



Class of '87 Newsletter

87th Night Mini-Reunions – the Tradition Continues

Look for one near you in March and April 2010

Mark your calendars for our annual “87th Night of the Year” mini-reunions around the country on and around March 28th!

Likely locations include Amherst MA, Atlanta, Boston, Hanover, Hartford CT, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, San Francisco, Park City UT, and Washington DC. Watch the website and your email in early 2010 for all the where’s and when’s.

If you’re interested in organizing an 87th Day/Night gathering in March or April (or know someone who is but who is too shy to ask!), contact Mini-Reunion Chair **Laura Gasser** at lgx@cpuc.ca.gov.

Amy Baker's Musings...

I don’t how many of you have read Tracy Kidder’s “Mountains Beyond Mountains”, but every now and then I venture outside of my contemporary fiction groove and read some non-fiction. It’s an amazing profile on Dr. Paul Farmer, who’s one of those extremists with a huge heart, willing to endure all manner of deprivation to achieve his vision. He and his co founders (including Dartmouth’s now president Dr. Jim Yong Kim) built up a series of health clinics in Haiti, and achieved unbelievable results through an unusual combination of imported and local medical practices and practitioners.

As I read the book (long before our current College president was inaugurated) I was always rooting for Jim Yong Kim, whom I saw as the overlooked underdog, Paul Farmer’s right hand man. I was cheering him on as he came into his own, first tackling drug resistant strains of TB in Lima’s slums, and then negotiating the World Health Organization in order to tame the Russian prison population’s toughest TB cases.

Anyway, I was a fan of President Kim long before he became our president, and when he wrote the other day (To me! Personally! You too?) and encouraged us to donate to Partners In Health so that clinics like his former clinic could help those streaming out of Port Au Prince, I made the corollary to the impulse buy: the impulse donation. If he says the results of this earthquake are more horrific than anything he’s seen- and he has seen some horrific things- then nobody is exaggerating down there.

I cannot even imagine what kind of strength and resilience it will take to survive, let alone rebuild, and my heart goes out to everyone there. I am unabashedly proud that Dartmouth and DHMC could respond in such a specifically helpful way.

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And, on a thoroughly separate note:

CarniVAIL is February 26-28, 2010

Dreaming of a ski weekend this winter? How about one with fellow Dartmouth alums? The Dartmouth/Tuck annual CarniVAIL celebration is set for February 26-28 in Vail, Colorado. Contact **Laura Gasser** at lgx@cpuc.ca.gov if you’re thinking of heading to Vail that weekend and would like to rendezvous with other ‘87s to enjoy the skiing, sun, and general revelry.

Class News

'87s Awarded at Class Officers Weekend

Class Officers Weekend, 9/09

Several of our class officers headed back to Hanover at the end of last year for the annual "Class Officers Weekend".

In order of appearance at right: **Allison Bleyler McDonald** (25th Reunion Co-Chair), **Anne Schnader** (Treasurer), **H. Randy Morgan** (President), **Laura Gasser** (Mini-Reunion Chair), **Christen O'Connor** (Newsletter Co-Editor), and (not shown) **Tim Bixby** (Co-Head Agent) all made a triumphant return to campus September 25 and 26, 2009 to discuss best practices with officers from other classes, brush up on new technology and communications tools, and plan for the coming year.



In addition to an after-dinner working soirée "on H" at Zins Winebistro (the former Ivy Grill), they were treated to a program celebrating the College's outstanding faculty, in which they got to hear talks from some of the College's gifted professors, enjoy lunch with Dean Carol Folt, and have the opportunity to meet and hear from Dartmouth's new president, Dr. Jim Yong Kim.

The weekend ended on an exciting note with the awards ceremony, in which our valiant officers received multiple awards for the second year running. This year, the College recognized the Class of 1987 with:

The 2009 Special Recognition Award

With this award, our Class Officers and Executive Committee were deservedly praised for having launched creative practices in several areas - all in a difficult year, during which they pitched in for each other with great teamwork!

The 2009 Class President of the Year Award (25 Years Out and Younger)

H insists that this award is really another testament to the hard work of our Class Officers and Executive Committee, and to all of you who keep our class spirit alive.

President-Elect for Dartmouth's Class Officers Association

In addition, **H. Randy Morgan** was elected *President-Elect for Dartmouth's Class Officers Association*. We are hopeful that H can leverage this role for the benefit of the Class of '87 and our upcoming 25th Reunion.

(See www.dartmouth87.org for more on the awards.)

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Homecoming 2009 Recap

This year's Homecoming gathering in Hanover was lively and well-attended, despite poor weather throughout most of the weekend. Quite a few classmates were making their first visit to Dartmouth in many years. It was a treat to see President Kim's enthusiasm at his first Dartmouth Night, as well as the welcoming of the Class of 2013 into the Dartmouth family.



Meeting up for some pre-parade pizza were (shown l to r in photo on left) **Rick Pepperman** with his wife and three children, **Evan Azriliant** with his wife and two boys, **Christen O'Connor** with her four children, and **Rand Jones**. Later on the parade route we met up with **Julie Park Hubble** with her husband and two kids, **Louis Crosier** with his wife and two kids, and **Holly Taylor** with her husband and three kids.

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As always, the 87s made a splash with a big showing, green & white balloons, and buckets of candy to toss to the crowds. Pouring rain deterred most of us from Saturday's sports events, but I did hear rumors of several other '87 sightings throughout the weekend.

It's never too early to start planning for Homecoming 2010! In addition to our traditional Friday night festivities, our class is planning a Saturday pre-game event at the Hanover Inn. We hope to see you there!



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Let's hear from some classmates...

Tom Palisi

I'm still a partner at the intellectual property firm Lerner David in Westfield, NJ (I still can't believe that I've been with the firm for 12+ years since leaving NYC). I missed the mini-reunion in NYC, because of coaching obligations. Though I never played the sport and know little of what I'm doing, I was asked to be the head coach of one of the "B" lacrosse teams for our local area 7th/8th grade travel program.

Not only did I miss the mini-reunion, but over the course of the season, I missed seven of my son's games (he was on the tournament team — much too good for me to coach) and three of my daughter's, as our schedules had too many conflicts. My wife felt like she had three kids playing lacrosse this spring....

Dave Huang and **Kim Jacobs** filled me in on the great time everyone had, so I'll do my best not to miss the next one. **Evan Azriliant** never gives up trying to get me to take a trip into the City, but though we're so close, it's tough to find time.

Anyway, the season culminated with us coaches (1st-8th grade) playing my son's tournament team. Though I had just completed my first half marathon a few weeks before, my body was totally unprepared for the running lacrosse requires.

I'm attaching a photo my wife shot right before I called for oxygen — well, a sub. Later in the game, my son completely embarrassed me on a faceoff. Nonetheless, it was a great time. So much so that it motivated me to join a summer old man's league. We'll see how that goes.

In addition to work and coaching, I occasionally play bass guitar in a band with some of my friends from work. We've received everything from real money to free food and drinks. We'll never play at Madison Square Garden, but we're a big hit at the local Starbucks.... Our biggest venue was one of the greens at Princeton U two summers ago — I told everyone it was a warm up for a future, more prestigious show on the Dartmouth campus.

Finally, **Craig Budner** and I stay in touch. His schedule is as bad or worse than mine, but we hope we can get the families together this year. We all had a blast in Dallas a few years ago, and I know our wives and kids are looking forward to seeing each other again.



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A good old fashioned Green Card:

Andrew McAllister

We've been in San Diego for 4 years, after moving here from Berkeley. I am Director of Programs for the California Center for Sustainable Energy (energycenter.org). We work in many capacities to expand and develop markets for clean energy technologies – energy efficiency, solar, etc. I was profiled in the July issue of Solar Today.

Lesley (Princeton '91) is a professor at University of San Diego Law School; Nathan is now 6, Erin turned 3 in January.

Lauren Schwartz

(submitted by Amy Moi Baker)

Lauren Schwartz and her husband Mill Nash welcomed their second baby in September, Camillus Albert Nash V...aka Finn for the fifth! Apparently he is taking his role as second child in stride and is cute and super smiley. Lauren now has two children under the age of 3, a production company called Kaboom Productions and let's not forget their beloved dog. To add to the mix, Mill has launched a business of his own, with one of the coolest names I've heard in a while: Clean Air Lawn Care.

Not much going on in her life, as you can tell. If anyone has any book suggestions, maybe ideas for long leisurely days of pure "Lauren time", let her know (haha).

Totally Unauthorized Green Card:

Amy's Green Card about Sara Dann

This past summer I went back east for my younger brother's wedding. I come from a family of 7, and the full complement of Baker sibs and spice really only congregates for weddings and funerals. In this case it was the first full reunion since my own (wedding, not funeral) 6 years ago. In the midst of the requisite hoopla surrounding that kind of gathering, we slipped off to Mt. Desert Island to visit with **Sara Dann** and her husband, Bob Galt and their merged family of 6 children.

For some reason every time I encounter a pleasant adolescent, I am impressed. I guess I assume that someone in the throes of that kind of hormonal upheaval wouldn't really want to have much to do with a 40-something mother of a young child. And common folklore has it that those years are generally associated with withdrawal if not overt rejection of their parent's world.

But there they all were- not just pleasant, interesting, articulate- but getting along. Who knew such a thing was possible? It's hard to find an itinerary to please everyone in a group that size, but these kids were troopers. The children from each family are interspersed in age with the children from the other, and Sara and Bob joke that in some ways each one gets along better with their correlated age sib from the other family than the next age sib of their own.

At any rate, in the world of making tough-to-do things look easy, this one would rank. Way to go, Sara ☺

Photo taken on Jordan Pond, Mt. Desert Island, Maine. **Sara Dann, Amy Baker** & a gorp-fueled Molly Baker Pile.



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Dartmouth Connections, by Julie Park Hubble

The Class of '87's online presence is growing every day. Check out the following links (and the graphic!) for more information about the college, your classmates, and upcoming Reunion events.

www.dartmouth87.org/: This site is the official website of the Class of '87. You will find past Class Newsletters, information on mini-reunions and homecoming events, photos of classmates, links to Dartmouth websites, your list of class officers, and ongoing information on Dartmouth Partners in Community Service (DPCS) our successful Class Project. Use this site as your home base for Dartmouth information.

[Dartmouth '87s](#) Facebook Page: This Group Page allows anyone from our class to post comments and pictures. We hope to increase our use of this site for mini-reunions, 2010 Homecoming activities and our 25th Reunion. We've got 115 members already - - join us!

Electronic Newsletters: This Class Newsletter has been mailed to our entire class. It is also available online through the www.dartmouth87.org website. Last June, our first electronic newsletter went out to the Class without a paper mailing. As you can imagine, we are moving closer to paperless newsletters each year. However, we only have email addresses for 2/3rds of our class. Please submit your email address so that you can continue to receive information from the Class, especially with our 25th Reunion fast approaching!

Umbrella Winner

Speaking of email addresses, congratulations to **Deb Marchiony** - a big, beautiful Class of '87 golf umbrella is on its way to you from the Christen O'Connor schwag collection! Deb helped us get back in touch via email with six (6) classmates that had been "lost" to us over the years. We are continuing to work hard to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible for classmates, so that when we do communicate with the class electronically, we will reach as many people as possible.

Now it's your turn! Send us the addresses you have for classmates...we won't share them with the College or anyone else. A free Class of '87 golf umbrella goes to the classmate who provides us with the most new addresses before the next newsletter! Send them to Jen at jsoykan@cox.net or H. Randy Morgan at randy@morganlanguages.com.



Your Thoughts on Paper vs .PDF

It turns out most of you didn't mind the electronic newsletter, even preferred it. Those loyal to print were willing to print out the .pdf and bring it with them to read. We decided not to go completely electronic until we have a higher percentage of class emails. So this year's newsletters will be half print & half electronic. As always, we welcome your news!

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