

1968 A happy summer solstice to everyone. Which means the Fall can't be far away, so let's plan ahead!

Classmates are invited to be part of the new Connections Program, which pairs classes approaching their 50th Reunion with the incoming class who will be graduating the same June we gather, in 2018. As part of creating this connection, we have been invited to be in Hanover on Wednesday, September 10, to join the incoming freshmen for a lobster dinner, to be situated on the Baker Library Lawn. We will be handing out Class Connections pins to each freshman as they go through the buffet line, and then join them for the dinner. This will be a great chance to get to know the next generation of the Dartmouth family, as well as a chance to spend some time with our own classmates.

We will also have a Fall mini-reunion, either the Holy Cross weekend (October 10-12) or Harvard weekend (October 31-November 2), which will be decided at the May Executive Committee meeting. Watch for details in the Class Newsletter and the next Class Notes.

And speaking of mini-reunions, **Larry Griffith** reported that the 16th edition of the Class Ski Trip, held at Park City, Utah last March, was a fine success, with 27 in attendance. Besides Larry and wife Julia, Cindy and **David Stanley**, **Pete Emmel**, **Steve Schwager**, **Peter Fahey**, Chris and **John Blair**, Susan and **Hap Ridgeway**, **Scott Reeves**, **Rich DuMoulin**, **Paul Fitzgerald** and three amigos, **Clark Wadlow** and sons Ray and Jeff plus friend, **Rick Pabst**, **Joe Lowry**, **Gerry Bell**, and Sally and **Rusty Martin**. They skied at four different areas, and one day took Biathlon training! Watch for pictures and more detailed reports in our newsletter. Next year: February 28 to March 7, 2015 at Sun Valley, Utah.

Ken Cooper wrote to share news of his co-authoring a new book *Becoming a Great School: Harnessing the Powers of Quality Management and Collaborative Leadership*. With his experience as a principal in both elementary and middle schools, Ken's book describes an approach that can transform "typical" schools into wonderful learning communities. This approach outlines an alternative to the current school reform movement (vouchers, charters and for-profit schools) which he believes is slowly eroding our system of public education to the detriment of democracy.

Bill Kolasky shared lots of news, starting with his receiving a lifetime achievement award last year from the Global Competition Review. He also moved from Wilmer Hale, where he had worked his entire career, to a new firm Hughes Hubbard and Reed, where he continues to practice anti-trust law, full time. He and wife Mary are building a second home in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. They have a thirteen year old son, meaning they'll be in Washington for a bit longer. And Bill's son Bob, Class of 1994, works for the Department of Homeland Security, and recently won an award as public servant of the year from the Infrastructure Security Partnership.

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