

## D'61 DAM Article – March/April 2021

As we begin the new year, we see a country and a world still mired in the worst throes of the Covid-19 pandemic which began exactly a year ago. However, a light has appeared at the end of the long dark tunnel --- a viable vaccine which is first being distributed and administered to people around the world. In the meantime, life goes on in a limited and restricted manner.

The Class of '61, however, has not been sitting ideally by. After a most successful two-day virtual reunion in October, the class is following this up with one-day quarterly virtual ZOOM reunions beginning in January 2021. These will be led by **Maynard Wheeler** (nominated to become the next class president in June 2021) and ably assisted again by **Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler** and **Don O'Neill**.

As our class moves towards its 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, scheduled for June 14-17, 2021, it has become necessary for **Pete Bleyler**, chair, and his committee as well as the class officer and class executive committee, led by class president **Don O'Neill**, to make certain decisions, as follows: our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be planned to take place in June; the reunion will be planned to be multi-day and entirely virtual; the reunion will be cost-free to all classmates, spouses, widows and other guests (including the Reunion booklet and all or most other planned reunion gifts); should the College permit any on-campus activities, the class will evaluate whether or not to integrate any such activities into its 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion planning. By having all or most of our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion as virtual, we anticipate a larger turnout than if held entirely on campus because of the additional participation by those either unable, due to health and/or financial considerations, or unwilling to travel a long distance for a class reunion. **Oscar and Nyla Arslanian** graciously volunteered to produce the booklet for our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

One last sad point of irony, the November/December issue of the DAM reviewed 12 recently published books by Dartmouth alumni. The first book listed, written by classmate **Tony Horan**, M.D. and titled *The Rise and Fall of the Prostate Cancer Scam*, was both fortuitous and too late for Tony, a fitness buff for his entire life who passed away from prostate cancer at around the time that his book was published.

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