

October 6 – 8, 2023 Mini-Reunion Update

Dear Pete:

Register Now for the 2023 Hyflex Mini-Reunion! If you haven't already registered for the virtual mini-reunion on **October 6 at 12:30** or the in-person mini-reunion on **October 6-8**, please do so now.

As before, the virtual portion will utilize the Zoom platform, and there are no fees for attending. To register, click on the appropriate Registration button below. **Please note:** we are starting the open mike 30-minute session at **12;30 Eastern** instead of the usual start time of 11:30. This is to allow more time for the Hanover attendees to get to Hanover for the virtual session.

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

If you plan on coming to Hanover for the weekend, click on the Hanover registration button and see the program information below.

[Hanover Registration Oct 6-8](#)

[Virtual Registration Oct 6](#)

We already have **XX** registered for the virtual session on October 6 while **YY** have registered for the in-person Hanover gathering.

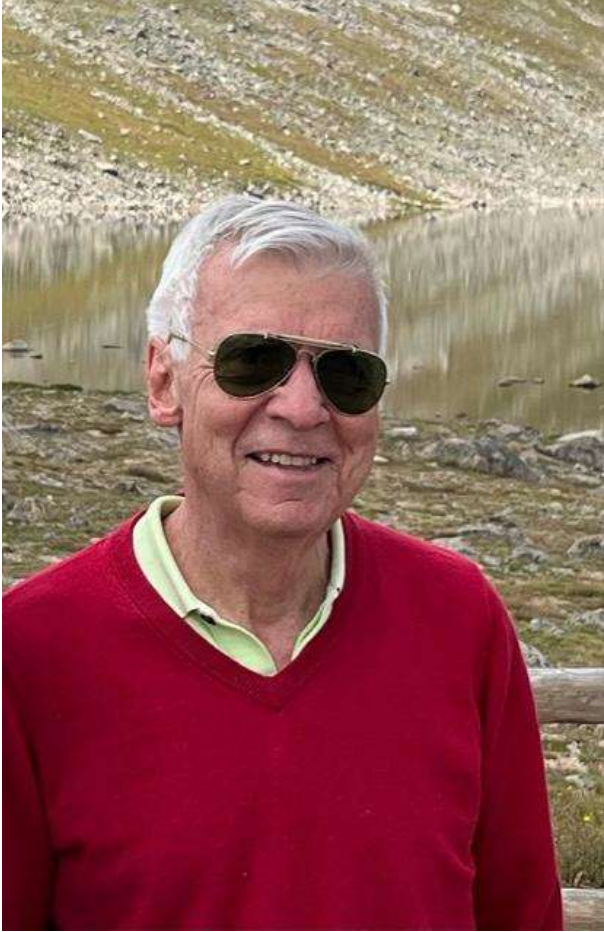
Classmate Panel: At the virtual portion of the mini-reunion on Friday, October 6, we mentioned two weeks ago that two of the panelists will be Mike Murphy and Alan Rozycki. Another panel of classmates will feature **Harris McKee** and **Pete Bleyler**.



A farm-boy from Iowa, **Harris McKee** came to Dartmouth as a football player and left as a scholar and Class President. He has served in a number of alumni positions including as a club officer and various class positions. He received our first class-recognition award in 2017 and a Dartmouth College Alumni Award in 2018. He says that Illinois is the 12th state he's lived in so there have been lots of starting over, most recently in the Admiral at the Lake, a Kendal Corporation Affiliated Continuing Care Retirement Community, (CCRC) in 2017 in Chicago.

At our 60thth reunion, a couple of our classmates proudly explained the steps they had taken so they could "Age in Place" and stay out of *one of those retirement places*. Harris says, "Since my wife Mary and I, following our mothers' examples had chosen a CCRC and been pleased, I decided that I would like to share with my classmates, both our experience and characteristics of CCRCs that others might find useful."

Harris notes that in the nearly seven years Mary and he have lived at the Admiral at the Lake, both have taken advantage of the rehab options and Mary has now been in skilled care for nearly four years.



During his four winters at Dartmouth, **Pete Bleyler** went downhill skiing twice – both times at the golf course. The second time, his date (and future wife) had borrowed a pair of warped wooden skis, and sprained her ankle falling off the rope tow. They spent more time at Dick’s House than on the slopes.

Fast forward to 1985 where, at age 46, Pete finally started downhill skiing when there wasn’t enough snow for cross-country skiing at their West Virginia vacation home. Ruth also started skiing and thus began many years of skiing, including trips to Europe when the travel agent told them it was cheaper there than out west.

Upon retirement in 2000, and at the urging of the same travel agent, Pete started organizing group ski trips to Europe. The informal ski club was called “The Friends of Dartmouth Ski Club” and included a number of ‘61s, other Dartmouth alums, and spouses/partners. From 2001 to 2013, they made 11 ski trips to France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy, never visiting the same ski area twice. Pete will talk about these adventures, and particularly the extraordinary experience when 40 people rode 7-1/2 trains from Zermatt, Switzerland to Paris, France.

Complete Schedule for Attendees in Hanover:

Friday, Oct. 6:

- 12:30-5:00: Virtual mini-reunion in the second floor conference room in Blunt Hall (same as last year)
- 6:00: Dinner at the Hanover Inn

Saturday, Oct. 7

- 10:00: Dedication of Mending Wall by Frost Statue in College Park
- 1:30: Football game against Yale
- 6:00: Cocktails and catered dinner in the Class of 1930 Room in Rockefeller Center

Sunday, Oct. 8

- 9:00: Breakfast at the Hanover Inn

Pete Bleyler

Mini-Reunion Chair

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