

D'61 DAM Article – July/August 2023

Our current Class project, an award-winning collaboration with the Class of 1973, to renovate and beautify a large section of College Park, was substantially completed in June 2023. The emphasis of the Class of 1961 has been the area immediately surrounding the life-size Robert Frost statue, donated to Dartmouth near the end of the last century, and the path leading up to the life-size statue. Classmates leading the current renovation project include **Al Rozycki, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, and Ron Wybranowski.**

The Class of 1961 has just completed its eighth Zoom only and Zoom/live combination reunion/mini-reunion sessions in June 2023. These events have been superbly produced and executed by **Pete Bleyler**, with excellent promotional and technical assistance provided by **Harris McKee** and **Maynard Wheeler**. Our next class mini-reunion will be on October 5-8, 2023 (both live on campus/off-campus Zoom).

Classmate **Steve Grossberg** has become the principal pioneer and current research leader discovering how our brains make up our minds using neural models. He is considered by many scientists to be the “Einstein of the mind”. Steve’s recently published book, *Conscious Mind, Resonant Brain: How Each Brain Makes a Mind*, won the 2022 PROSE Book Award in neuroscience.

Classmate **Ted Tapper**, a now retired primary care pediatrician who served the underserved area of South Philadelphia for over 45 years and father of well-known and successful TV journalist and moderator Jake Tapper (recently appointed to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees), became intimately involved with the legal injustice system in America in 2011, including making monthly visits to federal prison inmates and since 2015 working with one inmate to overturn or substantially reduce his onerous sentencing (according to Ted and others) as a 16 year-old teenager convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 30-60 years in prison.

In April, 2023, six members of the former Pi Lam fraternity met for a 2-hour plus luncheon on Florida’s southeast coast. Five members from the Class of 1961 (**Gerry Kaminsky, Larry Levy, Bob Snyder, Billy Kandel, Vic Rich** – plus two spouses) and one member from the Class of 1962 (Steve Rotter) attended the enjoyable catch-up and discussion session.

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