

D'61 DAM Article – September/October 2018

The three day mini-reunion held in May in Newport, RI was a huge success. The program was varied and perfectly paced, the hotel accommodations excellent and reasonably priced, the weather good, and the close camaraderie among the 30+ classmates attending along with an almost equivalent number of spouses and significant others was beyond great. At an official class meeting held during the festivities, it was agreed unanimously to include all wives and widows of classmates as ongoing members of the Class of 1961. In addition, outstanding classmate awards #2 and #3 were awarded to **Mike Murphy** and **Art Kelton**, both of whom were deserving of the award. Kudos to class president **Don O'Neill** for the initial and ongoing push and to **Dave and Joan Prewitt** who selected the location, developed the program and implemented all of the details over a period of a year and a half.

The next off-campus mini-reunion is scheduled for May 15-18, 2019 in London and will celebrate the 80th birthday for most of our classmates. This event will be run by **Frank** and **Dawn Stephens**, who reside in London.

The very next class mini-reunion will be during October 26-28, 2018 in Hanover, which will coincide with Homecoming Weekend. This annual Fall on-campus mini-reunion is again being organized by **Maynard Wheeler**, who has become a master at managing these on-campus functions. Sign up on-line with the forms provided by Harris McKee on the class website.

Dick Beattie, senior chairman of a major New York based national law firm, recently stepped down as chairman of New Visions for Public Schools, an education based foundation which he founded three decades ago. He will still remain on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The goals of the foundation are to ensure that every student in New York City has access to a high quality education and that public education should be able to provide that quality education. New Visions has become a successful innovation incubator for the New York City school system.

The Tanzi license plate plaque has made its annual transfer, this year from **Gerry Kaminsky** to **Vic Rich**. The next recipient, beginning July 1, 2019 will be **Ron Boss**.

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