

# **“New Orleans Class”**

## **A '62/65 Celebration**

**Laissez le bon temps rouler.** The good times are going to roll in New Orleans as the Class of '62 celebrates the year most of us turn 65. We've all labored long and hard, and now it's time to treat ourselves. Our celebration will be held President's Day Weekend, February 17 to 20, 2005. For those who wish to extend the party, we will cruise into the Western Caribbean on the Carnival Conquest from February 20 to 27. Here are the highlights.

**Birthday Weekend Highlights** Our classmate and lifelong New Orleans resident, Henry Sarpy, has arranged our birthday gala at Antoine's Restaurant – the oldest and many say still the best restaurant in a city of great restaurants. This will be a truly classic feast as befits our classic group of '62s, family, and friends. And it will be a classic New Orleans weekend -- from a luncheon paddlewheel cruise on the Mississippi to a night on Bourbon Street.

We'll celebrate and party, but you will also discover why New Orleans is such a fascinating city. You'll learn about New Orleans history and culture – Spanish, French, English, black, and Creole - on the Le Monde Creole Walking Tour. You'll visit private French Quarter courtyards and tour the famous Saint Louis #1 Cemetery. You'll learn about the mighty Mississippi on the Creole Queen Paddlewheel. You'll visit the site of the Battle of New Orleans and learn why that battle was unnecessary and at the same time critical to our Nation's history. You can study an earth shaking event at the National D Day Museum and a toe tapping event at the Presbytere Mardi Gras Museum. You can delve into the Monteleone Hotel's literary history and perhaps even stay in the same room once occupied by Tennessee Williams, William Faulkner, or Truman Capote.

You'll have a chance to sample New Orleans' distinctive cuisine all the way from po' boys, beignets, jambalaya, and muffulettas to Oysters Rockefeller, shrimp remoulade, and medallions of chateaubriand. Try a Sazerac, a Pimms Cup, and, of course, a hurricane. Listen to jazz, blues, Cajun, zydeco, and brass band music on the streets, in the bars, or at Preservation Hall. Your feet can't help, but move to the rhythm of this most musical city. Class Dance Masters Oli Larmi and wife Anne will offer Cajun dance lessons at our Thursday Welcome Reception, and you'll have a chance to practice later that evening. Finally, there will be an opportunity for the bravest, least inhibited among us to follow Johnny Walters and Henry Sarpy into the New Orleans night. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; you can sleep late or take an extra long nap the next day. You'll be able to turn 65, and say you've done it all.

**Weekend Fee** The weekend fee of \$375 covers most meals and all group events during the weekend. Optional plantation and swamp tours are available for those staying over until Monday. **To confirm your plans to attend, please complete the '62/65 Reservation and Deposit Form contained in this Newsletter and send it to Class Treasurer Charlie Balch**

**Our Hotel** Home for our New Orleans weekend will be The Monteleone. This literary landmark is ideally situated on Rue Royale close to everything but away from the noise of Bourbon Street. The Monteleone was cited by Citysearch as the Quarter's "most romantic hotel." The hotel's Carousel Bar was named "best hotel bar" by National Geographic. To book your room at our group rate of \$185 per night for the nights of February 17, 18, and 19, **please call the Hotel at 1-800-217-2033 and ask for the Dartmouth '62 rate.** Please book early so we can hold our entire 45 room block. The Hotel will also accept reservations for Sunday night, February 20, at the '62 rate for those wishing to stay an extra day

**Cruise the Caribbean** New Orleans with a 64 degree average February temperature will allow us to thaw out a little, but a cruise into the Caribbean will help you forget the winter. We are arranging a one week cruise departing New Orleans and heading south on Sunday evening, February 20. The cruise on the Carnival Conquest visits Cozumel, Jamaica, and Grand Caymen. We'll have group rates on a variety of cabins and several '62 events during the cruise.

The price per person for a stateroom with a balcony on a high, quiet deck will be about \$1,120 per person for the week. An interior cabin on the same deck would be about \$800 per person. Lower and higher priced cabins are also available. We need at least twenty individuals to qualify for that group rate. If you are interested in the cruise or have questions about it, please e-mail Tom Komarek at [TCKomarek@aol.com](mailto:TCKomarek@aol.com) or call him at (561) 222-0452. A detailed itinerary and description of the Conquest can be found at [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com). When enough individuals express interest to form our group, we'll proceed to make deposits and select cabins.

**Don't wait for your 70<sup>th</sup>; celebrate now!** **Book your room at the Monteleone and send Charlie a deposit today. E-mail Tom if interested in the cruise. To finalize our plans, we need to know whether you can attend no later than December 17.** Friends and family are also very welcome both for the weekend and on the cruise. Updated information will be at our Class Web Site: [www.dartmouth.org/classes/62/Classtrip05.htm](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/62/Classtrip05.htm).