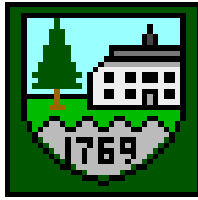


The Wah, Who? Whisper!

The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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Well, it seems to come down to this: the above is indicative of the way the 45th Reunion was run by ROSENWALD and HARPER, treating us like sheep being herded through the gates of Dartmouth. HARPER is the well-trained dog, and ROSIE has just opened the gates. This is a tip for the proper running of the 50th and represents part of a continuing series from Underdogs, the Poon and the Rose.

Great Class of 1956 Mini-Reunion In Chicago: July 14-17, 2005, see page 7 for details

Announcement of Considerable Import:

"In accordance with the Constitution of the Class of 1956 we are soliciting names of interested Classmates who would like to be considered for the following Officer positions to serve a period of five years beginning with our 50th Reunion in June of 2006 through our 55th reunion in June of 2011: President, Vice President, five Regional Vice Presidents (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest, and West), Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers, such as Head Agent, Newsletter Editor, Reunion Chairman, Reunion Giving Chairman, Web Master, etc. are appointed by the President.

"All members of the Class shall be entitled to vote on the nominated slate of Officers except that any member whose Class dues are in arrears shall forfeit the right to vote at the class meeting held in conjunction with our 50th Reunion in June 2006. All members of the Class qualified to vote shall be eligible for election to any office in this organization.

"If you would like to be considered for one of the Officer positions or know of a qualified person who should be considered, please send his name and a short background description to Russell Brace, Chairman of the Class of 1956 Nominating Committee, c/o Brace Management Group, 21 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843-0639. Phone 207-236-2236, Fax 207-236-8206."

The GREAT CLASS of 1956 Web Page: To see the latest Class newsletter several weeks ahead of this printed rag, point your browser to: <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/56/>

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Home of Cody's Restaurant: - "Fresh Catfish Dinner - 3 deep fried fillets...\$6.25"

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[DEADLINE for next issue: May 1 (for June 2005)]

GREEN CARD NEWS

1956

John LIEBMAN (jrliebman@earthlink.net) Since e-mail appeals to lazy bastards like me who don't buy stationery any more, I thought you'd like to get this virtual Green Card for the next class newsletter.

Like KATZ, I'm still working full time, and teach law school, run after grandkids, and complain that I don't have enough time. Bonnie and I are leaving in a week for a two-week + jaunt to India, which we're looking forward to. We are also looking forward to the 50th and hope that I'll still recognize everyone. We spent the week after Christmas in

Alpine County, near Lake Tahoe. Not much snow when we checked in with all the family on the 26th, but we didn't have to wait long. Nine feet by New Year's Eve! (Be careful what you wish for.) Drove back along icy route 395 to Los Angeles on New Year's Day, and lucky to get out when we did! At the height of the storm, there was more than 20' of snow at Donner Pass.

With best wishes for the new year and good health to one and all. - John

Ben TAYLOR (PO Box 460, Kenwood, CA 95452; 707-537-8766; bentayfly@aol.com) I hope to attend the 50th in 2006. Retired about 6 years ago and have spent a lot of time since then in writing (and self-publishing) a book about my great grandfather. I started out thinking I would write about 20 pages for the family and then one thing led to another. Ended up with about 160 pages and a real project on my hands. He was quite a guy, started and ran a big company [Union Carbide] and had a fabulous life. Even have my own website for the book (<http://www.georgeowenknapp.com/>). Easy to pull up. Not trying to make a killing, but do want to share the story with those who might be interested. See you in 2006 if not before - Ben

SAD NEWS

We lost our Classmate Ed **ABT** on January 30, 2005, to cancer. Here is the notice in his hometown paper, the *Connecticut Post*, on 2/1/05:

Edgar Leo Abt, age 70, beloved husband of Beverly Jones Abt of Southport, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, January 30, 2005. Born in Boston, Ed was the son of the late Dr. Edgar and Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy Abt. He was raised in Weymouth, Mass., and lived in Pembroke, N.H., and Scituate, Mass., before moving to Southport 36 years ago. Ed received his BA in liberal arts from Dartmouth College in 1956, and continued on for his master's of science in industrial management from Tuck-Thayer School in 1957. Ed started working for IBM in 1956, retired after 31 years as a senior systems engineer in finance industry, and did several more years as a private consultant. Ed was a former member of Southport Congregational Church, where he served as a treasurer. Also, he was a member and past treasurer of Black Rock Yacht Club, Wakeman Boys and Girls Club, and the Contemporary Club. He was a life-Member of Fayerweather Yacht Club, and served as an usher and Fair Share Table volunteer for Greenfield Hill Congregational Church. He was a past member of the Town of Fairfield's Harbor Management Commission.

In addition to spending time with family and friends, Ed enjoyed sailing, woodworking and

traveling. A familiar summer Black Rock Harbor scene, and later, Southport Harbor, was seeing Ed with a friend sailing on his yacht, "Tempus Fugit." In addition to his devoted wife of 45 years, he is survived by his two sons, of whom he was so proud, Jeffrey Abt and his wife, Kimberly, of Rye, N.Y., and Douglas Abt and his wife, Sarah, of Kensington, Calif.; his cherished grandchildren, Isabel, James, Charles and William Abt, and Jacob Abt; one sister, Elizabeth Abt Hardy and her husband, Elwin, of Hollis, N.H.; one brother, Dr. Donald Abt and his wife, Barbara, of East Falmouth, Mass.; one sister-in-law, Nancy McGuirk and her husband, Warren, of Westfield, Mass.; one brother-in-law, Bradford Jones and his wife, Virginia, of Alton Bay, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

From Clem MALIN (cbmalin@optonline.net):

A memorial service [for Ed **ABT**] was held in the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church in Fairfield, CT on Saturday, February 5th. Bright sunshine filled the sanctuary of this wonderfully New England Church. It was a fitting and beautiful service, one that Ed richly deserved and would have enjoyed immensely. The church was filled with family and friends, the congregation sang with vigor, even when wrestling with the unfamiliar "Dartmouth Undying." Personal reflections were offered by Ed's younger brother Donald, by Ed's two sons Douglas and Jeffery and by a long time friend David Braun. Ed's love of wife Beverly, of his sons and of his large and extended family were mentioned frequently in moving tributes. Ed's volunteer work in Fairfield and for his church, his love of sailing and his love of Dartmouth were also elaborated upon. But what came through loud and clear was Ed's love of life and his ability to inject humor into it upon every occasion. This was a service celebrating the life of a man who was respected and loved by those who knew him.

In addition to the many friends attending the service were a number of Dartmouth Classmates: Larry FURRER flew in from St. Louis, Bob and Pam FAULKNER drove down from Providence, and Wally PUGH and Clem MALIN came from Darien and Weston respectively. Bob Johnson, D'59, a long-time friend of Ed's, a resident of Fairfield and a member of the Greenfield Hill Congregational



EDGAR LEO ABT, JR.
159 Columbian Street, South
Weymouth, Massachusetts
"Eggar"

Weymouth High School: Student
Council (1,2,3,4); Band (1,2);
Honors.
107 Wheeler

Where does Chuck BEARD live?

Church, was also there. Dorothy BAEKEY, wife of the late Bruce BAEKEY '56, a member of the Church, also served at the reception following the service. - Clem

POST-HURRICANE FLORIDA EAST COAST 1956 MINI-REUNION APRIL 3-APRIL 6, 2005 (one week after Easter)

Please meet with your classmates, including the EDISONs, KURTSS and SODOKOFFs, who are looking forward to seeing you.....New news includes NUTTING and DOSCHER are yachting up to be here. We have planned a mini-reunion in the Stuart/Palm City, FL area starting Sunday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Feel free to come earlier or stay later, although Easter week may be tough for accommodations.

Harbour Ridge, a Dartmouth enclave of sorts, developed by John Dodge '53, will be the focal point of activities. These include water sports (sailing etal) hosted by Harbour Ridge resident, Dick Kurts, golf, tennis, beach, pool, cocktail parties, BBQ, tours and perhaps a scenic boat trip. In addition, if you wish to spend your money faster than you ever have before, Worth Avenue (Palm Beach) is a mere 40 minutes away! John EDISON and John HIGGS will also be working with yours truly, Howard Sodokoff.

Rooms have been blocked out at the classy Hutchison Island Marriott Resort and Marina at

\$179/night (1-800-775-5936) or www.hutchinsonislmarrriott.com, refer to Dartmouth 56). The Marriott has all the amenities, including beach access, three pools, fitness center, fishing, excursion boat, golf, windsurfing, tennis and of course booze and food. There are lower price accommodations also available elsewhere. We will help arrange, so let me know when you call.

We need to get a count, so we can start firming up specifics. Please call me, Howard Sodokoff at 772-

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336-4447 or email hoso@adelphia.net (fax: 772-873-1189). If a girl answers, her name better be Lois. Look forward to seeing many of you in April. - Howie

SANTA BABAWAWA "SIDEWAYS" Mini-Reunion, Sept or Oct 2005:

Jack CROWLEY (jackcrowley@hotmail.com) Mark your calendars for the Oscar rewards gathering of the Great Class of 1956, in lovely downtown Solvang (Santa Ynez, Santa Baba, Los Olivious?) - exact details are being studied, full report coming in July!!! Any questions: Jack, Tag (tagchapman@cs.com), Ed (edtrish@webtv.net), or Glen (gfrench@cox.net) will answer!!!

Everett E. (Ted) BRIGGS (170 Sunset Ridge, Norfolk, CT 06058) Sally and I are off to New Zealand, in celebration of (almost) 509 years of

marriage - our first home having been at Wigwam Circle - for a month, starting February 21st. Why New Zealand? Why not? We'll wave out the window at Steve KATZ and John LIEBMAN as we pass over L.A.

Will SOGG news: [see owl at left, from the *Cleveland Jewish News*, 2/11/05, page 4] "[working at Audubon] put Jerry Tinianow back in touch with with a former law partner of his at Hahn Loeser, fellow nature lover Wilton SOGG. The two met up again at a state Audubon meeting. Sogg became active in the Cleveland chapter of Audubon and later at the state level

through the spring birdwalks held four Sundays a year in Gates Mills where he resides. Serendipitously, Sogg is incoming president of the Board of Trustees of Audubon Ohio [who] has long been involved with the outdoors. "I wasn't an athlete as a kid," he admits, so his best summer camp experiences revolved around canoeing, hiking and camping. Later, as an undergraduate at Dartmouth, he belonged to the outing club where he went hiking, hunting, and fishing. Today he and his wife Nancy spend a great deal of time outdoors and arer avid equestrians."



Because they care about the environment, including the great horned owl, above, Jerry Tinianow and Wilton Sogg became involved with Audubon Ohio.

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50th Reunion for the Great Class of 1956

June 9, 2006-June 14, 2006

The following Classmates have indicated their intention to attend the Great 50th Reunion. To add your name to this Great List, send in that green card or email Linc SPAULDING at linc@sheppardenvelope.com. Call your old Roommate and get him to come with you.

Foster Aborn
Cliff Allen
John Allen
Jack Billhardt
Bill Behrens
Russ Brace
Ken Bridge
Tag Chapman
Len Clark
Roger Compton
Russ Cooper-Mead
Jack Crowley
Bob K Faulkner
Bob R Faulkner
Glen French
Tex Fridlund
Tom Gidley
Jim Groebe
Tom Harper

Dean Hofe
Jack Hubbard
Phil James
Doug Keare
David Kerr
Stan Klapper
Stu Klapper
Mike Levy
John Liebman
Clem Malin
Leo McKenna
Dennis Minely
Tony Newey
Dave Perry
Wally Pugh
H. Flint Ranney
Jon Robarge
Ted Rowe
Tony Richter

Peter Rosenwald
Tom Rosenwald
Dick Rubottom
Bill Sherman
Fritz Simms
Bob Slater
Howard Sodokoff
Linc Spaulding
David Stackpole
Doug Stevenson
Jon Strong
Jack Tamagni
Bill Tell
John Van de Kamp
Elliott Weinstein
Jack Wheatley
Dick Whitney
Bert Whittemore
Stew Wood

LAST CALL FOR REUNION YEARBOOK

Russ Cooper-MEAD reports that March 15 was the deadline for submission of your listing in the Yearbook, which will be mailed to all Classmates in December, but he is giving you One Last Chance, *til April 20*. Send him your basic information, including wife, wife's education and career, number of kids and grandkids, a recent picture of you or you and her, and 300 or so words about your 50 years out, your view of the world, or whatever, to Russ at 16444 Clymer St., Granada Hills, CA 91344, or send it as an email doc and a jpg attachment to russ@coopmead.com. If you don't want to write, just send the basic info and picture. For more information, go to

<http://www.56plus50.org>

and click on Entries for examples of real listings, or consult the two mailings that you've already received. Since each of us who matriculated will have an entry, that means that many widows and former roommates are also coming up with words and photos for Classmates no longer with us. If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to call Russ at 818-360-1136 (remember, that's left coast time). If you don't create your own listing, you'll just have your Aegis pic, name, and address in the book (plus any snide comments Russ chooses to make about you). Do it NOW!

DARTMOUTH '56+50

February 22, 2005

Dear Classmates,

As our 50th Reunion rolls around, there is an opportunity for all of us who were involved in the Dartmouth Rowing Club to make a gift that continues our class legacy in perpetuity.

The coaches have identified the need for an 8-oared shell. The cost is \$28,000—and the tentative name would be “56 Out”. Your gift is needed to make this happen. And, it will count towards the *Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience* and be recognized in the check presented by our Class to the College at our Reunion. There are 28 of us, which therefore requires an average gift of \$1,000 from each of us if we are going to make our goal. Obviously, some of us are more capable of giving a larger gift than others, so we need everyone to participate as best they can.

This Class gift will be presented to the College at our 50th Reunion on Friday, June 10, 2006 as follows:

- 11:00am Presentation and Christening of the Shell
- 11:30am-12:30pm Class Row
- 12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch

To make all this happen, we need your gift or pledge by June 30th of this year.

Please use the enclosed business reply card to indicate your gift/pledge, your attendance, and your desire to row. Checks should be made out to Friends of Dartmouth Rowing. This is a chance to continue our class presence on the Connecticut River—and, importantly, to have a lot of fun. Let’s make this happen.

Sincerely,

Tom Rosenwald '56, Telephone: 212/907-6506 Bob Slater '56, Telephone: 414-332-5654

[Rip this coupon off and mail with check to Tom Rosenwald, Ray & Berndtson, The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 26th floor, New York, NY 10174]

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

_____ *Enclosed please find my gift of \$_____.*

_____ *I pledge/plan to give \$_____ by June 30, 2005.*

_____ *I plan to attend the Dartmouth Rowing Club
50th Reunion Event, Friday, June 10, at 11am.*

_____ *I plan to participate in the Class of 1956 row.*

'56 Mini-Reunion In Chicago July 14-17, 2005

Coordinated by Bob & Lyn SLATER, Assisted by Ted WEYMOUTH

Thursday

Sofitel Hotel on Chestnut just west of Michigan Ave.

Contemporary landmark, steps from fine shops, dining, & entertainment

Welcome dinner at Signature Room, 95th floor of the Hancock

Friday

Architecture River Cruise: narrated travel through the birthplace of modern architecture – (inside & outside boat seating)

Guided private tour of Millennium Park – hottest new attraction in Chicago; awesome sculptures and structures

Saturday

Private docent-led bus tour featuring neighborhoods and historic districts; stops including Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House

Dinner on Navy Pier at Riva, a Phil Stefani Signature restaurant with skyline views. Navy Pier fireworks after dark.

ALL THIS for only \$585.00 per person based on double room rate (Singles add \$335.00). These rates are set for a group of 30-40 people.

Due to limited space and the popular venues in summertime in this great city, DEPOSIT of \$200.00 per person is required by April 30th

Final payment will be due May 30th. All payments by check please; make payable to Robert Slater.

SIGN UP SOON!

Print:Name(s) _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Email _____ Phone _____

** I am interested in: (Details will be sent by email response)

_____ Theater Friday night

_____ Additional night(s) at the hotel

_____ Cost without hotel (for those living nearby or staying elsewhere)

_____ Other city or lake tours

(Suggestions for free time activities will be offered later)

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Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

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Can you believe it? There are only 14 months remaining until the Greatest Record-Setting 50th Reunion Dartmouth has ever seen! Friendships renewed, food, drink, and a Good Time to be had by all!

June 9 - 14, 2006

June 8, Thursday -- early check-ins

June 9, Friday -- official check-in

June 10, Saturday

June 11, Sunday -- check out of Hanover and into the Stowe/Trapp Lodge or environs.

June 12, Monday

June 13, Tuesday

June 14, Wednesday -- Checkout: homeward bound and start a dieting program for the 55th!