



Announcing the Class of 1961 Fall Combined Virtual and In-Person Mini-Reunion

Dear Classmate: ,

After the success of the virtual 60th Reunion this past June and based on the many comments we received, the Class will continue holding virtual mini-reunions via Zoom on a quarterly schedule.

A major theme of the 60th Reunion was a focus on our classmates and their speaking about their “roads traveled” over the past 60 years. We heard fascinating stories about careers, avocations, and adventures. Our quarterly virtual mini-reunions will continue to highlight our classmates’ stories. We will also continue the highly popular and energized 30-minute “open mike” segment before the program begins.

For most years since we graduated, the Class of 61 has always held in-person Hanover mini-reunions in the Fall (last year being an exception). As I write this, Dartmouth is planning on allowing and supporting in-person class gatherings, but this may change depending on the evolving Pandemic landscape. Thus, our mini-reunion may be 100% virtual or a hybrid, with both in-person and virtual segments.

The virtual mini-reunion will be held on **Saturday, November 6**. We will start at 11:30 Eastern with the open-mike segment, and then start the program at noon Eastern.

As we get closer to November, we will be sending additional updates about the specific sessions, registration details, etc. One of our classmates to be featured this fall is **Doug Zipes**, who graduated from Dartmouth and Harvard Medical Schools and practiced as a cardiologist/electrophysiologist for over 50 years at Indiana University Medical Center.

He has published almost 1,000 medical articles and 16 textbooks. But he has also written four novels, a memoir, and multiple short stories.

At our virtual mini-reunion, Doug will discuss and answer questions about his latest novel, *Bear's Promise*, a fictional account of his years testifying as a plaintiff expert witness against TASER, Inc. in multiple sudden death lawsuits in which he maintains were caused by the TASER weapon.

As one review stated, "A courageous lawyer seeks justice for his sister and her family in this novel. What elevates this novel by Zipes is his weaving in such timely topics as police brutality toward minorities and individuals who are unable to afford essential drugs. His career lends authenticity to the medical details that are at the heart of this story.....The smooth narrative just flies along, both in and out of court. What results is a heady blend of legal thriller and social justice drama."

We **strongly encourage** you to get a hold of ***Bear's Promise*** and read it before our mini-reunion in November. You can purchase it from Amazon.

Thinking optimistically, the in-person portion of our mini-reunion will occur from Friday afternoon, **November 5** through Sunday morning, **November 7**. Those attending in-person will gather in Blunt Hall Saturday at 11:30 where Dartmouth will set up Zoom equipment to join our classmates virtually across the country.

The other in-person agenda includes hors d'oeuvres from 4-5:30 Friday afternoon before the Princeton football game at 6 PM, Saturday evening cocktails and dinner, and brunch Sunday morning. More details will be forthcoming about the venues and pricing.

For those of you who didn't attend the 60th Reunion, please see the comments from a few of the attendees who participated. Please plan to join our mini-reunion – personally or virtually – in November.

Dutton Foster

This reunion has created a mutual admiration society of our class. The stories I've heard have moved me much more than I anticipated, and I can only imagine the hours of work the reunion team put into making it happen.

Bob Hargraves

The Zoom scheme made much more interaction possible, with a wide group of classmates. I heard others make the same remarks

John Adams

This one was my first in 60years---out of the country, family responsibilities, etc. I thought that the virtual reunion was spot on. I could not make every session, but I marvel at the talent we have in our class and the vast variety of paths we have all chosen.

Al Ward

When it was proposed I wasn't convinced it would work, but I sure was wrong. The stories of our classmates were often fascinating and self-revealing. And, having attended Passages from the beginning, it continued with the same momentum. The evening entertainment was fun as well. I can't believe how much work was put into our reunion, but it was hugely appreciated.

Larry Gleeson

Having attended our 20th, 25th, 40th, and 50th class reunions plus the 2002 and 2012 mini-reunions, I echo what classmates said last Thursday, the 60th reunion was the best of them all. That was due to the Zoom format and to the program so rich in opportunities for interaction. As I said at the conclusion on Thursday, this reunion was one of the highlights of my life.

Ross Sandler

Thank you for a wonderful reunion and experience. I learned so much about my classmates, and myself, through the four-day reunion. It was a truly great experience that will stay with me. Thank you for making it so memorable. I look forward to being with all of you at future class meetings.

Ken Kolb

Made me happy. Made me forget 2 surgeries in next 6 days. Will never, ever forget LAST 4 days.