctor of Medicine; 40 Master of Public Health; Thayer Engineering School – 83 Bachelor of Engineering; 52 Master of Engineering; Tuck School – 276 Masters of Business Administration and other specialized master and doctorate programs. There were 102 new members inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Those in attendance heard inspiring words from New York Times Columnist David Brooks and provocative and sound advice from our President Philip Hanlon '77.



Graduates in the Class of 2015 came from 48 states and 32 countries. I am sure there were several grandchildren from members of the Class of 1953 that I do not know of, but I do know that classmate Bob and Carol Henderson were there to celebrate the graduation of their granddaughter Morgan Henderson '15. She is the daughter of Peter Henderson '86.

For your reference, I have attached a link to David Brooks address and President Philip Hanlon's comments. http://now.dartmouth.edu/2015/06/david-brooks-commencement-address?utm_source=Dartmouth+Now&utm_campaign=8965a6106e-Dartmouth+Now+Daily+Update&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4ae973c30b-8965a6106e-391088226



Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2015. The annual Dartmouth bonfire will take place Friday night October 9th, and Dartmouth will play Yale on Saturday October 10th. We will have a class meeting on Saturday morning (not too early) and a homecoming banquet Saturday night. Hope to see you there. My very best regards to all, Al

News from Classmates for the Summer '53 Out

From ***Burton Bernstein*** we hear that "I just noticed and read in "53 Out" about the passing of Dick Giesser who was my roommate in Gile Hall for two years. We had many laughs together, sharing our similar sense of various humors, and we shared his difficult illness and unhappiness in his freshman year as well. He was a good friend and roommate and fine person and news of his passing brought back to me many bright and fond memories all around."

From ***Dr. Bill Loomis*** we received the sad news that "My wife Jean passed away on May 13 of chronic lung disease. We have had a wonderful love, five children, and 9 grandchildren. We lived in Hanover during my internship and she loved Dartmouth and especially our fellow Medical School classmates. We have lived in Newport Beach, California, for 46 years and Jean loved our life, our friends, and the community.[Scribes note: I agree, a fabulous place] She gave to me and our family more than I can ever describe.

From ***Marie Johnson,*** wife of Merrill Johnson, a happy note on widow's class membership "Thank you, thank you, thank you. I always considered myself a semi-legitimate member of the Class of 1953 having existed up there with Merrill for two years while he attended medical school. Your recent newsletter was great showing how some of us still think and can explain ourselves in the English language as a wonderful reminder of graduation with Ike in 1953. I remember you grads formed a line so that the president would be safe walking up to address us. I felt as an aggressive 23 year old that you all were worth as much as a president and should not be exposed to protect him, but you did and he gave us a stirring talk. Thank you again. [Marie what a delightful note and so glad you enjoyed the reminiscence of our time with Ike, a great American.]

A Note from ***Lynn Goodman*** concerning ***Dick Goodman*** who is suffering through Alzheimer's and is now in a nursing home. Thanks Lynn. Hi Dave, This is to let you know that Dick is safely housed in one of the best nursing homes - Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth. He is currently completing his second week there. I am very pleased with the level of care that he receives. It is a well-staffed home and they really know what they're doing. I feel comfortable with

his situation there. He's in a private room with a shared bathroom (containing only a sink and toilet; bathing is done in a separate area). He has a pretty sophisticated wheelchair - it's called a Brody chair, but still uses his walker for much-needed (but limited) exercise. Transfers from chair to bed to walker, etc., are handled always by 2 staff members, as he is not steady on his feet. His home-care Caregiver Mary, who has been with us since Aug. 2013, visits with Dick 3 afternoons a wk. She is so good with him - we are lucky to have her on board to help with his care. He is eating very well, and his swallowing (which is a deciding factor long-term) has improved somewhat, I think. I sense that he feels safe where he is, though he misses being at home, I'm sure. I am there almost every day, and often stay for meals so I can feed him. The food is very good, and I can request lunch or dinner whenever I need it. He is getting used to the place, and there are many activities for the residents. He will get into a daily/weekly routine over a bit more time - we're not quite there yet. I feel blessed that Dick is in a good place, and I am better able to handle the home duties with less stress. Nothing is ever easy, though, so keep those prayers a 'comin'. Should you want to send a card, the address is as follows:

Richard Goodman Rm 72S Edgewood Centre 928 South St. Portsmouth NH 03801

BTW, if you haven't yet seen the movie Still Alice, please do. It's about Early Onset Alzheimer's and is a must-see for anyone caring for an elder. I trust all is well with you and yours. Life has a way of marching on - regardless of the situation. I will keep you posted on Dick and his health, and I thank you for your ongoing support and love. I trust all is well with you and yours. Life has a way of marching on - regardless of the situation. I will keep you posted on Dick and his health, and I thank you for your ongoing support and love. Lynn.

God bless you again Lynn for sharing this news with the class with so many of us afflicted as is Dick and with the demands on the family. We are all experiencing that in some corner of our lives and the good news is that we have lived long enough to become vulnerable. I will get a card off to Dick shortly and perhaps you might want to read elements of this '53 Out to him. All our love, Dave

Bruce Holt passed away last December and we have obtained his obit just recently.

Chesapeake - Bruce R. Holt, 83, passed away at home with his family at his side on December 30, 2014.

Bruce was an avid skier and a member of the National Ski Patrol, he enjoyed salt water fishing and being with family. Bruce proudly served in the U.S. Airforce and had graduated from Dartmouth College. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 60 years, Doris "Dee"; children, David (Jean), Barbara, and Gary (Wendy); six grandchildren, Jacqueline, Stephanie, Michelle, Allison, Erica and Chloe.

From **Ralph and Bobbie Adams**, we have only an address and if someone has Skip's email, it would be most appreciated by your scribe. Their address is BAS Properties, 14714 Plantation Oak Drive, Houston, Texas 77068

From **Al Collins** we have a note reporting on **Fred Stephens** and **Pag Paganucci** being honored by the Casque and Gauntlet Society into "The Order of the Grail" for those Knights of C and G who have contributed substantially and generously to the betterment of their beloved society of the Casque and Gauntlet and to its Objects, both at Dartmouth and beyond. The ceremony was held at Hopkins Center on April 25th. Congratulations to Fred and to Marilyn on Pag's behalf for all you have done for the Class, Dartmouth, and our beloved America and the World.

From the inimitable **Bernie Sudikoff** comes this great note: To all '53's Past and Present-- My daughter, Julie, called, "Happy Father's Day. I am leaving Hanover soon. See you shortly." "How was your 35th Reunion?" "Great. The '79 tent was remarkable! At first sight, I was almost overcome. Why .are so many of Dad's friends here. Then I realized it is us." To Julie, that is the comment of the 1953 year. You get the Gold Cup, and thanks, and be sure to come to our 65th and bring your classmates.

From **Ralph Heyman** we hear that "my granddaughter, Jamie Eeg has become friendly with Eliz Rockefeller, granddaughter of Roddy Rockefeller, my roommate. He was the Class of '54 and is now deceased. Scribe's note: Good to keep it in the family Ralph.

From the **Honorable Peter Bridges** one of your Scribe's favorite and prolific correspondents who says "Thanks Dave. Here for possible use is a photo of Mary Jane and Yours Truly on the trail outside Crested Butte on June 4. Best, Peter" And here it is:



What beautiful people in a beautiful, beautiful setting at Crested Butte. Years ago we had a skiing mini-reunion there and how about the thought of just reuniting there with Mary Jane and Peter and enjoying one of the most beautiful parts of the world?

From *Bob and MaryBee Longabaugh* comes this little gem: I am copying and pasting a piece of poetry composed this past March by classmate *Bud Schweich*. To wit: Ode to the Old

*How can I remember tomorrow when I can't even remember today?
And yesterday is a Wil 'o the wisp that has gone somewhere else to
play.*

The calendar with its days and weeks should help me in some way.

But it too has its gremlins that tend to lead me astray.

*Then there are newspapers, TV, and the internet, but they only get in
the way.*

*So how can I remember tomorrow when I can't even remember
today?*

(I am "bcc'ing" Bud on this e-mail so he knows that I carried out my threat to get him published. I am hiding his e-mail address inasmuch as I do not know if he is willing to be added to your e-address book.) Bud spent three years with the class and received his diploma after 1953 since I think he took a year or more to serve in the Army manning the radar picket line in Alaska, but not sure about that. We were on the WDBS staff together when he was in Hanover. And that's the news from Lake Woebegone, Bob [and so good to hear from you again; has been awhile]

And from the *Blossom, Dick Blum* we hear---- I'm part of a small group of friends who study battles and visit the sites. We've done Lexington-Concord, Fort Ticonderoga, and Gettysburg just to name a few. This fall we're doing Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay area after studying the War of 1812. We're off to Switzerland next week for the annual Basil Art Fair. Harriet won an all-expenses-paid trip which is not bad. It covers me too except for air fare. We go to the Art Fair in Miami every year so it will be interesting to see how this compares.

Fred Bush had to provide us the sad news that Kay had returned to her Creator in March. Those are hard times that so many of us are experiencing at this stage of our lives, but we keep on "truckin'" Kay grew up in both the greater Boston and New York City areas as the family moved often for her father's work as a consulting engineer. She graduated in 1950

from Centenary Junior College in Hackettstown, NJ, and in 1953 from Russell Sage College in Troy, where she majored in Medical Technology and where she met Fred. In 1954 Kay and Fred were married and first lived in Boston, where Fred was serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and Kay worked as a medical technologist. Homes during Fred's career as a newspaperman were in Schenectady, NY, Emerson, NJ, Mattapoisett, MA, and finally Lancaster, where they arrived in 1962, now with four children. After ten years at home, Kay joined Stephen D. Lockey Jr. MD, at newly-formed Allergy Immunology Associates of Lancaster and as office manager for nearly 30 years helped it grow from a "one-girl office" to a thriving medical practice with multiple locations and physicians. Surviving in addition to Fred are three children, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a brother, Dr. Warren P. Giering, who had a career as a professor of chemistry at Boston University.

Our professor of Journalism for grade school kids, *Aaron Epstein*, sent this delightful note in with the newspaper release from one of his students, A Fourth Grader!!!! From Aaron comes this great story! "Dave, The Northwest Current, a neighborhood weekly in Washington, DC, asked Maia, one of my kid journalists, to write on any school subject of her choice. This appeared in the April 15 issue: Murch Elementary

I am one of the lucky students who gets to write for the Blue and Gold, the Murch newspaper. Our teacher, Mr. Aaron Epstein, has 45 years of experience as a journalist and editor. He has written about "almost every subject people care about," including the first space launch at Cape Canaveral! My fellow writers love Newspaper Club. Taylor Jackson, for instance, likes to interview people. Rigby Zentner likes "working together on writing a story. Everyone is so supportive!" Lucy Chamberlain likes to reach out to and meet other people, and Tessa Furlow enjoys the ability to go anywhere in the school with her press pass. Mr. Epstein started Murch's Newspaper Club two years ago because he wanted to "encourage kids to do what the best journalists do: be curious about their surroundings, ask intelligent questions, meet deadlines, improve their writing, do reporting that is both interesting and accurate, and be proud of seeing their stories in a real paper that everyone in school could read." He likes seeing Murch kids get excited over their stories and share their excitement with readers. He first started the newspaper at Janney, but Janney's paper doesn't exist anymore. Now we are lucky to have him leading the Murch Blue and Gold, the only D.C. public elementary school newspaper! — Maia Bester, fourth-grader

How 'bout that? Aaron, I can almost feel the satisfaction and joy you must experience when your fourth graders can write, and think on a subject such as this. Train the nation please!

Gib Warren writes that Steve and Maryann Pearsall came to visit Gib and Jack Tukey in Sanibel for a bit of golf and also to hang a special flag in the Captiva Yacht Club, a 48 star flag that Gib donated from the Lincoln Memorial in Springfield. Jack helped the framer hanging this precious flag, and Gib reports he held the ladder. Smart engineer, that one.



And speaking of superb golfers, I managed to find this picture in brown [Taken from a Brownie!] in the archives and am sure that classmates will recognize all of these magnificent artists of the game, and the one who can give me all four first and family names gets a lifetime subscription to '53 OUT and free beer when you stop by my Pearly Gates Pub in Altamonte Springs. We have aged only a touch.



And speaking of more golfers, here is a group of classmates-Jack Patten, Bob Simpson, Okie O'Connor, and Dave Donovan along with Coach Teevers who played "No Bogie" progressive golf recently in Hanover with all reports that Okey is still socking them out there a goodly distance and just where he wants them. Fellow Naval Aviator and Irish descendant, Dave Donovan, is the only one with his priorities straight with a beer or Jameson's or something while the other are all smiling for the camera... great shot, picture and glass.



Weekend in the Woods

On April 24 and 25, college students from across the Northeast gathered at Dartmouth for the Woodsmen's Competition, an annual celebration of the outdoors. Events included canoe racing, log rolling, axe throwing, and chain sawing, among others. The competition was founded by the Dartmouth Outing Club in 1947 and is held at Dartmouth every three years. And guess who took the day off from Kendal Retirement Home and competed in everything, the Almighty Woodsman himself, Put Blodgett.



We are not yet privy to the outcome of the whole competition, but watching Put in the video of the canoe handling and race, we are placing our bets on the champion. I recall the last competition featured Put with a chain saw cutting up tree stumps and the like. One has not lived until one climbs Mt. Moosilauke with Put, that is, if one lives through the climb. Awesome he is.

And another '53 in the Vermont/New Hampshire area news is [Andy Sigler](#) with his most generous donation of his Norwich Farms to Vermont Technical College.

Norwich Dairy Farm Donated to Vermont Tech

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Andrew Sigler '53, Tuck '56, former member of Dartmouth's Board of Trustees and former overseer for the Tuck School of Business, has donated his Norwich Farms property to Vermont Technical College to promote agricultural education in Vermont. The gift consists of 350 acres in the Upper Valley, multiple barns and 20 dairy cows. Using the residential buildings on the farm, Vermont Tech plans to have agriculture students live on the farm the whole semester. Jeb Spaulding, Vermont state colleges chancellor, notes that he hopes to see a partnership with Dartmouth in the future. (Similar coverage in the [Valley News](#).)

[Bob Douglass](#) was recently awarded the Downtown Manhattan Leadership Award for the many services to New York City over the years that Bob has provided. There is a long video link to that program that I can forward to those interested rather than attempt to link it to the newsletter. However, Gerry Grady sent me the following picture taken of Bob with Jay Urstadt '49, and Gerry and Sue Grady following the Manhattan ceremonies, fellow Theta Delt Boom Boom's all. Manhattan is going to name a bridge for Bob Douglass in recognition and thanks for his services, very fitting for the top notch lawyer that he is. Well done, and you are still Bobbie to the TD Chi's. Well done young man.



Charlie Buchanan always likes to give me a bit of a challenge to keep it interesting [penciled plans for the great Philadelphia Reunion last year, case in point] and this year he copied a black and white picture out of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, May/ June issue showing a bunch of Dartmouth guys in 1954 on ski vacation in Colorado. Here is the picture, hacked out of the DAM, and what follows is Charlie's story of what happened. The call for Dartmouthians in the Red Onion Bar had this response. Wow!!



Here is Charlie's summer edition news note. "Hi Dave, Attached is a picture from the last Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. (May/June p. 25). The article tells the story of an adventure trip from Hanover to Aspen in 1954. It was led by my brother Bill Buchanan '55. But, why are there so many '53's in the picture? One reason is that they were in the Armed forces and were able to get leave. I was with the 8th Division stationed at Fort Carson Co. Note the knickers or plus fours as they were called. A store in Hanover (Panzi's?) cleared out their inventory left from the roaring 20's and they could be purchased for about \$10.00. How many of our classmates can you recognize? I am on the middle row left. Ted Spiegel is second row center. How this picture happened is that I was in the Red Onion bar with all of the others, and I met a woman photographer. I asked her if she would be willing to take a picture of the group. She said yes and I shouted in the bar for all Dartmouth men step out outside, and this is the result. Note that at this time there was nothing between the bar and Ajax Mountain, so you can see the T bar reflected in the window. I have this picture in a prominent place in my home. And by the way, attached is a note I received from George Shaw '54. I sent him the picture that was in the Alumni Magazine, with other material. This was his response. I thought you might be interested in George's and Ted Spiegel's failed attempt to buy real estate in downtown Aspen in 1954. Best Regards, Charlie [note on following page]

May 23, 2015

Charlie -

Many thanks for the note and Honda jet article. The price is a little high for me. Maybe a man of your stature could handle it.

I am in a partnership for a Hawker jet if they ever get it certified and available. Who knows when

I too was in the Dartmouth picture along with Spiegel. Can't remember who made the trip with me in my car. It was

a long drive! Also, Spiegel wrecked his ankle, which ended his skiing for that year.

Anyway we had the "crazy" idea of buying a lot somewhere in Aspen - maybe even downtown. We both told our DADS ABOUT OUR GREAT idea, AND THEY BOTH SAID "You guys are nuts"

How wrong they were!

Take care

Best Geo.

John and Lore Dodge had a Dartmouth “Blow Out” in Harbour Ridge before the snowbirds migrated back to the North, and here is John taking care of his Lady Lore, and the other lovely '53 ladies attending, Gail and Ginger. John just has a way with lovely ladies as long as Lore is around! Who’s sleeping under the tree?



Always looking for news is our John Kennedy and being of the stock of good Irish Descent, he latched on to this Potato Story!!

**A Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other,
And they got married, and had a little Sweet Potato, whom they called Yam.
Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her
about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting Half-
Baked, so she wouldn't get Mashed, and get a bad name for herself like 'Hot
Potato, and end up with a bunch of Tater tots .**

Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her into the sack and make her a Rotten Potato. But on the other hand she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. And Mrs. Potato told Yam To watch out For the Hard-Boiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France, the French Fries. And when she went out west, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get Scalloped... Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds, or the ones who advertise on trucks that say, 'Frito Lay.' Mr. and Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (Potato University) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips. But in spite of all they did for her, one-day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry

Tom Brokaw!!!!

Tom Brokaw!! What!!! Why!! Mr. &Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't Possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just.....

Are you ready for this?

Here it is!

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A COMMENTATER John, sometimes you just outdo yourself. Cheers!

The marvelous time of the year, Football Season is upon us and this video records the largest formation flyover of a sports event in history. Military budget cuts have eliminated the flyovers at large events. Not to worry, there is a group of guys in Kansas City who do some formation flying in their own planes, and they decided they'd volunteer to pick up the slack. They invited a couple of other groups to join them and before they knew it they had 48 pilots with their "homemade airplanes" signing up to join in. A 49th was added near the event. One additional feature of the flyover was the use of pink smoke for cancer awareness. The folks from the Guinness Book were there and are expected to confirm it as the largest formation flight ever. And to top it off the crowd later set the record for the loudest gathering at a football stadium. Be sure your speakers are turned up... Best if watched at 'full screen'. Just plain AWESOME!

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/VImNBuJW3sQ?rel=0>

A Grand Father's Love.... Many people today think it improper to discipline children and grandchildren, that it might injure their self-esteem, but as Bill Gates says, build your self-esteem on your own time. Since I'm a pilot, one method that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a short flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behavior. I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc. Either way, my kids usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our flight together. I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results. I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with one of my more troublesome grandsons in case you would like to use the technique. It really works and they are forever grateful. I find it unnecessary for another flight.



While we are on flying in this newsbreak, here is a delightful recap of the Las Vegas Air Races. Enjoy. [Good Commercial](#)

And to wrap up our humor section here is one for the doctors in our family; source from Dr. Mark Smoller.

Two best friends graduated from medical school at the same time and decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel. Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist and Dr. Jones was the proctologist. They put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones - Hysterias and Posteriors. The town council was livid and insisted they change it. The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and

Hemorrhoids. This was also not acceptable so they again changed the sign to read Catatonics and High Colonics - no go. Next they tried Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives - thumbs down again. Then came Minds and Behinds - still no good. Another attempt resulted in Lost Souls and Butt Holes - unacceptable again! So they tried Nuts and Butts - no way. Freaks and Cheeks - still no good. Loons and Moons - forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones - Specializing in Odds and Ends. Everybody loved it and the license was issued. We wonder what they cure!

And we close out this issue with a short tale of our recent experience presenting the Orlando Army Chapter Corporate Award to the best industrial corporation support for this vast Association of some 300,000 souls. The occasion was the annual Military Ball celebrating Flag Day and the birthday of the American Army. It was a gala evening and Joanne was the Belle of the Ball greeting military, corporate, and political dignitaries, and several Wounded Warriors and their families. Over 1000 souls were in attendance and it gave us all a glimmer of great hope and joy in these uncertain and troubled times. Here is a picture of La Belle and her escort forever.



*“If you want a good friend,
you have to be one”*



Donald Carpenter Goss,
The Dartmouth Class of 1953



The Forever Bond of the Great Class of 1953

