

# CLASS OF 1967 NEWSLETTER

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## March 2011

It will be spring when you get this, and many on campus will be looking forward to Green Key weekend. But as this newsletter is being written in late March, it is still winter in Hanover, even if the calendar says otherwise. A few days ago, before I left my home in Fairlee, Vermont – about 25 minutes from the Green – we had several inches of snow and temperatures in the teens and twenties, and I was able to snowshoe across Lake Fairlee on ice that was probably (or at least hopefully) a foot thick.

The day was gorgeous – pure white landscape, bright sun, temperature in the twenties, no wind and the beauty only found in the Upper Valley. All soon to be turning from beautiful white to even more beautiful Dartmouth green.

### Class Gatherings

Even after 28 years, the annual '67 Dinner in Boston keeps growing – with some first timers

and some returnees from the now distant past. As always, **John Manaras**, **Steve Cheheyl** and the host **Ted Neill** did a super job of arranging a wonderful evening – with lots of time to visit, excellent food and wine, speechifying kept to a minimum, and even a reasonable bill for such a great evening.

As has become the custom, at the January 29<sup>th</sup> dinner at the Winchester Country Club near Boston, **Tom Grove** won the long distance award by coming from Utah, beating Steve Cheheyl's Colorado commute and Judy and **Sam Ostrow's** drive from New York. Tom and **Eric Kintner** were the "newcomers," and Shari and **Bob Thurer** the returnees. And the evening did not break up until 11:00 p.m., by which time our group was the last to leave the Winchester Country Club. To be repeated next January.

Pictures of the gathering are at the end of the newsletter.

### Class Member News

**Steve Cheheyl** continues to participate in Dartmouth and class activities. In addition to his helping organize the Boston mini-reunion in late January, he wrote earlier this month that “I’ve just had a series of great days here in Colorado. It started with a day at Keystone skiing with **George Wood**, whom I’d seen only once – briefly – since we left Hanover. He’s still one of the better skiers around! Had a day at Beaver Creek on snow with **John Manaras** and **Bruce Chasan**, who were both there for the Dartmouth Lawyers Association annual ski trip.

“Concurrent with the lawyers’ gathering was the annual CarniVail organized by Steve Waterhouse ’65 with well over a hundred folks from the College and all of its graduate schools here in Vail to ski, socialize and attend several presentations. Had the pleasure of skiing with **Ed Kern**, **John Lobitz** and John Manaras (again).”

Below is a picture (left to right) of John Manaras, Ed Kern, and Steve Cheheyl while skiing at Vail.



**George Wood** noted in the recently published *Alumni Today: 2011* that “[a]fter earning an MBA and spending 35 years in corporate management, I sold my company and retired. My wife Carol and I now live in Colorado, where we enjoy hiking and skiing in the mountains and ATV excursions

to Moab. We are blessed to have both married children living nearby, with our wonderful granddaughter Ava.”

George lives at 28857 Cedar Circle, Evergreen, CO, and he can be reached by E-mail at [gwood@aol.com](mailto:gwood@aol.com). Contact information for others at Vail are:

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**Jack Harris** sent “[s]ome exciting news: I recently joined Klingenstein, Fields, a New York investment advisory firm that manages about \$4 billion for high net worth individuals, families, charitable foundations and retirement plans. The firm employs a long-term horizon. Its strong in-house research team takes a global approach as it seeks to invest in medium to large capitalization companies that are well-run, innovative and dominant in their industries.”

Jack’s home is 1065 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10128, and he can be reached at his new firm at (212) 492-7029, [jack.harris@klingenstein.com](mailto:jack.harris@klingenstein.com).

And like Jack, who seems not to be retiring in the near future, Hugh Freund writes that “I am now Of Counsel at the law firm of Paterson Belknap Webb & Tyler but still practicing full time. High net worth, multi-generational family planning, real estate, investment structuring and significant art law practice.

“As of December 1, 2010, became a trustee of MASSMOCA in North Adams, Mass and will rejoin the Board of Overseers at the Hood Museum at Dartmouth on April 20<sup>th</sup>.”

Hugh’s home address is 16 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 10E, New York, NY 10024. His business phone is (212) 336-2370, and he can be reached electronically at [hjfreund@pbwt.com](mailto:hjfreund@pbwt.com).

Some people change jobs, but **Rick Geissinger** kept his job by changing companies. For more than 15 years, Rick had been CEO of American General Finance, Inc., a subsidiary of American International Group, Inc., officed in Evansville, IN. AIG, which was bailed out by the Bush and Obama Administrations for reasons having nothing to do with Rick’s unit, was forced to sell the subsidiary in November 2010 to Fortress, a private equity investor, as part of the plan to repay the Treasury Department for at least some of the TARP funds previously advanced. Thus, same job but new company.

Rick notes that he was remarried in December 2007, the “[b]est thing ever happened to me . . .” Rick’s corporate change required a new E-mail address, [rick.geissinger@slfs.com](mailto:rick.geissinger@slfs.com), but his other contact information remains the same, 601 N.W. Second Street, P.O. Box 59, Evansville, IN 47701-0059, Tel: (812) 468-5500.

Also still working is Jeff Zimmerman, who recently became Executive Director, Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Division of CSC, where he is focused on the cyber defense mission of the Department of Homeland Security. He is also in the DLS program at Georgetown University, where he is scheduled to finish classes in early May. He plans to take the summer “off” from school, go back in the fall for comps and start working on his dissertation in spring 2012. He promises a more detailed write-up about the Georgetown program later this spring.

Jeff can be found through his office at CSC, 3110 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22041, with office telephone (703) 205-7062 and mobile (301) 775-2347. His new E-mail address is [jzimmerman6@csc.com](mailto:jzimmerman6@csc.com).

Surely, not all of us are still working. And in the retiree department, for those who wonder where **Don Garni** is now, when he is not living in Europe, he notes that he is at home at 587 La Melodia Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Home phone (after all, Don *is* retired): (575) 521-9268, and he can always be reached at [dongarni@mac.com](mailto:dongarni@mac.com).

We also heard about **Ned Gillette**, although unfortunately not from him. We tragically lost Ned in August 1998, but Katie Manaras ’00, John’s daughter, pointed out that Ned lives on. She spotted the following old trail sign – identifying the “NED GILLETTE DIP” – in a ski touring center in Goshen, Vermont. John added that in cross country lingo, a “dip” is a smallish up-and-down on a trail, not a big valley or canyon but just a quick little dip.



**Michael Tucker** pointed out a typo in our last newsletter, a potentially important one involving the Dartmouth Partners in Community Service (DPCS), in that two initials were transposed in its website address such that “all contact attempts will end up in cyberspace. . . .” For those that want to know more about this wonderful program, it can be accessed – really, I have it correct this time – at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~dpcs>. This program has been a favorite of our class for some years, and three class members have recently become mentors, and at least one more will do so this spring.

**Win Johnson** writes of his current DPCS experience: “My intern, Cristina Pelligrini, was a 2011 working in the Hartland, Vermont, Farm to School Program, which endeavors to connect local farmers with school food procurement programs and to introduce students to the availability and value of quality local foods. Being a “VERY part-time ‘farmer’ myself, I was interested in helping Cristina try to open up opportunities in one local school to make these connections work. I wasn’t entirely surprised, however, when she ran into significant obstacles, but encountering them helped Cristina appreciate that what seems like a good idea isn’t necessarily entirely shared by others and that initial indications of support may turn out to be nothing more than lip service. Cristina found ways to counter these negatives and managed over the term to make some inroads. I’m not sure my mentoring facilitated her accomplishments much, but I made a new friend in Cristina and was, I think, able to help enhance her experience. Dartmouth terms are short, so the commitment required to be a mentor is also short-lived, but the rewards are worth the effort.”

Win, who undoubtedly will be happy to discuss his DPCS experience, can be reached at [winjohnson45@comcast.net](mailto:winjohnson45@comcast.net).

Joining Win in DPCS mentoring was **Bob Thurer**, who noted that “I’ve had a very interesting and rewarding experience as an alumni mentor for

Robin Costello ’13, who is spending her winter term as a volunteer at the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human rights at Boston Medical Center, <http://bcrhhr.org>. I’ve met with Robin several times (and learned a bit about today’s Dartmouth) and was able to give her some guidance on how to get the most out of her experience. I also visited the program and had a chance to meet with her supervisor. I think this was helpful in making sure that she was taken seriously.

“My experience with the DPCS program has been both interesting and rewarding, and I recommend it to others in the class.”

On his personal front, Bob also mentioned that “[a]fter medical school at Dartmouth and Harvard, I trained in cardiothoracic surgery at the Mass General in Boston and then practiced at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston for 25 years. During that time, I was on the Harvard faculty. In early 2005, I left practice to become the Chief Academic Officer of the Harvard Medical School project in Dubai. About two years ago, I moved on to become Medical Director for the Haemonetics Corporation in Braintree, MA. Our company is involved in all aspects of blood transfusion from technology to support blood donation to machines that help save blood in the OR. This is an area that was my main research focus throughout my career, so it is not as much of a stretch as it seems. It certainly is interesting learning a bit about the commercial side of health care (not that it all isn’t commercial).”

Bob’s contact information is 129 Pickney Street, Boston, MA 02114, [rthurer@gmail.com](mailto:rthurer@gmail.com).

And the last of our current DPCS trio is Bob Smith, who succinctly wrote that “I’m doing this with my son, and I think our mentee has been in contact with him.” Hopefully, Bob either got more involved after he wrote in, or else he is enjoying the experience vicariously.

But on the personal side, Bob “[r]etired in 1990 (after working pretty hard doing medical device entrepreneurial projects), and since then, worked mostly on family, after ignoring them (at my peril), and community stuff – Y, environmental, Dartmouth, Obama. Sent three kids to Dartmouth and one, the family brown sheep, to Providence. They are now making their way as a Bain consultant, a psychiatrist, an Atlantic Editor, and a marketer in a residential solar power startup. The Bain consultant also graduated from Tuck, and is married to a Dartmouth classmate (who is the nephew of **Russ Hoverman**), has two little girls, and is currently working on a small litter of boys. At this point, my wife and I are watching four movies – we are emotionally involved but have no influence on their course.

“Also, I ride bikes, play the piano, look at birds, take pictures, and instead of crossword puzzles, I do Adobe. No complaints – life is good.” Bob’s home telephone is (510) 524-0080, and his mobile number is (510) 529-1995, [mr.uxor@gmail.com](mailto:mr.uxor@gmail.com).

Lastly, Rob Kugler mentioned in a note that he, too, will be a DPCS mentor this coming spring. Mike Tucker assures us that there is room for more ’67 mentees going forward, and he would be happy to speak to anyone thinking about participating. Mike can be reached at (203) 314-8216 (mobile) or at [archcmt@aol.com](mailto:archcmt@aol.com).

### Alumni Council Corner

This column by **Rob Kugler**, our Alumni Council representative, is the second in what will hopefully become a fixture of our class newsletter. Rob writes:

My second stint as YOUR Alumni councilor will occur on May 19 and 20. Once again, I will have an opportunity to present any questions you might like to have answered about how the current Administration views the world.

*If you have ever wondered why Dartmouth does or doesn’t do something, please let me know. This time, I will be asking my own question about the availability to students of quality academic and career counseling – prompted by the remark of a classmate who shall remain nameless. And that anonymity is something that I can promise to each of you, if you would feel more comfortable asking your question that way. My first loyalties in this role are to my constituents – you.*

*I hope to hear from you, and watch in late May or early June, as well as in the next newsletter for my meeting report.*

Rob can be reached at his office at (856) 354-3021, and like any good attorney, he can also (and probably always) be reached at [rkugler@archerlaw.com](mailto:rkugler@archerlaw.com).

### Announcements

The Dartmouth College Fund is in high gear, with the current drive ending with the College’s fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our head agent, **John Kornet**, reports that “[a]s of March 28, our fund raising total was \$104,173, given by 216 classmates. While we are ahead of last year’s participation total, our dollars raised are off by some \$14,000. But it’s still early in the 2001 campaign. What interests me more is the 189 (out of a base of 620) classmates who haven’t given in 5 or more years, although 3 have chosen to resume their giving. Many thanks to you three. Now, if we can somehow encourage the other 186 of you. . . .

“Pokey and I had the wonderful opportunity to hear President Jim Yong Kim at a 550+ gathering in Boston a few weeks ago. If you ever had any doubts about the future leadership and direction of the College, they were all eradicated in a short 45 minutes. I wish I could relate to you the entirety of his poignant remarks but here, at least, is a very brief summary:

“In President Kim’s words:

“The role of the College is to build students into the better human beings that will solve the world’s troubles in every area – financial, in healthcare, in education and beyond. Dartmouth needs to support students so they can do just that by showing them the path to finding and solving the trouble they choose to pursue.

“This vision will be achieved through investment across the following areas:

- “Remaining the institution of choice for the best faculty, students and staff;
- “Enhanced leadership in higher education;
- “Global leadership in teaching; and
- “Unparalleled cutting-edge interdisciplinary research.”

“I would be happy to speak with any of you who wants to know more about what’s going on in Hanover, or just to share with me your current thoughts about giving to Dartmouth.”

We also had a message from our Gift Planning Chair, **Howard Sharfstein**: “Leon Williams, Class of 1915, bequeathed a New Mexico ranch to Dartmouth . . . and threw in 2,600 head of cattle! The proceeds from this gift were used to fund two professorships and support the College libraries. As a bonus, the College retained mineral rights to the property, which have provided millions of unrestricted dollars. And our own **Sam Ostrow** has left his wine collection to the College. Will there be any left when Sam is ‘Safe Home?’”

Howard more seriously asks, “What will your legacy be? Join thousands of your fellow alumni – and many ’67 classmates – in the Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) when you include Dartmouth at any level in your estate plans. For more information about how you can become a member of the

BTS, visit the Dartmouth Gift Planning website at [www.dartmouthgiftplanning.org](http://www.dartmouthgiftplanning.org), contact me at (212) 744-2348, or the Dartmouth College Gift Planning Office at (800) 451-4067.”

And, in addition to our usual reminder this late in the College’s fiscal year about paying dues, we have a short note about where *some* of your dues money recently went. We heard from Leo Caproni, Jr., President of the Class of 1942, a class with a special link to ours, a function of its celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion at our graduation.

Leo explained that the Class of ’42 is compiling a collection of World War II memoirs from each classmate who served. As he initially put it, “We were in the first semester of our senior year when Pearl harbor was attacked and 91% of us served in that War. On December 7, 2011 – the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack – we will be publishing over 500 pages containing over 100 fascinating, humorous and sometimes sad accounts of our experiences in our own words . . . [but] as with most projects, funds are a key element in getting the job done. . . .”

Seventeen of us contributed a collective \$1,725, and in addition, the class Executive Committee voted to supplement those gifts with \$1,000 from the class treasury, *all from dues*, to increase our class’s total support to this wonderful project to \$2,725. As Leo Caproni thanked us, “There is probably no adequate way to thank an individual or a group of classmates for their combined interest and loyalty shown by the Class of ’67’s generous gift . . . to our WWII Project. However, we want all of you to know the entire living members and widows of our Class of 1942 are deeply indebted to the unselfish assistance you have made. . . .”

“We do feel these individual recollections contain historical facts that are important to Dartmouth’s background with these first-hand stories finally recorded and historically saved for future genera-

tions. Without your help, we might have missed our goal, so we are both grateful and thankful. "In short, we salute your thoughtful help, and we are indebted forever."

To help permit us to do more things in the interest of the class, as well as to underwrite class projects like planning for our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion next year and pay out-of-pocket costs for this newsletter (if you are reading this, then you have likely enjoyed this newsletter), do send your dues to Rick Geissinger, whose contact information is on the masthead. Basic dues are still the bargain price of \$50, and you can include additional amounts for our memorial fund and for various projects such as the Dartmouth Partners in Community Service and the Athletic Department recruiting program.

I could not end a newsletter with my usual refrain, **No News, No Newsletter!** Do please let me hear from you on the enclosed green card, or even better (and easier), by E-mail at [rburka@foley.com](mailto:rburka@foley.com).

Bob Burka  
Washington, DC  
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Note: Boston mini-reunion pictures on next page.

Pictures from the January 29th  
Boston Mini-Reunion



From seven o'clock, Rich Paolino, Joyce Killebrew, Hal Cash, Bill Bogardus, Tom Pyles, Carol Pyles, Paul Killebrew, and Beth Paolino



Left to right: Susan White, Bill White, Ann Paull, and Jim Paull



From seven o'clock, Sam Ostrow's empty seat, Judy Ostrow, Bob Thurer, Shari Thurer, Dave Larson, Mary Larson, Pokie Kornet and John Kornet



Left to right: Susan Manaras, John Manaras, and Tom Grove



From seven o'clock, Steve Cheheyl, Pris Kern, Ed Kern, Jon Feltner, Susan Tucker, Michael Tucker, Eric Kintner, and Maureen Cheheyl