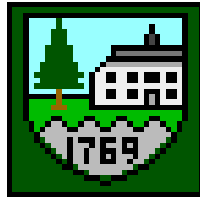


The Wah, Who? Whisper!

The Great Class of 1956 Newsletter

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The Senior Fence was relocated thanks to a gift from the Great Class of 1956, and here are some recent '56 fence sitters, spouses, and friends enjoying the new location. Photo courtesy of alert reader Bert WHITTEMORE.

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ADOPTED CITY: The City of Fifty-Six, Arkansas, 72533; 85 miles from Little Rock (as the crow flies)
Internet address: <http://www.pe.net/~rksnow/arcountyfifty-six.htm>. Home of Cody's Restaurant: -
"Fresh Catfish Dinner - 3 deep fried fillets...\$6.25"

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[DEADLINE for next issue: March 1 (for April 2005)]

GREEN CARD NEWS

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Ralph MANISCALCO (33 Harvest St., Bradenton, FL 34207; 941-758-0689) We're living in Bradenton, Florida, since my retirement from the education system in 1991. After my wife, Sandra, passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2001, I remarried my new wife, Rosemarie, in July 2003. Activities include substitute teaching at local schools - once involved with kids you always miss being with them. We visited Hanover for the first time in many years and were excited with the many positive changes we saw

there. Hope to see you at the 50th in June of 2006!
- Ralph

Bob FAULKNER (the Bad)

(robert.faulkner@bc.edu; 617-244-6114) I have a Jack WHEATLEY hanging in my bedroom. No, it's not roomicide, but a painting from Jack's show at the Providence Club. All this followed from a luncheon at the Club with Jack, Priscilla, and the Other FAULKNERS, to make up for missing the Big Luncheon that Bob had generously arranged

earlier. It was a delightful time looking at Jack's paintings, talking like long lost pals, and confusing waitresses and clerks with refernces to the wrong Faulkner. Pam and Bob were great to make us all aware of the serious painting that Bro. Wheatley is doing.

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/nt. ((1-800-775-5936 or www.hutchinsonismarriott.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 772-336-4447 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

'56 Out

We are trying to track down missing Classmates for the 50th Reunion. If you know the whereabouts, addresses, phones, or email addresses for any of the following, please send info to Doug **KEARE**, at dhkeare56@earthlink.net or to Hon. Ed. at flintr@denby.com. Thank you!

Codes, following names:

NI — are "Officially" Not Interested.

LL — Long Lost; reason(s) obscure.

NCA — No Current Address; recently fallen into limbo.

UNL — These are folk who maintain (apparently) up-to-date addresses but UNListed phone numbers. They do not respond to written entreaties; I have tried in all cases.

- Ackerman, Peter B. NI
- Aher, John F. NI
- Aichele, Paul A. NCA [I think he may be deceased]
- Bender, Marvin L.
- Benoit, Richard P. [Dick is terminal in a NH with Parkinson's]
- Black, Robert J. Jr. LL
- Blanchard, Senior N. NI
- Bramstedt, Eric M. NI
- Brier, Carl J. NI
- Brown, James W. NI
- Brown, Leroy T, Jr. NCA [Roy is in Mexico City, and can probably be contacted, but the College is being totally unhelpful; so, if anyone knows anything, they should initiate contact.]
- Campbell, Ross L. NI
- Chase, Reynold C. NCA
- Cracas, Gerald F. NI
- Demori, B. Jose R. LL [Jose is a Colombian, living in Colombia — it's probably senseless to disturb him.]
- DeSantis, Robert J. NI
- Doherty, William J., Jr. LL
- Downs, Peter LL
- Droegemueller, William NI
- Feaster, Robert D. LL
- Fenyvessy, Carl M. LL
- Forsht, James L. NI
- Greene, James C. NCA
- Greenwood, George W., III NI
- Hall, R. Houston UNL
- Hamilton, Herbert H. NI
- Heller, Paul H. NI
- Droegemueller, William NI
- Feaster, Robert D. LL

Where does Bob BEATTY live?

Fenyvessy, Carl M. LL
Forsht, James L. NI
Greene, James C. NCA
Greenwood, George W., III NI
Hall, R. Houston UNL
Hamilton, Herbert H. NI
Heller, Paul H. NI
Heller, Robert J. NCA
Hengst, Edgar Daix NI
Hirsch, Carl NCA
Hughes, Neil J. NI
Huhn, S. Peter NCA
Kezer, Robert B. NI
King, P. Cogswell NI
Klein, Allen E. LL
Kunst, Arthur E. NI
Lasdun, Gary B. NI
Lomker, Arthur L. NCA
Maca, Alan L. NI
McKelvey, John M. LL
McMahon, Robert J. NI
Medelman, John P. NI
Myers, Bruce G. NI
Molloy, James H. NI
Moran, Frank J. NI
Morton, James A NI
Novick, Theodore M. NI
O'Donnell, Charles T. NI
Poole, Gordon M. NCA
Russell, William O. NI
Sherman, Thornton A. NI
Smith, James A. NI
Steinert, Theodore A. NI
Stratton, Charles H., III NI
Strauss, Thomas J. NI
Walker, Peter J. NI
Weaver, John R. NI
Wolfe Charles W. NI
Woodruff, Albert C., III NI

From the Class of 2006

Dear Members of the [Great] Dartmouth Class of 1956:

The Dartmouth College Class of 2006 wishes you and your family health and happiness in 2005! We are excited to establish a relationship with you and your Class as your 50 year reunion approaches in June 2006.

Best wishes, Heidi Immesberger, President; Nick Connizzo, Vice President; Class of 2006.

Jack **CROWLEY** (jackcrowley@hotmail.com) Bright sun, fall colors, and full moon in the "Land of Enchantment"!!! Events went like clock-work from Monday to Friday- start and finish cocktails at Ann and Tag Chapman's and Trish and Ed Ross's lovely homes were superb! Earl Fain '55 and

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dog Duffy set the pace- Ann ran the diesel engine of the Santa Fe Southern back from our desert train ride, Ed Ross drove and talked the High Road to Taos- pueblo, shops, galleries, lunch at Doc Martin's! Margaritas and tapas on Canyon Road, 6:30 AM hikes led by Tag to the Cross of the Martyrs! Tom Riker (with Carol) got all the money at golf, as usual, followed by Ross- with Jack Crowley (with Beth) a distant and dismal third, as usual! Helen and John Higgs made their first balloon ascent on get-away day- anyone heard of them since? Rumor has it that Robert Duval joined our group to set up filming a sequel to "Lonesome Dove"- although some say it was actually Glen French! Betsy and Ted Rowe were last seen carrying away a \$140,000 scrap iron horse from the GP Gallery! Mimi and Bob Long promoted politically incorrect buttons at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame awards dinner- and, finally, you know- there REALLY is a Nelson Kilborn! A very special time with very special people- and Ed and Tag with their ladies were fantastic organisers and hosts! In fact, groundwork is now laid for next year in Santa Babawawa!

The mystical message from the High Desert is- "Don't make it happen, just set it up and LET it happen- the objective is NOT to see how tired you can get your horse!" Hasta la vista! Pictures sent earlier thanks to Helen Higgs- where ever she may be!!! - Jack

COL Stephen E. **KATZ** (3553 Seaglen Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275; 310-377-2611; steve.katz@agsystems.com) As I approach my 70th birthday in March '05, I find myself still working fulltime, shipping household goods for military people all over the world. Have been at this job since 1987, following 30+ years in the Air Force. Plan to keep working as long as my health allows. I keep getting little surprises, such as a case of shingles which put me in the hospital for a week. With the help of physical therapy 3x a week, I'm gradually regaining use of my leg. As many will know, shingles is a nerve disease, & I fell victim to "Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss" in my right ear. The word "Sudden" is no exaggeration as it happened as suddenly as being on the telephone and thinking the line had gone dead. There is little knowledge in the medical profession about the cause of SSSL, and there appears to be no known cure or even mitigation. I felt sorry for myself until I visited Camp Pendleton & met a Marine Captain who had lost his left eye at Fallouja, Iraq; somehow losing one ear didn't seem so bad. Of course it affects my balance and equilibrium (in other words, I stagger rather than walk) but one learns to cope. The good news is

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:

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| Foster Aborn | Dean Hofe | Fritz Simms |
| John Allen | Jack Hubbard | Bob Slater |
| Jack Billhardt | Doug Keare | Howard Sodokoff |
| Bill Behrens | David Kerr | Linc Spaulding |
| Russ Brace | Stan Klapper | David Stackpole |
| Ken Bridge | Stuart Klapper | Jon Strong |
| Len Clark | Clem Malin | Jack Tamagni |
| Bob Faulkner | Leo McKenna | Elliott Weinstein |
| Glen French | Russ Cooper-Mead | Jack Wheatley |
| Tex Fridlund | Dave Perry | Dick Whitney |
| Tom Gidley | Wally Pugh | Bert Whittemore |
| Jim Groebe | H. Flint Ranney | Stew Wood |
| Tom Harper | Tom Rosenwald | |



URGENT REUNION YEARBOOK REMINDER

Russ Cooper-MEAD reports that individual listings are coming in a bit better than before, but some of you may not make the book if you don't start hustling. He's guessing our advanced age means that the initial deadline of January 1 found most of you still twiddling, but you need to make January your must-do month. If you lost your letter telling you what you need to send in for our reunion yearbook, "56 + 50: A Dartmouth Reunion", it's your basic name/address/telephone/email/profession/wife/wife's college and profession/number of children/number of grandchildren, plus a brief statement of your life, your thoughts or other, and a recent photo. Or go to

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

and click on Entries for more information and two examples from him and French. 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. For help or advice beyond the Entries page, contact Russ at russ@coopmead.com or 818-360-1136. He has indicated that those who don't send in at least minimal information will be supplied with entries calculated to cause divorce and incarceration."

that it only affects about 10,000 Americans a year & has no impact on the other ear. I'd welcome any suggestions from any ENT specialists (if any) but I expect the answer will be "Live with it."

Special regards to: Ted **BRIGGS**, Mac **LAMBING** & Crile **DOSCHER**. May God bless our President and the United States of America. If you want to help our troops, check out the FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION on Google, which provides a "Home away from Home" for those who have family members in military hospitals. - Steve

From the January 2005 *ABA Journal*, page 31:

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

Mandatory Retirement Policies Cut Careers Short, But Proponents Say It's for the Best

Will **SOGG** could spend a lot of time riding his beloved horse, Monte. But you won't find him hanging around the stables anytime soon.

The 69-year old tax and estate attorney is hard at work at McCarthy Lebit, the Cleveland firm where he's been of counsel for almost five years - since he was asked to leave his former firm because of a mandatory retirement policy.

Management at that firm, which asks partners to retire at 65, decided that if they gave Sogg a pass, they'd have to do so for everyone.

So Sogg left at their request, taking much of his business with him. Mandatory retirement policies are a controversial part of law firm management, particularly as the gigantic baby boom ages. Yet about 40 percent of large law firms have one, according to a 2004 survey by Edge International, a legal management consulting firm. Of those firms, most seemed pleased with the results:

Seventy nine percent were not considering changing their current policy. Such policies have a proponent in Thomas R. Wildman, a partner in the Hartford office of Day, Berry & Howard. "Mandatory retirement policies both promote the orderly transitioning of client relationships and encourage lawyers to think positively about their lives beyond the practice of law—at least the practice of law as they

have known it for much of their legal careers," he says.

That argument isn't persuasive at Nossaman Guthner Knox Elliott, a Los Angeles-based firm with an 80-year-old general counsel and no mandatory retirement policy, "There are many extremely capable attorneys who remain at the top of their games into their 70s and even 80s," says managing partner Scott De Vries of the Firm's San Francisco office. "Knocking them out on an artificial basis is unfair to our clients, our attorneys and them."

Forcing attorneys to leave at a specific age can hamstring a business, too. Lawyer and former Sen. George Mitchell, named chairman of the board of the Walt Disney Co. after a contentious board meeting last March, will bump up against Disney's inflexible mandatory retirement age (72) next August, and he could be barred from solving the corporate problems he was tapped to fix.



Finances are often cited as a compelling reason for such policies. They can allow a firm to avoid having to reduce the compensation of senior partners or asking less productive older partners to leave the firm, says Los Angeles employment lawyer Joe

Markowitz. "It's also a way of spreading the wealth to younger partners and requiring clients to be passed along to them as well," he says.

The decision ultimately depends on a firm's needs. But passion for the law and good health can allow an attorney to practice indefinitely. Some lawyers, like Larry Levin, fault the legal profession itself for forcing out its golden geese. "We as a profession have lost our way with regard to using our imagination and intuition in running our business," says Levin, a partner at Shor, Levin & DeRita in Jenkintown, Pa. "People don't retire from what they like. If a lawyer loves what he does, never let someone like that go."

Of course, being forced to retire from the practice of law doesn't necessarily mean a lawyer is being put out to pasture. Lawyers over 50 can still look forward to 20 to 30 years of vitality, says Melanie Abbott, a professor at Quinnipiac Law School in Connecticut who works for the Center for Third Age Leadership, an organization that helps people find new opportunities after age 50 and assists

companies in maximizing productivity of maturing employees.

It looks like there are going to be lots of bored horses out there.

SAD NEWS



GEORGE THOMAS BROPHY
113 Forbus Street, Poughkeepsie,
New York
"Brof"

Poughkeepsie High School: Student Council President (4); Paper (4); Debating; Yearbook (4); Honors; Football (3,4), Basketball (2,3,4); Track (4); Baseball (2,3,4) 9 Toplift

his former spouse, Lois Marvin, and three children: Karen, George, and Lawrence. At Dartmouth, George was in The Tabard and Sigma Chi. He lived in Neenah, Wisconsin.

The College informs us that we lost our Classmate George T

BROPHY on October 27 from a prolonged illness following a liver transplant. He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen Fagan Brophy,

SOUP'S ON AGAIN IN SARASOTA

From: Ted BREMBLE (Tedbremble@aol.com)

Tony BRUSCINO, CE56, s very own primo gourmet, has been doing some "Big Green" meal planning recently. And once again he's concocted another Spectacular five-course, five-wine feast for 56er's in Florida at Sarasota's award winning Italian restaurant,

Café Baci

located at 4001 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

All '56 Floridians (however you may have voted), visiting "snowbirds" and their significant others, are urged to sign on for the Ninth Annual Baci Dinner.

The theme is beautifully simple: good food, good cheer, good friends, good fun. Guaranteed!

The date: Sunday, March 13th. Time: 6:00 pm. Price: \$55.00 per, including wine, gratuity and tax.

You can sign on by calling on one of Bruscinio's able seconds: Gordie LENCI at 941.383.4799 or Ted BREMBLE at 941.383.5364.

If you need accommodations, no sweat. Just let us know and it's a done deal.

Come to Sarasota for this classico event. Just feast your eyes on this feast (menu on the next page)!

The Great Class of 1956 50th Reunion Book

This epic masterpiece will be sent to all Classmates just ten months from now! To reserve your copy, please send \$50 to Elliott WEINSTEIN, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, Unit #38, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706.

Your check should be made out to "Class of 1956 Reunion Book Fund."

Clem MALIN says, "It is going to be a magnificent book." Ted WEYMOUTH says, "Meh!" Hon. Ed. says, "I'm so in love with Russ COOPER-MEAD that I bought TWO."

Café Baci

THE GREENT CLASS OF '56
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

March 13, 2005

Reception

Abbondanza di Antipasto / Appetizers

Prosecco



First Course

Prosciutto di Parma Con Melone

Italy's finest Prosciutto with Melon

Vernaccia



Second Course

Ravioli Imbottato Con Scampi / Salsa Frittide Mare

Ravioli Stuffed with Shrimp / Pink Seafood Sauce

Pinot Grigio



Intervalo

Aqua Pelligrino

Sparkling Pelligrino Water with a Lime Wedge



Main Course

Arrostato Misto

Roasted Veal Pork Tenderloin / Asparagus with Grated Parmesan

Barbera



Cheese Course

Fromaggio Scalti Con Frutta / Selected Cheeses & Fruits

Chianti



Dessert Course

Torta Ricotta

Ricotta Cheese Cake

Liquore Digestivo / Martha Bridge's Bootleg Limoncello

Caffe / Coffee