



### ***The Great Class of 1953; 66<sup>th</sup> Year of the Band of Brothers.***

#### **Spot news from classmates circling the Globe: From John Van Huyck**

I am sending you a picture of my summer highlight, swearing in my grandson, Alec, for his second Navy enlistment. During his first six years, he has married, become a father, advanced to Petty Officer First Class (E6), and had one long deployment. The ship is USS ANZIO (CG 68), a guided missile cruiser.

From left to right in the attached picture are Alec's dad, Jim; daughter Emma; Alec; JVH; and the ship's Executive Officer. Unfortunately, Alec's wife was in Pennsylvania because of a death in her family. Of interest, note the ship's bell in the upper right of the picture. Emma was baptized on board a couple of years ago using that bell as a baptismal font, taking it down, inverting it and placing it into a stand designed for that purpose. An old Navy tradition. WOW!!! Thanks John, Alec does us all proud.



## From the indefatigable Connie Clery

There is such a lot happening on my front that I am asking Alison Kiss, the Exec. Dir. of the Clery Center for security On Campus, to update you on our exciting news - especially the Nov. 12 & 13th celebration in Washington, D.C. for the 25th anniversary of our work, Howard's and mine ) and our sons Howie and Ben as it has been a FAMILY AFFAIR to help students all over the U.S.A. to be safer on our nation's campuses!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Wouldn't Howard be proud of the progress we have made, though it is NEVER ENOUGH! I am so proud of Dartmouth College for the efforts in policy Pres. Hanlon has instituted, putting much of the responsibility of safety on the students themselves. I am also proud and delighted to say Dartmouth has also join CCSOC's Collaborative program in helping to make campuses safer nationally. Hoping you and Joanne are well and happy. Love and prayers, Connie/ [and we will include the November celebration details when received.

## There is but one, One Super Senior: Putnam 'Put' Blodgett whom we have written on these many years, BUT, here is more:



Putnam Blodgett loves to walk in the woods. "If you wander through the woods long enough you see a lot of interesting pieces of wood," he said. The 84-year-old has been

doing it on this 670 acres of land since he was a little boy. But like everything in life, things change. Accompany reporter Joe Carroll asks "So this looks a lot different than when you were a kid?" Putnam Blodgett: Oh, yes.

Put grew up 3 miles outside of the village of Bradford, Vermont. "Every place in these woods brings back memories of the past," His father ran a dairy farm on the property. Now, much of the land is forested with white pines and hemlocks. Said Joe Carroll: "You're a caretaker for the land, right?" Put: "Steward, I call it. We're only here a short period of time; try to leave it a little better than we found it."

"As a boy I always had a dream of a pond here because it used to be our young cattle pasture," Put said. The farm boy went to college down the road at Dartmouth. "I often thought that they were looking for a country hick to balance out the suburban sophisticates," His first semester was rocky, but he soon flourished, participating in the Dartmouth Outing Club, skiing and any other activity that involved being out in the elements. He graduated in 1953 with a degree in economics. "Gives you an idea how much I learned because I started the farm the day after graduation." Joe Carroll: What's that all about? Put Blodgett: Well, I didn't study economics hard enough, I guess. That's right, while his classmates went out to take on the world, he went back to the farm. Soon Put had more plans for the land.

"I called it Challenge Wilderness Camp," It was a camp to toughen up boys to be men with physical fitness training, getting them out of their comfort zone. In a way, he was reliving his youth. For three years he ran the dairy farm and the camp, rarely taking a day off. He says the stress ended his first marriage, but he later married Marian. They will be together 35 years this month. "A lot of memories," Put said inside a cabin. "A lot of memories sitting at a desk back there planning trip menus and planning trips."

The campers were mostly suburban kids from the East Coast. "They're scared of the woods; I'm scared to go to the city. So, depends to what you're used to, I guess," Put ran the operation for 21 years. He now leases the land to another organization that runs the camp. He calls this land a place to get away.

"Every place I go there's a memory," he said. When Put was a little boy, many of the now towering trees were only 10-feet high. In a way, Put has grown up with the trees. "Well... it's certainly outgrown me," he said. Both tree and man have become tall in stature. Put was just inducted in the Vermont Agriculture Hall of Fame. He has also been the Northeast Region Tree Farmer of the Year.

## From the Emperor Marcus Aurelius' Smoller comes forth quick notes on classmates:

It was not, "So long!" but "See ya later!" at a send-off gathering for Bonnie and **Dave Siegal**. Thirty-one classmates and their wives and widows gathering at Kendall to wish the Siegal's well. After many years of on the scene service to the Class and the College, Bonnie and Dave are leaving for Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will be missed in Hanover. We look forward to seeing them as they return for various events, and wish them good luck in their new digs.

I am pleased to report that **Dave Godschalk**, Stephen Baxter Professor Emeritus in the University of North Carolina Department of City and Regional Planning, has received the 2015 President's Award from the American Planning Association. Dave was recognized for his recent Sustaining Places publications: *The Role of the Comprehensive Plan* (2012) and *Best Practices in Comprehensive Planning* (2015), along with his lifetime of advancing the best ideas in planning. Created to honor extraordinary achievements in the field of planning, the award is given once every two years. He is the third recipient. The previous recipient was the former Ambassador of the Netherlands to the United States. President **Al Collins** reported that the final figures for the 2015 Dartmouth College Fund are just in and our Class can be very proud of itself. Thanks to **Ron Lazar** and his diligent use of the telephone combined with his ability and willingness to discuss the fund with any classmate regardless of his involvement, we have reached new heights. We have set many dollar records in the past, but at this stage of our lives that role has been taken over by younger classes. However, our Legacy of Leadership marches on as we completed this year's initiative with an incredible 80% participation level. A new record for 1953 by a wide margin. A great statement reflecting the cohesiveness of our class and the great work done by Ron and his agents.

## Collins Corner

Fall is heavy upon the Hanover Plain and winter is just around the corner. However, The Big Green football team has launched its most promising start in many decades. Now at 5 and 0 and facing Columbia in Hanover on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Dartmouth and Harvard are the only two Ivies still undefeated. Dartmouth has outscored their first five opponents 190 to 47 thus far. Our senior quarterback, Dalyn Williams, has broken just about every Dartmouth record on the books for his position, and will have them all by the end of the season. Some big games ahead and we will hope for the best for the rest of the season.

We had a good group of '53's up for homecoming including a core group who showed up to march to the bonfire Friday night. Our new co-mini Reunion Chairs, Put Blodgett and Harlan Fair, arranged for a well-attended reception and dinner at Paganucci Lounge in 1953 Commons Saturday evening. Rather than have a catered dinner as usual, we all ate off the menu in '53 Commons and were wonderfully impressed with the options, quality and taste of the many different offerings. A far cry from the fare we knew back in 1949!



Although not everyone attended all events, the following were part of the Homecoming activities during the weekend:



Forrest and Alice Anderson, Put and Marion Blodgett, Dick and Vivian Cahn, Seth Carpenter, Al Collins and friend Sue, Dave and Cynthia Donovan, Harlan Fair and friend Granthia, Dick Fleming, Karl and Maureen Friedmann, Lillian Goss, Bob and Carole Henderson, Lowell Holway, Dave Horlacher, John and Barbara Kennedy, Ron and Liliane Lazar, Bill Murray and Elizabeth, Dick and Cynthia O'Connor, Jack and Caroline Patten, Chuck and Donna Reilly, George and Patty Sarner, Pete Schwarzkopf, Bob and Anne Simpson, Mark and Bobby Smoller, Jane Springer, Joe and Jane Stevens, Jack and Jody Zimmermann

Our annual Class meeting was held in the Paganucci Lounge, (that will be our headquarters for all Homecoming events in the years ahead). All Class Officers in attendance gave their reports which will appear in Mark Smoller's detailed minutes. A particular highlight was Ron Lazar's review of the great success our class achieved in the 2015 Dartmouth College Fund. No longer able to "knock the cover off the ball" in dollars, 1953 stepped up and achieved an improbable 81% of our class participating in the initiative. An all-time record for our Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ever for the College.

Looking ahead, Charlie Buchanan is back at it with another of his famous and well attended mini-maxi reunions. The Hudson River/West Point event was a great success and last year's jaunt to Philadelphia was enjoyed by all in attendance. Charlie's plan for 2016 focuses on a trip to New York City scheduled for **October 4th through the 7<sup>th</sup>**. Details are in the works. Mark your calendars and try to make it if you can. It should be great fun, informative, educational and you will be in good company



The Annual Class

Officers Weekend was held in Hanover September 18 and 19. Your Class officers in attendance were Mark Smoller, Dick Fleming, Ron Lazar, Jack Newton, Harlan Fair and Al Collins. Although the younger classes have been the recipients of the Class of the Year Award lately, the bowl they receive is the large engraved 1953 CLASS OF THE YEAR BOWL. The bowl



is on permanent display next to the 1953 Memorial Cabinet in the north dining room in 1953 Commons.

**The days ahead:** The **New York Christmas luncheon** is once again scheduled for the Yale Club on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at noon. Thanks to Cathy Calendar's continued support and Bob Malin's promotion this promises to be another great event. Be there if you can.

The **Hanover Christmas luncheon** arranged by Put Blodgett and Harlan Fair will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Kendall in Hanover. Details on these events will be sent out to you.

Don't forget to stay well and stay in touch,  
(Have you called a Classmate lately?) Best regards to all, Al

Dartmouth's Mobile Virtual Player (MVP) robotic tackling dummy took to the stage—not the gridiron—in its television debut on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. The popular television host donned a Big Green football helmet and pads and tackled the dummy on the Oct. 8 show after an interview with Head Football Coach Buddy Teevens '79 and Elliot Kastner '13, Thayer '14.

Developed jointly by Thayer School of Engineering and Teevens, the Robert L. Blackman Head Football Coach, the MVP has the potential to reduce injuries on the practice field.

Teevens told Colbert that Dartmouth football players have reduced their injuries by 80 percent by not tackling each other in practices. Instead, they tackle the dummy.



Stephen Colbert interviewed Elliot Kastner '13, Thayer '14 (left) and Coach Buddy Teevens. (Photo by John Cramer)

## A Lovely Thank You Note from Ron Lazar on our DCF Results

My head agent letters to you are purposely short, but with an incredible 80% of the class showing their interest, generosity, and loyalty, I feel that I owe you, and many of you would like, a complete report. For those of you who choose to skip this and go to Dave Halloran's lively and informative newsletter items, I will merely say thank you on behalf of the fund agents, the class, and the college.

Liliane and I just returned from Class Officer's Week-end. Saturday's program started at 7:30 a.m. and ran without a break to a closing at a decade classes meeting co-chaired by Al Collins at 3 p.m. Lunch was a working brown bag session of your class officers..

I don't know how many of you realize the incredible good fortune we have to have Allen Collins as our president. He is hands on in every aspect of class affairs and his experience as the only alum to hold the 3 highest positions in alumni affairs (Alumni Council president, Dartmouth Association president, and chairman of the Dartmouth College Fund) is invaluable. His knowledge, expertise, connections, and thoughtfulness are beyond measure.

So, how did we do in the college fund this year, and what is the import? **Of some 72 active alumni classes, only 6 non-reunion classes made year out records in both dollars and participation. We were one of those 6 classes and our 80% participation rate was the second highest bested only by the class of 1954's 83%. To put this in context, Dartmouth's overall 43% is one of the highest in the nation, though Princeton does better and Tuck School achieves 70%.**

Why is the participation rate so important? Corporations and foundations making major gifts like to see a high rate of alumni support. High participation rates also boost the college's credit rating which lowers interest rates. Finally, it improves the college's ratings in surveys such as US News & World Report.

The Class of 1953's results are a team effort. Participation chair, Al Collins, is the idea man and provides a running analysis invaluable to our efforts along with a great clean-up email program. Major gifts chair, Phil Beekman, is responsible for and ensures that our heavy hitters are on board. Regional chairs, Blos Blum, Dick Loewenthal, Bob Malin, and Fred Stephens motivate their agents and do their own follow-up. Finally, our team of agents has maintained relationships with classmates on their lists for many years. Agents, Wally Ashnault and Bill Friedman, are to be particularly commended for their terrific follow up. And last of all I'm delighted to talk to classmates who want to make sure their gift was received like Tom Bloomer.

Where do we go from here? In 2009 we raised \$205,000 from 270 donors with a base of 441 classmates. This year we raised \$270,000 from 291 donors with 80 fewer classmates in our base. Not bad for a bunch of old guys! What has happened is that the class has really come together to support the program, though we cannot realistically expect many more donors. It would be great to repeat our \$270,000, but dwindling numbers of classmates would have to increase their gifts by 10 to 20%. Next year I'd love to see us win the dollar record for the year out which would mean \$315,000. That would mean an extra \$45,000 from some heavy hitters or a lot of increases from many classmates. I guess we should be proud if we can just repeat our \$270,000 with fewer classmates remaining. The one thing that you can do is get your gift in before the end of May. That will enable us to do the follow up to again be the Legacy of Leadership class that has led the way for so many years, and I still find it hard to believe that over 100 of us have never missed a year (or just one).

Thanks for your being part of our great class of 1953 and keeping our Legacy of Leadership enduring.

## **News from the Vini, Vidi, Vici Gabby, July and September.**

**[I missed the earlier one and here 'tis. "Spent several days in early July with Phil Beekman in Aspen. We hiked on day and attended that fabulous July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, all the while enjoying some fine dining, I will be in Hanover next year for my granddaughter's graduation. Hope all is well with you and yours [ thanks Gabby and it is --- still on this side of the sod as my forbears used to say.] Cordially, Gabby/**

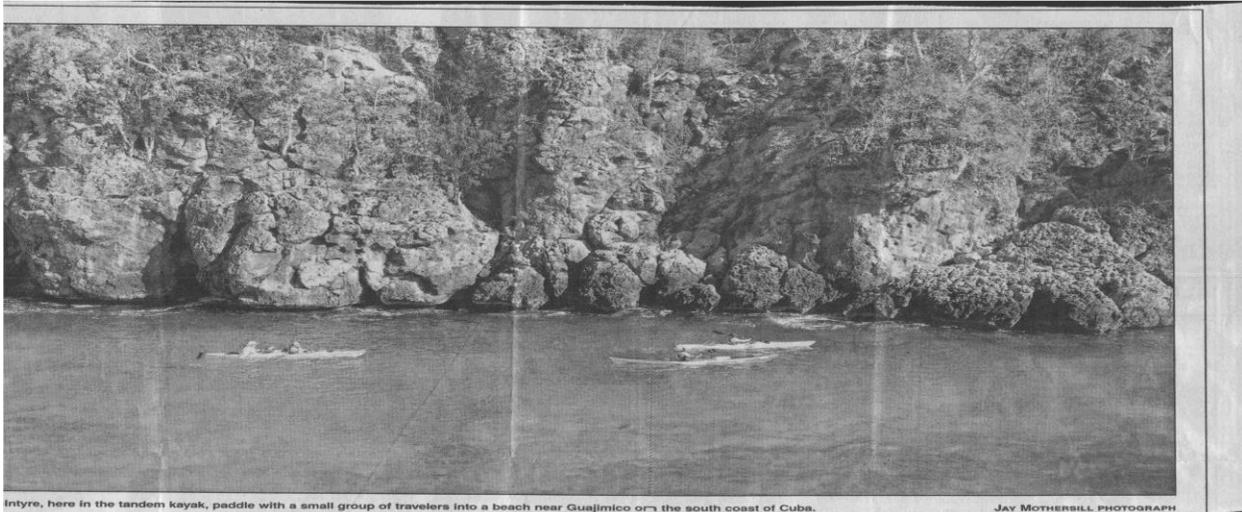
And in September, Gabby announced that another green card had shown up and writes that all is well and asked how we are doing --- super and thanks---- Granddaughter Anna will bring Gabby to Hanover in June for graduation with the Class of '16. Son Geno '81, and eye doctor in Atlanta and son David '87 an attorney in San Francisco [that must be exciting!] Daughter Nina is a singer and Histro Musejhm employee in Aspen and one grandson is a sophomore at UNC and a freshman at Bucknell.

The Gabinelli's sure have had a footprint on America. Joanne and I will never, ever forget during a trip to Aspen visiting Moose on the Loose that Gabby sang in Italian Vini, Vidi, Vici for us after we and the Carleton's announced our engagement at Spieg's and Audrey's villa in Aspen. Thanks again Gabby: Joanne has communicated that to her BIG ITALIAN AMERICAN family with pride. Cheers, and thanks, Dave

Hold it, as we go to press, the third green card since July arrived from the pen of Gabby and perhaps we now understand the second meaning of his nickname! He must have an admirer in the DA Office that cranks out these cards. Keep them coming. Just kidding and love to get news from you guys. Gabby indicates that he and friends are going fishing in a location in Missouri that is proximate to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum in some Ville in Arkansas, one founded by Alice Walton of Walmart fame. Gabby is still on a roll and that is the way to do it for, as ole Satchel Paige used to say, never stop and look back cause someone or thing may be catching up; Thanks Gabby.

**Ross McIntyre and wife Helen Whyte completed one of the most unique of travel experiences that we have read anywhere--- Kayaking Cuba in waters still off limits to most tourists.**

The full story is in the May 30 edition of the Valley News which I have been unable to digitize/ Here is an attempt to capture the uniqueness of Helen's and Ross' experience which just has to be a first not only for these dedicated Kayakers, but for those seeking the unique experience. It is fascinating to know that the justification they used to gain access to a closed country was because are both free-lance writers. I told Ross it would be great if he and Helen could get a pic of Castro and Obama in the Kayak with them. Who knows, with the current thaw in Cuban and US relations, that just may happen. Here is our summary on the following pages:



There they are in the Kayak for two, left center.

Recent changes in US/Cuban travel policy allowing free-lance writers to visit prescribed areas; that was the ticket in for Ross and Helen. And they found a travel agency that was organizing an eight day paddling trip, and that followed up by a ten independent investigation of future paddling options.

A young Canadian paddling entrepreneur took two years to prepare paddling trips permitted by the government and Ross and Helen were fortunate to be included in one. Their trip crossed different aquatic environments which was exactly what they sought.

They paddled in the lovely turquoise waters of the Caribbean and in protect mangrove swamps. They paddled in a deep land-locked lagoon, Lago Hanabanilla, and a fresh water reservoir built before the Cuban revolution in 1959. There is so much more to tell which your editor suggests you request of the Valley News. How exciting for these two Kayak paddlers. ***Canoe and Kayak Magazine*** has put three of the pieces that Helen and I wrote on their electronic edition. Those with further interest in Ross and Helen's trip can find many details there. I send my best to all '53s, Ross

## **A Nice Long Letter from Lois Schnell about Emil and family.**

Emil hasn't kept up with giving any information to the class thru the years, and now would like to. Thanks for providing that opportunity. Emil and I met when he was a senior in Dartmouth and I was a senior in HS. We met at Christmas time in a church in 1952, one in which we grew up, but didn't know one another until then. I went to the Green Key weekend the following May. He lived in a Professor's house and they invited me to stay there. It was wonderful and I also attended his graduation, with President Eisenhower as the speaker. That same morning Emil was commissioned into the Marine Corps where he served for two years active and six years reserve. We married after his two year active duty. .

We have four children, three boys and a girl. Our second son was killed in an auto accident at age 22, having just graduated from college. Our youngest son attended Dartmouth in the class of 84 and 85. Emil has always thanked God, and me, for the blessings he's experienced. We retired to Florida 24 years ago. but last year we relocated to NJ, in a continuing care facility, to be nearer our 3 kids Two live in NJ and our oldest son is in Danbury, CT..

Emil's career with Western Electric, then AT&T, took us to many different locations. We were in Queens NY, transferred to Chicago, then to Nashville, TN., back to Chicago, then to NJ, and finally to Greensboro, NC.

Emil enjoys reading the class news, and being part of the Great Class of 1953. When asked where he went to college, he always answers "to the best there is, Dartmouth." When in Florida we lived close to Harbour Ridge and enjoyed many times with those classmates who came there for gatherings, especially John and Lore Dodge who developed it. I might add Howard and Connie Clery, who also lived there and who lost their daughter to campus violence on the Lehigh campus have started a wonderful program, to have colleges report these things.. God bless them. Our new address is: 459 Passaic Ave. #4206, West Caldwell, NJ. 07006, 973-287-6237

Lois and Emil, so good hearing from you and stay in touch. God Bless You Both, Dave

## **From one of our prolific authors, Neil Isaacs**

Hey, Dave, here's the lead story of my report. My new book (probably the last of 38), "Flirtations with Fame," is now available for download from Amazon/Kindle Direct. It's a comic memoir of a vain lifelong quest for celebrity. There are a few glimpses of Hanover back in the day, among visits to the larger worlds of sports, journalism, literature, movies, and academe. Some laughs for everyone, and the joke is usually on me.

**Cheers, Neil**

**Al Krauss**

Hello Dave: Irrelevant, perhaps, but the time stamp on your message, 11:31 a.m., was the trigger prompting me to send this small bit of news. Literally! My new grandchild was very tiny and a month early, born July 21 this year. Month and year of my birth? November 1931. See said time stamp, below! Birthdays hitting front and center in my consciousness! The child/baby's name is Alina Christina Mendez. There are two great grands older than she! Entering the realm of inverted generations here :) Filling out the generational demographics, my oldest child (of 5) is 62, the youngest 33. And, then 9 grandkids (including the tiny one just noted, above). And two great grands, also noted above.

I posed a time warp problem to my 13 year old granddaughter, who is going through all the “usual” generational distortions peculiar to her age group, by pointing out to her that when she was born, I had already been through her life span, laid end to end, multiple times, with a few years to spare. Lots of ways to play with that.

End of senile babbling here. I am simply marveling at the conundrum posed by our very existence in this weird hourglass universe. AI

## We Interrupt This Classmates News Update with an Important Announcement from Bob Malin!!!

### **Dartmouth 1953 New York City Annual Holiday Luncheon**

**(kindly arranged per usual by Cathy Callender)**

**Date:** Thursday, December 10th, 2015

**Where:** Yale Club - 50 Vanderbilt Ave, just west of Met Life Building (Grand Central area)

**When:** Noon (bar open); luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

**Who:** All Class members & widows and their guests (spouses, SOs, family, friends, etc.)

**Attire:** Whatever, but please wear jacket with your green 1953 Dinosaur tie

**Agenda:** None other than relaxed conviviality and camaraderie for which we're justly and increasingly renowned and admired

**Reservations, please.** RSVP

to: Cathy Callender at [CCallender@MarymountNYC.org](mailto:CCallender@MarymountNYC.org)

**Cost:** \$53 per person. Mail check (payable to "Dartmouth 1953") and send to Cathy Callender, 785 Park Ave., New York NY 10021-3552

**Queries:** Cathy Callender at [CCallender@Marymountnyc.org](mailto:CCallender@Marymountnyc.org)

Bob Malin at [MalinRobertA@Gmail.com](mailto:MalinRobertA@Gmail.com)

*Please come to honor our traditional gathering! Thursday, December 10th, Noon - Yale Club*

***Here is the video of The Thayer Tackling Dummy on The Late Show as discussed in Al Collins' Corner***

**check out this video clip**

*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."*

**We have said farewell to many of our brothers since the last letter; it is just that time of life, and a time to refresh our hearts about what this brotherhood is, has been and is going to be about. The final verse of Dartmouth Undying laid out above captures all of that. '53 Out!**

## **Charles Odams**

**Charles E. Odams, 83, of Epsom and formerly of Londonderry [NH], passed Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, after a lengthy illness. He was born Dec. 21, 1931, in Medford, Mass., and was a son of the late Charles H. and Helen (Williams) Odams. He was a graduate of Medford High School, attended Dartmouth College and Northeastern University. Mr. Odams served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and later partnered the engineering firm of Spears Associates. In 1981 through retirement in 1995, he worked for the Department of the Navy's Underwater Systems Center in New London, Conn., in development, installation, checkout and analysis of Buoyant Cable Antenna Systems.**

**"Chuck" was an avid sportsman. He played college football, was a Golden Gloves boxer in the Army and played in several hockey leagues. Chuck was also an enthusiast horseman in open jumping, hunt seat and saddle seat riding. He was a past president of the NH Horse and Trail Association and the NH Hunter Jumper Association. He will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. Members of the family include his wife of 34 years, Nancy Mae (Barteaux) Odams, two sons, Charles R. Odams of Epsom**

and John G. Odams of Derry; two granddaughters, Lindsey Caroline Odams and Alyssa Odams; and three stepsons, Todd, Mark and Kent Perry; two brothers and their wives, Robert and Jean Odams of Wrentham, Mass., and Neil and Patricia Odams of Kittery Point, Maine; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a daughter, Lindsey Odams, in 1982; his first wife of 18 years, Caroline (Babson) Odams, in 1978; and by his sister, Gloria Hildebrandt Finn.

## **Fred Pillsbury Carleton, Jr.**

After a long, debilitating illness, about which he never complained, Fred Carleton died peacefully surrounded by his family, at Kendal at Hanover on Sunday, August 23, 2015. What follows is from the obituary in the Valley News. He was a longtime resident of the Upper Valley with family roots going back to Henry G. Carleton in early 1800s Newport. He was born in Minneapolis, “Minneskota”, in 1930 where he grew up with four siblings, Frank, John, Joe and a sister, Anne Carleton Procter, all of whom are now deceased. Although the family grew up in Minneapolis, Hinsdale, Illinois, and Denver, Colorado, they always returned to River Falls, Wisconsin, for summers at the family farm. Fred came back East for his high school years to Kimball Union Academy and graduated in 1948. He stayed on to become a beloved member of the Dartmouth class of 1953, was a graduate of Amos Tuck School of Business in 1954, and completed post-graduate studies at MIT.

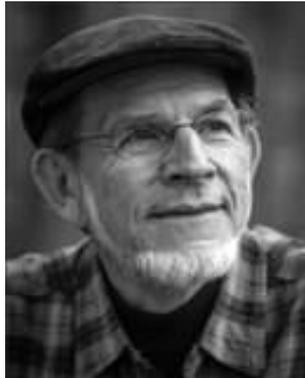
Following graduation, Fred served with the army as an accountant stationed in Japan. After his military time, for the next two decades he worked in the computer industry with IBM, Honeywell, and Litton Industries. In 1964 he moved from San Francisco to the New York area where he was a partner with Dartmouth classmates in Computer Property Corporation. In 1974 he became a partner in the Greenwich Investment Company, which specialized in brokering small businesses, matching buyers and sellers, and securing venture capital. As luck would have it, one of these businesses was the K-Ross Building Supply Company of Lebanon, New Hampshire, which he bought in 1976. He sold it to Barker Steel in 1985 and stayed on as president before retiring in the early 1990s.

Fred was a good athlete and excelled in tennis and skiing until diagnosed in 1978 with multiple sclerosis. He was never one to complain and met this particular challenge with his usual unflagging optimism and determination to enjoy Life each and every day. He particularly relished going to Aspen every winter with the Dartmouth Has-beens. Fred will be remembered for his genial demeanor, his quick wit and quirky sense of humor. He made friends easily and he kept them. He loved his work and was ethical in both his business and personal life. Fred was active in his community, an honored member and friend of the Lebanon Rotary, and devoted member of the Norwich Congregational Church.

Fred is survived by his second wife Mitzi Carleton whom he married in 1997 on Isle au Haut, Maine, where he and Mitzi happily summered for many years with friends and visits from her five children, their spouses and 15 grandchildren.

Fred is survived as well by his former wife, Mollie Carleton of Etna, his daughter, Meg Carleton of Etna, his son, Ted Carleton and wife, Sabrina, and his granddaughters, Belle and Margaux of Mammoth Lakes, California. A celebration of Fred's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 12 Noon at the Congregational Church in Norwich, followed by a reception in the parish hall adjoining the sanctuary.

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## Stu Fordyce

J. Stuart Fordyce died at Kendal at Oberlin on Saturday, August 8, 2015, after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the previous nine years. Stu was born in London, England, where World War II had a great impact on his life. His parents evacuated him to the United States after the Battle of Britain, in 1940, as he described it, "through a British 'scheme'" to live with Don Goss' family in Larchmont, New York, and Vermont in the summers. Among other things, Stu learned about farm life and also how to play the trumpet during his time with the Goss family.

Stu was reunited with his family after the war, and in 1946, he and his family emigrated to Toronto, Canada, and then, to Larchmont, New York in 1947 when his father was transferred there. At Dartmouth, Stu met with "incredible mind-opening learning, [and] enthusiasm for the sciences with inspirational professors." Among other things, he was active in WDBS, becoming studio engineer and technical director.

Following Dartmouth, in 1959 Stu earned a PhD in physical chemistry from MIT. He moved to Fairview Park, Ohio, where he worked for Union Carbide until 1966, at which time he joined NASA's Lewis Research Center. He remained at NASA, retiring in 1994 as Deputy Director. During his 28 years with NASA, Stu was involved in a wide range of scientific and technological contributions and planning and leadership challenges. He received NASA's Medal for Outstanding Leadership, became part of Leadership Cleveland in 1993, and of course the Class of '53 award in 1996. After his retirement from NASA, Stu worked for the Ohio Aerospace Institute, a private non-profit, bridge building program between academia and industry. In 2000 he became an internal senior consultant (part time) until he could no longer work. Stu served on the board of a non-profit research company, a university curriculum advisory committee, and was active in the International Space University.

Stu leaves behind Beverly, his high school sweetheart and wife of over 60 years, his two children, Cameron James and Jean Margaret, and four grandchildren.

## **Neil Robert Bersch**



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**Neil Bersch died from complications of Parkinson's Disease on October 8, 2015. At Dartmouth, Neil was a member of the swim team and was our champion backstroker. Following college, he went on to earn an MBA at the University of Michigan. He then joined the tax department of Touche Ross and Company (Public Accounting) that became Deloitte and Touche, as a partner. He transferred to Los Angeles in 1960, and remained with Deloitte and Touch until 1985.**

**Neil left Deloitte and Touche after 30 years and became Senior Vice President of the William Morris Agency from 1985 through 1988. He then became Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Roll International Corporation until his retirement in 1997. Neil also formed the master's program in business taxation at the University of Southern California and served as adjunct professor at the USC Marshall School of Business for 12 years.**

**In his retirement, Neil indulged in his life-long passion of "betting on the ponies," and also building boat models, something he used to do as a teenager. He and Marilyn also traveled at least three times a year, with one trip always to Maui.**

**Neil leaves behind his wife Marilyn, his sister Nona, and his three children from his first marriage, Phyllis, Steven and Ellen. He also leaves six grandchildren, a great-grandson, and his beloved dog Morris.**

## **Ed Knapp**

**Ed passed away on October 8<sup>th</sup> with the news coming in a note from Ted Merritt to Dave Siegal. Thanks Ted. Ed was a resident with wife, Carol, at the “Woods” campus of River Woods at Exeter, NH where Paula and I also reside. His death came as quite a shock to us and other residents who did know that he had suffered from cancer which returned with a vengeance very recently, placing him in hospice care. Carol was grateful for my offer to contact Dartmouth on her behalf. Ed was born on February 17, 1932 in Albion, PA, graduated from Albion High School, and was a chemistry major at Dartmouth.. He was a member of the Dartmouth Outing Club (Cabin and Trails), and Glee Club. Soon after graduation he married Carol Morgan, Skidmore '53, and then received Masters and PhD degrees in Chemistry from Pennsylvania State College. Ed worked for Shawinigan Resins/Monsanto Corporation as a polymer chemist, and at IBM in Fishkill NY. During this time he designed and built their homes. He retired from IBM in 1987 and moved to Chilmark, MA (Martha’s Vineyard) where he was active in conservation organizations and played trumpet in the Vineyard Haven Band. In September 2003 Ed and Carol moved to River Woods where he involved himself in the Chorus, videotaping events, and played trumpet with the Seacoast Wind Ensemble. He leaves Carol, three daughters, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Carol’s address is 7 River Woods Drive, Apt F205, Exeter, NH 03833. and would delight in hearing from you.**

## **Nice Note from Lee Tuttle bring us up to date on his “round the globe” life**

**Hello from Houston : left Hanover in ' 52 to Baylor College of Medicine '56-Denver internship Colo. General Hosp. then Surgical residency at Houston, TX Baylor Program and USAF '57-'64 practice of General and Thoracic Surgery private in nature with a volunteer teaching assoc. at Baylor College of Medicine as a Clinical Professor retiring in 2002. Married a BJC '53 62 yrs. ago and have 5 children, 12 grands and 4 great grands. I was a DOC -DMC and spoken of as a "Chubber". Presently my wife is late stage Alzheimer's and I am well located in my care for her and remain active and functioning. Hope all is well! Lee L.D.Tuttle, Jr. MD '53**

## Short note with sage counsel from good friend Bruce Sherman

*Dave...your commitment is an example to us all...thanks. I will share with the Class the advice my mother gave on her 95th birthday to the question: what's the secret of old age? Her answer: KEEP BREATHING!!! Good advice. Bruce*  
*And another from Powder Bruce --- Rodman Rockefeller lived across the hall from me in Lord Hall one year. He was also a skier and had a car. One afternoon that neither of us had classes, we went over to Suicide Six in Woodstock to ski for a couple of hours. When we got there, we put on our skis and slid over to the ticket window. Rod put his hand in his pocket to get his wallet and came up empty! "Bruce...can you lend me \$5.00? I forgot my wallet!" "Rod", I replied, "it will be my pleasure. Bruce Sherman...banker to the Rockefellers! ". And one more from the story rich Bruce **Better To Be a Has-been than a Never Was!!!!***



***An Artistic Intermission---Awesome, take five.  
Just click on the Link***

## Profound News on Senior Financial Planning thru Medicare G sent in by the Inimitable Charlie Buchanan.

Hello Dave I hope that your summer is going well. The following Medicare Part G may be too politically incorrect for some of our classmates, but I thought I would share it with you and you can print it without attribution if you wish. I was at a grandson's wedding last week at Lake Tahoe, and spent a delightful evening with Steve Pearsall. He is doing well, still writing. and we celebrated his 84th birthday together. Best Regards Charlie

**Subject: Fwd.: Aging/ Medicare Part G**

**Say you are an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself and the government says there is no Nursing Home care available for you. So, what do you do? You opt for Medicare Part G. The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Part G) and one bullet. You are allowed to shoot one worthless politician. This means you will be sent**

to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the Health Care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now! And, who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a nursing home. And you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it. And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes! Is this a great country or what? Now that you have solved your senior financial plan, enjoy the rest of your week!

## Jim "Wheels" Cartmell on a Roll

*In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'* Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden 'And thus, the word **GOLF** entered into the English language. The first novel ever written on a typewriter, *Tom Sawyer*. Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history: **Spades - King David; Hearts – Charlemagne; Clubs -Alexander, the Great; Diamonds - Julius Caesar**

*If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes. Q.... What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? A... All were invented by women.*

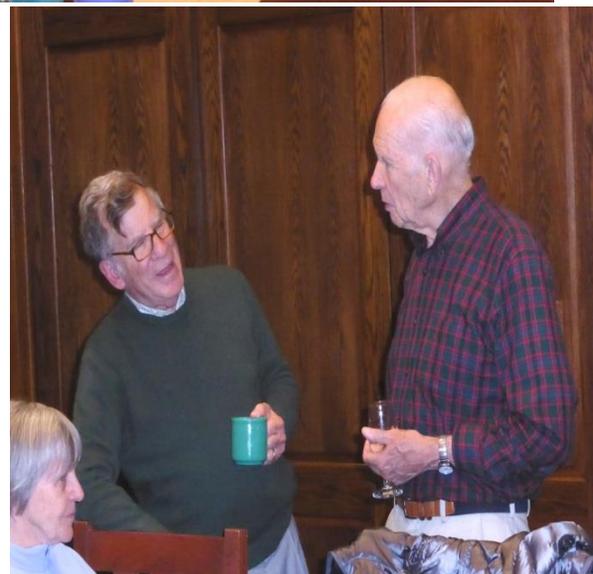
*Q... What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A... Honey*

*In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase... 'Goodnight, sleep tight' It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's Father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and*

*because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.*

*In English pubs, Ale is ordered by pints and quarts....So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we get the phrase: 'Mind your P's and Q's.' Many years ago in England , pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.*

### **More Homecoming Pics of a Most Affable and Convivial Group**







## JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

*Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad..'*

*Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'*

*An elderly woman died last month.  
Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers.  
In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote,  
'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive,  
I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'*

***A police recruit was asked during the exam,  
'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?'  
He answered, 'Call for backup.'***

*A Sunday School teacher asked her class why  
Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.  
A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'*

*A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five  
and six year olds.  
After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she  
asked,  
'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'  
Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'*

*At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including  
human beings.  
Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created  
out of one of Adam's ribs.  
Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and  
she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'  
Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a  
wife.'*

*You don't stop laughing because you grow old..  
You grow old because you stop laughing!  
Take heed and pass these along to people who need a laugh.  
I thought you would enjoy this....times are tough right now...  
for all of us...so we need something to make the day a happy place.*

***"They" haven't found a way to tax you for laughing yet!!***

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



**Donald Carpenter Goss,**  
The Dartmouth Class of 1953

**Band of Brothers a While Ago --- 1953 Forever**



