

Dartmouth 1955

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January 2013

Woodstock, May 28-31: The Inn, The Brewery, The Farm, and Quiet Cal

Jill and Dick Hastings, co-hosts, invite the class to historic, picturesque Woodstock, Vt. for still another classic '55 mini-reunion, May 28-31. Other organizers are John French (see his personal welcome on the back page), Dick Blodgett, Tom Byrne and Pete Henderson.



We'll be housed at the iconic, gracious Woodstock Inn (left) and will visit the Billings Farm (below) at nearby Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park. Short side trips will take us to Calvin Coolidge's farm birthplace in Plymouth, Vt., Long Trail Brewery and King Arthur Flour in Norwich, Vt., and the stunning new Black Family Visual Arts Center and the Class of 1978 Life Sciences Center in Hanover.



Reserve by March 1 at the Woodstock Inn: 800-457-1100. The daily rate is \$205 plus a \$20 per day resort fee and 9% Vermont State room tax. Deposit required. Afternoon tea included! And sign up with Betty Brady at 508-785-0790, or doverhugh@comcast.net.

Dan Anzel remembers Phoning President Dickey

It was the middle of another interminably cold and snowy winter. I recall the Lebanon radio station said the low that day was a record 40 below. Dave Glasser and I had moved out of our dorms our junior year into a comfortable apartment down the street from the Nugget, ecstatic to have the privileges of a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and spacious living room on a quiet second floor. And, one more special amenity---a telephone, which is the real focus of this personal "Dartmouth Memory."

It was our custom to debrief each other of the day's events over some beverages about 10 each night when I came home from Baker and Dave was lying on his couch/bed in the living room, smoking, and reading Sartre or Kant or some other philosopher assigned by his mentor, Professor Rosenstock-Huessey. I took my usual position in the chair next to the phone, facing the couch.

As I recall, it was February and the conversation drifted to the subject of boredom. Dave suggested we take a weekend and go to Smith or Bennington but wait until the weather and roads improve. "Why wait?" I said, adding that President Dickey remarked in a recent speech that students should get away "every six weeks or so." Dave disagreed loudly, "He's never said that."

Accepting that as a challenge, I blurted back, "I'll call him and ask him." The Hanover phone book had all the local phone numbers in a three digit format. John Sloan Dickey was listed. I lifted the receiver, and to Dave's amazement, I dialed.

"Hello," said a woman's voice after about seven or eight rings. It was about 10:30 p.m. and I immediately realized how stupid making this call was. I muttered, "This is Dan Anzel calling with Dave Glasser. We are students and would like to ask President Dickey a question." After an extended pause, President Dickey picked up the phone. He said, "Hi, I know you from seeing you play on the tennis team. How can I help?" (Note: President Dickey's daughter, Tina, was dating our tennis captain, Stu Stearns '54, and President Dickey attended some of our home matches during those years. Stu and Tina married.)

President Dickey confirmed that he had suggested students get off campus about every six weeks for "R & R." He thanked us for calling and wished us "Good Night and Good Luck" (long before Huntley and Brinkley). Dave lit up another Camel and I finished my drink and smiled my way to the bedroom and under my six blankets to sleep. Oh, we went to Colby that weekend!

-- Dan Anzel, Los Angeles

[Dr. Dan says he's still playing in senior tennis tournaments, and writing about medicine for the *Los Angeles Times* and medical journals.]

Other good stuff

Buck Kuttner received a richly-deserved lifetime achievement award from the Essex County (N.J.) Bar Association.

Rev. Pete and Carol Greenfield responded to his Class of 1955 Award: "We both feel it was the diversity and depth of the Dartmouth experience that allowed us to transition from business education to ordained ministry. . . We truly appreciate the honor. . . . May God bless you all in your years to come. May they be filled with God's promise and grace."

Tucker Foundation Dean **Richard Crocker** sent thanks for our continuing support of international fellowships, which went to 31 students last year. Our '55 endowment inched up to \$112,000.

Ralph Sautter says the number of class dues payers, totaling 230 in early December, is running well behind last year. He's fishing for 300, as before. Rally 'round the flag, boys!

Send your Dartmouth-related memories to the newsletter editor, Joe Mathewson: josephmathewson@gmail.com. Keep it short!

Lives of Fifty-fives

WILLIAM FRANCIS KEHOE died at his home in Concord, Mass., on October 22, 2012. He grew up in Medford, attended Medford High School and graduated from Dartmouth Phi Beta Kappa with an English major. Bill was a Rufus Choate Scholar and was editor of *The Quarterly* his senior year. He received an M.A. in English at Yale and served as an instructor at Middlebury College 1956-57. After two years in the Army, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to study literature at Trinity College in Dublin and then entered Harvard where he obtained a law degree. Bill continued his law practice, specializing in estate planning, until the time of his death. Bill's year in Ireland produced a book, *Enjoying Ireland*, co-authored by his wife Constance, a writer and poet. He is survived by his wife and three children, John, Kathleen D'93 and Matthew, and a brother, Ron D. Kehoe D'59.

DAVID EATON ELDER died at the Hospice Center of Charleston, S.C., on September 9, 2012. Entering the college from Amherst High School, Dave participated in crew and majored in Modified Art (Architecture). He worked most of his life in retail management, chiefly in New England. Dave received an MBA from Plymouth State University. Upon retirement he moved to Charleston with his partner Jane Nolan. Survivors include his former wife Sandra Montgomery, three sons, Stephen D'80, David and Matthew, and four grandchildren. Predeceased was his father, Harold D'25. A private celebration of Dave's life was held in Charleston.

-- Richard J. Hastings, M.D.

LATE NOTE: Our always-involved, always-supportive, always-cheery classmate Frank Chase died December 11 in hospice care from pancreatic cancer. Carole and their daughter Amy were with him. Obituary forthcoming. Carole says Frank requested donations in lieu of flowers to a class scholarship fund. Send checks payable to Class of 1955 to Ralph Sautter, 3 Coppersmyth Way, Lexington, MA 02421. Carole's email is cjchase123@aol.com, phone 410-992-9304. Paul Mannes, Kathy and Ken Lundstrom, and Kay and Bob Perkins attended Frank's funeral in Columbia, Md. Carole and Amy spoke movingly of Frank's love for Dartmouth and his class. Ken added words about Frank's contributions to the College. Other speakers praised his tireless efforts on behalf of the needy, especially seniors.



Buildings at the Plymouth, Vt., farmstead where Pres. Calvin Coolidge was born in 1872 and took the oath of office on Warren Harding's death in 1923 are well preserved.

Early Birds Already Booked:

Dick and Ruth Blodgett
Betty Brady
John and Justie Braestrup
Frank and Nancy Carlton
Jere and Elena Daniell
Joe Donovan
Jack and Marilyn Doyle
Bob and G Edwards
Bob and Iris Fanger
John and Carole French
Mike and Karen Gorton
Woody Goss
Dick and Jill Hastings
Jed and Sue Isaacs
Buck and Marta Kuttner
Gale and Barbara Roberson
Peter and Annie Teal

Words of Welcome To Billings Farm From John French

I am absolutely delighted that my class is going to visit my family's ancestral home! I spent most of my summers there until Dartmouth, and in the mid-'50s my uncle Laurance Rockefeller renovated it once again from a summer home to an all-year-around house, a pretty clever feat for a 45-room Victorian mansion with three cellars, one of which was a station on the underground railway.

The house was originally a substantial Georgian home of George Perkins Marsh, known as the father of environmentalism for his book *Man and Nature* published in 1850 based on his observations as a U.S. consul in Italy for 17 years.

There are two major websites with a lot of information: "Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park" and "Billings Farm." My family gave the mansion and its land to the U.S. as Vermont's first national park some years ago, and retained the Billings Farm in a foundation separately affiliated with the Woodstock Inn as a model 19th-century farm, both properties heavily endowed by Laurance and restricted from development. The farm has docents, many animals, exhibits, etc. and is very interesting in its own right.

There are a couple of hundred miles of trails for walking and biking and riding on the mountain.

-- John French



Also on the agenda: Simon Pearce Glass factory and shop at Quechee, Vt. Photos by Jill Hastings.



Beautifully restored carriages and sleigh at the Billings Farm Carriage Museum.

