

## D'61 DAM Article – March/April 2019

A brief reflection abounds for the recently ended 2018 year. The highs for the Class of '61 included two outstanding and well-attended mini-reunions, one in Newport, RI (organized by **Dave** and Joan **Prewitt**) and one in Hanover (organized by **Maynard Wheeler**); a well-received new class project, *The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations* (coordinated by **Pete Bleyler**), encompassing 1) *The Class of 1961 Arts Initiative Award* and 2) *The Class of 1961 Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Relations* (honoring deceased classmate **Steve Bosworth**); the receipt of the prestigious Dartmouth Alumni Award by one classmate (**Harris McKee**); the agreement by the Class to adopt informally all of the spouses and widows/widowers of classmates; and being awarded Class of the Year (led by class president **Don O'Neill**) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. The lows, however, cast an increasingly darker shadow over our class, as we lost too many valuable and valued classmates who passed on during the year ----- and who can never be replaced (visit our class website).

**Oscar Arslanian** may be getting older, but he certainly isn't slowing down. As articulated in an extensive front page lead article (with pictures) in a recent Los Angeles Business Journal, veteran talent agent Oscar is being credited with finding the right business model amid the era of nostalgia and bringing back the *Rock 'n Roll* of the 1950's/1960's to today's audience of Dick Clark's American Bandstand devotees as well as to their children and even grandchildren, primarily through "oldies tours" of the original entertainers.

**Pete Holbrook**, a vagabond traveler, merchant seaman, draftsman, carpenter, NYC taxi driver and college instructor of art for many years after College until he was able to support himself as an artist, eventually became a highly accomplished oil painter of western American landscapes. Now deceased, his paintings still permeate high quality art shows and are included in the collections of many major museums. His collection can be viewed at <[peterholbrook.net](http://peterholbrook.net)>.

In closing, I leave you with an appropriate quote from Abraham Lincoln, who stated that "it's not the years in your life that counts, it's the life in your years....."

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