



Mini-Reunion Update

Dear '61:

Registration is Open!

Registration for our May 27 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 are encouraged to register separately as we will have a Women's Group session as well as break-out sessions. To register, click on the Registration button below or copy and paste in your browser.

While registering you will be asked to select the Women's Group or one of five breakout groups with discussion around the following topics:

1. Dartmouth Presidential Search: An update on the Presidential search to replace Phil Hanlon, what the College is looking for, and input from the Class of '61 to the Search Committee.
2. Improvements in the Frost Statue area: Learn about, and provide input on, possible improvements in College Park, home of the Frost Statue and Bartlett Tower. The '61s are collaborating with the Class of '73.
3. Quarterly virtual mini-reunions: What's gone well, what needs improvement, what kinds of sessions do we want going forward? Discuss the hybrid mini-reunion planned for September 30-October 2.
4. Out-of-Hanover Mini-Reunions: Should we consider holding out-of-Hanover mini-reunions in a post-Pandemic era? What activities and locations are appealing?
5. Near-Death experiences and the after life: A continuing discussion following a presentation by Dick Noel (see below).

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

Registration Link:

<https://dartmouth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qdOyvrDssGdHONWwbZYsAaqCHRg5BEXcm>

Classmate Panelists

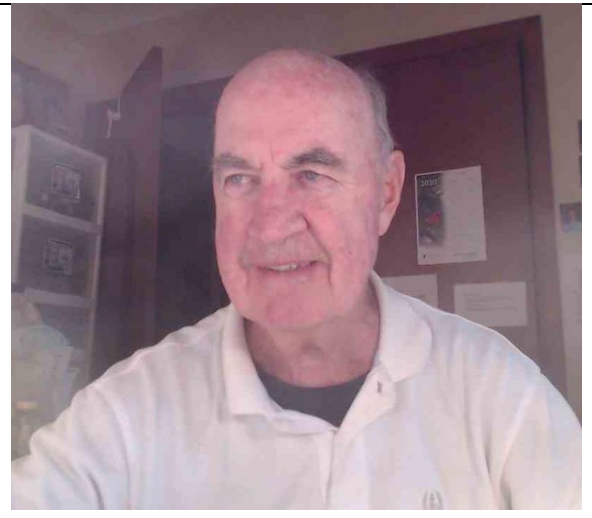
As we mentioned last week, four classmates will speak about their “roads traveled” over the past 60 years. In last week’s email letter we highlighted **Oscar Arlanian** and **Nyla Arslanian**. The other two, highlighted this week, are **Al Ward** and **Dick Noel**.

Allen Ward is a medical oncologist who spent his career in both private practice and at the UMass Medical Center. In the late 1970s, Al became very dissatisfied with the way end-of-life care was administered, and joined the newly developing hospice movement, continuing as a hospice medical director for 41 years. He was also involved with starting the Palliative Care Service at UMass and continued doing palliative care on Cape Cod, until last year. The emphasis on his presentation will be on Advance Directives.

Dick Noel has stated that many people believe that we have both a body and a soul, and that the soul, or spirit, moves on to a greater realm when our physical body ceases to function. Many others believe that when the heart and brain cease to function, that is the end of life and there is no soul or spirit that continues in an afterlife. After months of research into what are called Near-Death experience and After-Death communications, Dick hopes to convince the many skeptics that there is, in fact, a joyful Afterlife when our time on this planet ends.



Allen Ward



Dick Noel