



Mini-Reunion Update

Dear '61s & Spouses:

January 14, 2022

Registration is Open!

Registration for our February 10 virtual mini-reunion will now begin. As before, we will be using the Zoom platform, there are no fees for attending and we look forward to a high turnout. Couples may register separately or together as we will not be holding break-out groups. To register, click on the Registration button below or copy and paste:

(Harris to put it in)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Classmate Panelists

As you know, four classmates will speak about their “roads traveled” over the past 60 years. In last week’s email letter we highlighted **Charlie Buffon** and **Dave Milne**. The other two, highlighted this week, are **John White** and **Jim Richards**.

John White attended Dartmouth on a Naval ROTC scholarship and served four years as an officer in antisubmarine warfare and nuclear weapons. He holds a Masters in teaching from Yale. In 1972, joined with Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell to study the human mind and served as Director of Education at the Institute of Noetic Sciences, founded by Mitchell. John is an author and educator in the fields of consciousness

research and higher human development, paranormal phenomena, and UFOs. He has chronicled accounts of UFO sightings and alien encounters since childhood. John will team up with Dave Milne who will speak about his time with NASA and the SETI project. John has published two dozen books and his writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Esquire*. He has lectured at various colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada, and has made numerous radio and television appearances. Additionally, John was featured in the November/December 2021 issue of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*.

Native Minnesotan, **Jim Richards**, has traveled many roads since playing varsity hockey at Dartmouth. After graduation, he worked with his father in a small construction company specializing in high risk rock and water work. In 1961, his National Guard unit was called up and he was on his way to Berlin, Germany. Returning to Minnesota, he got his MBA and started a business that melded his interest in conservation with his knowledge of explosives—blasting over 5,000 ponds in the Upper Midwest high water wetlands for 25 years. It would be a book about making maple syrup that changed everything; the family relocated to a rural homestead in Northern Minnesota to try sugaring. Success and expansion followed and a switch from downhill to Nordic skiing opened up a new possibility beyond maple sugar. Skiers enjoyed the trails among the maples and needed accommodations. Next, The Maplelag Ski Resort was founded and grew hosting skiers in the winter and language camps in the summer. For Jim, the past 52 years have been non-stop build and expand, and even rebuilding after a devastating fire. Jim will cover all this and more as he shares his journey.

Pete Bleyler
Mini-Reunion Chair