

D'61 DAM Article – May/June 2023

The Class of 1961 has just completed its approximately seventh entirely Zoom only and/or Zoom/live combination reunion/mini-reunion sessions, each min-reunion comprising approximately 5-hour days and the single full reunion during that period comprising two plus days including on-campus College events and class meals in addition to combination live/Zoom themed classmate panel discussions. All of these events have been well thought out, produced and executed by **Pete Bleyler**, with excellent promotional and technical assistance provided by **Harris McKee** and **Maynard Wheeler**. Each panel discussion has included excellent themed sessions involving multiple classmates along with a classmate moderator plus sessions involving key administrators from the College. Attendance at each session has averaged about 100 people.

For many, probably the most interesting and unusual speaker topics included in the February 2023 '61 mini-reunion dealt with classmates **Steve Grossman** and **Ted Tapper**, with **Doug Zipes** as the effective moderator of the session. Due to the need to submit this May/June 2023 column to the DAM in a timely manner, the unusual professional career turns of both Steve and Ted will be covered more thoroughly in the next edition of the DAM (July/August 2023).

Our current ongoing class project, in collaboration with the Class of 1973 to renovate and beautify a large section of College Park, has begun.

Rog McArt became the 18th classmate presented with the Dartmouth '61 *Special Classmate Award* for outstanding service to the Class, the College and to society in general, in that order, during the most recent Class mini-reunion, in February 2023.

Ron Boss's granddaughter, a freshman at Dartmouth, is doing well and has earned a spot on the freshman women's lacrosse team. Thus, the "Boss" legacy carries on at Dartmouth.

While in New Orleans for a few days at the end of February, 2023 to visit a granddaughter at Tulane, Patti and I spent an enjoyable afternoon with classmate **Ken Kolb** and spouse Pani Kolb, an active member of the '61 Women's Initiative Committee. During the recent February 2023 mini-reunion, Ken was an effective moderator of a panel discussion of five classmates on classmate service in America's military services primarily during the 1960s and 1970s.

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