

Dartmouth 1955

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June 2014

On to Asheville!

The Folk Art Center, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, is among the engaging places we'll visit during our Asheville, N.C., mini-reunion September 15-18. Preliminary attendance list and signup details are inside. This will be fun!



Photos courtesy of Southern Highland Craft Guild

The Globe and Mail of Canada, in a recent travel article boosting Asheville, stated that the Southern Highland Craft Guild, which operates the Folk Art Center, “was formed in 1930 and is still one of the most influential promoters of grassroots art in the United States.”

**ASHEVILLE, N.C., MINI-REUNION
CLASS OF '55 ** SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2014**

Betty Brady has it altogether:

Plans are well underway for the class gathering in Asheville in September. Thirty classmates plus their wives and significant others have reserved rooms at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel. Part two of the process is to send a check to Betty Brady for the reunion head tax for \$390.00 per person. The address is P.O.Box 277, Dover, MA 02030. The head tax includes your meals (breakfast excluded), the bus and two days of touring in the area. Any questions, please contact Betty Brady at 508-785-0790 or email: doverhugh@comcast.net.

We begin on Monday, September 15, with dinner followed by a talk by a local historian who will orient us to the geography and history of the area. Tuesday we will spend the day at the extraordinary 8,000-acre Biltmore Estate built in 1895 by George Vanderbilt. We will tour the mansion and gardens, lunch at the Stable Restaurant, visit the Conservatory and end the afternoon tasting the local award winning wines.

We have three lovely dinners planned. Tuesday's after-dinner program is a talk by our classmate Tom Jannuzi, retired professor of economics and director of the Center for Asian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Wednesday we travel to a Folk Art Museum and the North Carolina Arboretum where we will have lunch. On our return to Asheville we will stop at the Black Mountain Museum. There will be time for shopping and visiting the Thomas Wolf House. Our final dinner will feature awards presented to classmates. Friendships will be renewed and new ones forged. Join in the fun with your classmates. **Please make sure to send a check for the \$390 per person head tax to Betty Brady by June 15.**

The reunion concludes with breakfast on Thursday, September 18.



**Classmates
attending the
Asheville
mini-reunion**

**Gus Aberle
Neal Allen
David Anderson
Marty Aronson
Joe Bachman
Jay Benenson
Gerry Bernstein
Betty Brady
Lynmar Brock
Dick Blodgett
Frank Carlton
Don Charbonnier
Bob Comer
Jack Doyle
Bob Fanger
Woody Goss
Lou Hance
Dave Heegard
Colin Hunt
Tom Jannuzi
Joe Mathewson
Tom McGreevey
John Meyer
Dave Miller
Jim Nelsen
Brooks Parker
Jim Perkins
Ralph Sautter
Alan Weiler
Howard Zelikow**

**The French Renaissance
chateau of the Biltmore
Estate.**

A Timely Speaker at Asheville: Tom Jannuzi, Our Expert on India

Tom came from Nutley, N.J., majored in International Relations, was a Rufus Choate Scholar, went on to a Ph.D. at the London School of Economics, and spent a long and fruitful career at the University of Texas at Austin focusing on economic issues in Southeast Asia.

Among his books are *Agrarian Crisis in India: The Case of Bihar*, *The Agrarian Structure of Bangladesh*, *India in Transition: Issues of Political Economy in a Plural Society*, and *India's Persistent Dilemma: The Political Economy of Agrarian*

Reform.

Now living in Blacksburg, Va., Tom will talk at our dinner on Tuesday about the prospects for Indian democracy in the aftermath of this spring's historic election upset of the Indian National Congress party and the Gandhi family by the Bharatiya Janata Party of Hindu nationalists led by Narendra Modi. *The New York Times* reported that "Mr. Modi's victory came in large measure from India's aspirational urban electorate, who yearn for a better future for themselves and their children."

Hotel: 1-800-468-3571

More from The Globe and Mail:

Ask to reserve in the Asheville Renaissance Hotel for the Dartmouth College Class of 1955 Reunion September 15-18. Our reserved block of rooms is full, but, at last check, other rooms are still available for those dates.

"Asheville is like the east-coast equivalent of Austin. Full of galleries, craft breweries and hopping music venues, it's a hotbed of delightfully odd, down-home hippie chic... Along with a thriving music scene you'll find craft galleries, flea markets and bookshops created out of art deco banks or old five-and-dime stores...

The city's fascination with arts and crafts is laid out for all to see in the River Arts District, like catnip to the hippies and retirees who roam here."

Al Van Huyck commented on recent newsletter recollections by Joe Herring and John Baldwin naming Thurgood Marshall as a Great Issues speaker who impressed them: "It reminded me that I had the thrill and honor to be assigned as his student guide during his visit, probably because I was president of the Dartmouth Human Rights Society at the time. It was a life changing moment that shaped my career choice." Al decided to do a master's degree in urban and regional planning, founded his own planning firm, later chaired the Loudon County (Va.) Planning Commission, founded the Loudon County Preservation and Conservation Coalition, and last year was named the county's Preservationist of the Year. He and Betty live in Round Hill. 540-338-3524, al.vanhuyck@gmail.com

Jack Doyle's Entreaty to President Hanlon

Excerpts from Jack's letter of May 16, supported and approved unanimously by the class Executive Committee, in the aftermath of the student occupation of President Hanlon's office and his own expressions of deep concern about sexual abuse and excessive drinking on campus:

Dear President Hanlon...

We acknowledge that these issues are not unique to Dartmouth as witnessed by the number of recent articles on similar issues at many other schools. That said, we remain frustrated by the impact that these matters have on Dartmouth's image...

Over 25% of our class did not graduate with us in 1955 because they were drafted,

dropped out for various reasons or were thrown out for academic performance or social behavior. The standards were well understood....

We are optimistic that you will establish standards of acceptable civilized behavior and that over time these standards will be communicated to students with the expectation of significantly reducing unacceptable behavior...

Dartmouth can do better. With your guidance we believe that Dartmouth has a unique opportunity to be a national leader in addressing and resolving these issues affecting many colleges...

Sincerely yours,
Jack Doyle

By the numbers . . .

. . . from the class Executive Committee conference call April 28

\$201,555: class goal for the Dartmouth College Fund; \$145,000 in; deadline June 30

\$601,555: class goal for 60th reunion next year; \$70,000 in

\$50,000: goal for special reunion gift to Hood Museum for acquisitions (send checks to Class of 1955, designate Hood Acquisition Fund); \$18,000 on hand; Hood Director Michael Taylor offers special tours for any visiting '55

293 (56%) paid class dues, including 28 widows; \$52,800 on hand; Ralph sent \$6,000 to John Sloan Dickey Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund

877-258-5900 or **603-298-5906:** phone Fireside Inn for Homecoming reservations October 17-18, plan to join class marchers at head of Alumni Parade (we're Class of the Year!)

6/15-18/2015: 60th reunion!