

Dartmouth 1955

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February 2013



Last Call!

Reserve by March 1 for the Woodstock mini-reunion May 28-31! Call Betty Brady, 508-785-0790, or e-mail her at doverhugh@comcast.net. And call the Woodstock Inn for your room: 802-457-1100. Daily rate is \$205 plus \$20 resort fee and room tax.

We'll mosey on over To the Coolidges'

Vermont's only native son to become president, Calvin Coolidge grew up here in Plymouth and was sworn in next door by his father when President Harding died. This well-preserved community is a mini-reunion stop in May.

Already enrolled!

Stan & Lillian Bergman

Dick & Ruth Blodgett

Betty Brady

John & Justie Braestrup

Lynmar & Claudie Brock

Tom & Ann Byrne

Frank & Nancy Carlton

Jere & Elena Daniell

Joe Donovan

Jack & Marilyn Doyle

Bob & G Edwards

Bob & Iris Fanger

John & Carole French

Mike & Karen Gorton

Woody Goss

Dick & Jill Hastings (our hosts)

Pete & Ann Henderson

Dick Hopkins & Renee

Jed & Sue Isaacs

Buck & Marta Kuttner

Ken & Kathy Lundstrom

Gale & Barbara Roberson

Ralph & Carol Sautter

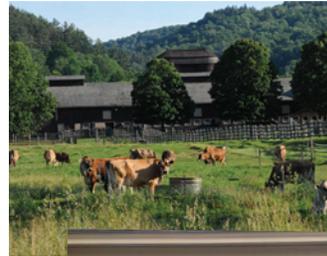
Bernie & Pat Siskind

Peter & Annie Teal

Dave & Anne Winograd

Also on the Agenda

**Historic Billings Farm and Museum at
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National**



Park, with a very personal welcome by John French, in Woodstock. Below, entrance to the visitors' center. (Jill Hastings photo)



**Long Trail Brewery and King Arthur
Flour**, in Norwich

Simon Pearce glass factory and shop, in
Quechee

Black Family Visual Arts Center and
Class of 1978 Life Sciences Center, in
Hanover

**Welcome to the Wood-
stock Inn in May!**



CALVIN COOLIDGE WAS A COUNTRY BOY

John Calvin Coolidge, Jr., was born here on July 4, 1872, the only President born on Independence Day. Most of his ancestors were farmers. This is a country store--the birthplace is off the back of the store--which his father managed for many years. The store was also a post office where Calvin's stepmother, Carrie Brown Coolidge, was postmistress of at one time. Above the store is a meeting place that President Coolidge used as his Summer White House while vacationing one summer.

Young Cal attended Black River Academy in nearby Ludlow, then Amherst College. At his father's urging after college, he moved to Northampton and "read law" in a local firm, qualifying for the Massachusetts bar. Although quiet and reserved, Coolidge soon entered politics and rose through a long succession of public offices---city council, city solicitor, state House of Representatives, mayor, state Senate (where he became its leader), lieutenant governor, and governor, elected in 1918.

He quickly impressed the country by dealing sternly with a Boston police strike in 1919, calling out the National Guard to replace the policemen, demanding that

Boston hire an entirely new force, and delivering this response to a protest from labor leader Samuel Gompers: "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anyone, anywhere, any time." A fiscal conservative, Coolidge cut state spending and debt, vetoing a bill raising legislators' pay by 50%, but supported women's suffrage and signed a bill reducing the work week for children and women from 54 hours to 48.



In 1920 the Republican Party unexpectedly nominated Coolidge to run for vice president with Senator Warren Harding of Ohio. They won in a landslide over James Fox and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In the summer of 1923, while Coolidge was vacationing at the family home, President Harding suddenly died on a Western tour. The house still had no phone or electricity; a messenger notified Coolidge. His father, a notary public, administered the oath of office to his son by the light of a kerosene lamp. (The validity of that oath was questioned, so Coolidge soon repeated it to a federal judge in Washington.)

He was elected in his own right in 1924, and was succeeded by Herbert Hoover in 1929.

Lives of Fifty-Fives

ROBERT WATSON ALVORD, Esq., died at home in Washington, D.C., on August 27, 2011. Bob came to Dartmouth from St. Albans School in Washington. He later served as a trustee at that institution. At Dartmouth he participated in freshman football but transferred to Havorford College where he received a B.A. in 1955. Bob obtained his LL.B. from Columbia in 1958 and after a brief stint as counsel for the State of New York he returned to Washington and formed the family firm of Alvord and Alvord. His served on the board of directors of the Natrional Symphony Orchestra and the boards of trustees of the Maret School in Washington and Northland College in Ashland, Wis. He was a senior associate of The Salk Institute in San Diego and treasurer of the Gridiron Foundation of Washington. These are just a few of his charitable endeavors. He is survived by his wife Jacquelyn, six children and nine grandchildren.

--Submitted by Richard J. Hastings, M.D., Class of '55

ROBERT RAINE STIRLING died January 11, 2013 at his home in Redding, Conn. Bob interrupted his Dartmouth studies to join the Marine Corps, where he was a drill instructor at Parris Island, S.C., and served in Korea. He returned to Dartmouth and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and went on to receive an M.B.A. cum laude from Tuck in 1958. Bob worked for IBM for 30 years, including assignments in Paris and Tokyo. In 1989 he joined Drake Beam Morin, an outplacement services company, as senior vice president and managing director of the Hartford office. Bob retired in 1996 and joined the board of directors of STRIVE Fairfield,County, Inc., a non-profit job training organization. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, boating, reading, good food and wine. He will always be remembered sitting in his favorite La-Z-Boy chair in front of a roaring fire. He was especially proud of his Scottish heritage. Bob cherished his family and was dearly loved by them all. Bob is survived by his wife, Rita Judd Stirling, his children and their spouses: Marjorie and Tim Godfrey (Lebanon, N.H.), Sharon and Stephen Cadden (Norwalk, Conn.), Susan and Mike Antonovich (Weston, Conn.), Scott and Eileen Stirling (Easton, Conn.), Jeff Stirling (Ipswich, Mass.); and eight grandchildren. Donations may be made in Bob's name to: The Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Beth Page, N.Y. 11714 (www.lustgarten.org.donate) or you may sponsor or join "Bob's Team" for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk (www.shaughnesseybanks.com) on April 14 in New York City. Contributions can also be made to "The Stirling Fund for Health Care Improvement" at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice to support health care professionals' education in improving health care. Checks should be written to: "The Dartmouth Institute" noting the Stirling Fund and sent to: The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Attn: Allison McKenrick, 35 Centerra Parkway Suite 100, Lebanon, N.H. 03766.

--Submitted by Bob's family

Brett Gillis '16 (Kitchener, Ontario), our sponsored recruit, won the 1-meter dive and took second on the 3-meter as the swimmers beat Penn but lost to Yale Jan. 12. He qualified for the NCAA Zone meet. Brett finished 4th in the Brown Invitational and 2nd vs. Cornell and Harvard.

Short Strokes

Dick Morrill, retired University of Washington geography prof, still pontificates, about changing urban megalopolises and other current developments, at webgeographer.com.



Carol Cacciamani, John Dell Isola, Seaver Peters '54, Larry Veator, Ralph Sautter, Jill Hennigar and Patti Veator gathered for their 12th Christmas dinner.