

DARTMOUTH CLUB OF EASTERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

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Shelton, Stratford, Southport, Trumbull,
. . . and our original home, Bridgeport, where the Club was founded circa 1924.

Winter, 2003

Reserve Friday evening, May 16, for our **ANNUAL MEETING** of the DCEFC at the Patterson Club in the lower lobby room where we were last year. We will have a speaker from Dartmouth, hold our election of officers for the coming year, and start the evening with a nice cocktail hour on the terrace, weather permitting, to give every one a chance to meet old friends (and some new ones) followed by an excellent dinner. It is always a great event. Nancy and **Bob Bernasek '75** are our hosts again this year and have made the arrangements for the Patterson Club. Just mark it on your calendars (those PDAs never forget).

Ken Weinstein '83 has volunteered to head our **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. Ken was our treasurer for many years and is an officer at large. He and his team will be developing the recommended slate of officers for elections at our annual dinner. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the club's activities, please give Ken a call at 203-329-3424. Just as a reminder, following is the current list of our officers, any one of whom would be happy to talk to you about your participation:

YOUR OFFICERS' NAMES AND CONTACTS

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Jim Gardner '69	Book Award Chair	Lonepine9@aol.com	255-9324
Jason Kable '90	Webmaster	JEK@Rytech.com	261-8129

We now have our own **WEB PAGE**, thanks to **Jason Kable '90**. It's terrific! You can find out about coming events plus information about the club. Just access it by clicking on <http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/dcefc/>. If you want to send your dues in via the web page you can do so. It saves time by making it easier to complete the form. Of course you still have to send your check to Bob Johnson '56, our Treasurer, at the address shown on the dues notice but it is a simpler way to pay your dues – and to keep up with what is going on. This newsletter will also be on the web so no longer will you have to file it in the leather bound book you keep on your library shelf.

Speaking of **DUES**, it is that time again. Many people have mailed in their check already so they could deduct the amount from their 2002 taxes. However, a tax deduction is a tax deduction. It is never too late to have Uncle Sam underwrite your dues, even though now it will have to be for the year 2003. But the real reasons to join are not the tax deduction, much as we focus on that at this time of year. The real reasons are to stay in touch with fellow Dartmouth alums, to have the availability of a variety of activities from which to pick (or to start your own), and to make some new friends in the area. The dues form is attached if you don't care to use the web page and an envelope is enclosed – all addressed and ready to go – so just stick on the stamp and send in your dues. You will be happy you did. And thanks to all those prompt members who paid their dues already (their names are on the bottom of the dues notice).

THE HOLIDAY PARTY was held at the home of Bev and **Ed Abt '56** and was a great success. As usual, it was a nice chance to get together at year end to meet old friends and enjoy good food, good company and pleasant surroundings. It's too bad our host, Ed, had to spend a bit of time in the hospital since the holidays. However, he is now home recuperating and shortly will be coaxing his dot matrix printer (remember them?) into action again. Our thanks to Bev and Ed for hosting the party again this year.

Gabrielle Guise '85 our DED continues to lead our **INTERVIEW TEAMS** and is always interested in having more volunteers to talk with all applicants to Dartmouth. She has a perfect record (all applicants interviewed) for many years but the only way to make sure we can talk to each applicant is to have enough interviewers. That means we do not have to ask too much of any one interviewer. This is a perfect way to stay in touch with younger people who have varied interests and to discuss the college with them. They are an interesting group of candidates and it is your chance to help Dartmouth select the best candidates. It is the one – and the only -- activity Dartmouth asks of its alumni club members. And after all, the college is about its students and their education. Soon enough they will be alumni so it is your chance to make sure the next group of alumni are as outstanding as the current group. Give Gabrielle a call at 256-1558 if you are interested and have some fun too.

OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEONS have been changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our January luncheon was the first since the date was changed. We had the largest turnout for a winter luncheon. Some people like to come in the summer when the lunch is held at the Black Rock Yacht Club, the sun is shining, the sailboats are out, etc. Understandable, but it is nice to see everyone when the snow is flying and there is a bit of snap in the air. So it was good to see eleven people at the lunch. Our next luncheons are on Wednesdays, February 26, March 26, April 23 and May 28 at the Three Door Restaurant in Bridgeport. Just come. The more the merrier. A great way to hurry Spring on. The person who is the "father" of this program is **Dick MacDonald '44** with able assistance from **Bob Johnson '59**. If you are coming give Bob a call if you have a chance but just come anyway.

THE DCEFC BOOK AWARDS program could use some financial help. For many years the Club has given books, in the name of Dartmouth, to outstanding students, recommended by their faculty, in a dozen area high schools. It is a nice way to encourage the students and it has the advantage of keeping Dartmouth's name in front of each school in a positive way. **Jim Gardner '69** has been leading this effort for many years and it has always had good support. Perhaps we are just too used to the program working so well, because the club could use a few more members adding a small contribution to the book awards program with their dues. We would appreciate it if you were one of those helping out financially. And our thanks to Jim for continuing to do such a good job that no one notices. Here is a bit of notice, Jim. Thanks.

OUTREACH PROGRAM NEWS. The club recently received a generous donation from Ray Dalio, head of Bridgewater Associates in Westport. With it, we have established a Fund to Advance Regional Education (FARE). This fund will be used to give top high school students from under-resourced schools the opportunity to take courses at local colleges. Our first two FARE scholars are Yannique Salabie and Aileen Espinoza, from Harding High School in Bridgeport. Both participated in our SAT tutoring program. Yannique is third in her class; Aileen ranks number eleven. They will be taking English Composition 101 this semester at Housatonic Community College. Both are thrilled at the prospect of doing college-level work and hope that a college course will both help them in college and be favorably viewed by university admissions committees.

OUR BURSARY FUND, for Dartmouth students in our area with urgent financial needs (usually from disadvantaged schools), has grown to \$565. We work with the Financial Aid office to distribute the money. We have a student with urgent financial needs so contributions are greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who have contributed (and, of course, thanks from our student who is being helped).

SAT TUTORING. Congratulations to **Joe Sondheimer '01** and **Rachel Milstein '01** who, in three months of Saturday sessions, helped Harding's valedictorian improve her SAT score nearly 300 points! We had hoped this young woman might apply to Dartmouth, but she is receiving so many full-scholarship offers now (UCONN and Rutgers, to name just two), it appears she will be choosing from one of those schools instead. We wish her much future success!

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DCEFC DUES INVOICE (for year ending 11/15/03) TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please fill out and mail to Bob Johnson '59 in the enclosed envelope.

Please make checks payable to DCEFC, Inc.

Dues are: \$35 for classes of 1987 and earlier, \$25 for the class of 1988– 1997, \$10 for the class of 1998-2002 and \$15 for widow/widower of Dartmouth alumni and for parents of Dartmouth student/alumni.

NOTE: Graduates of Tuck, Thayer or the Medical School who did not attend Dartmouth as an undergraduate pay based on the year they graduated from their college(a Tuck '93 who graduated Yale in '85 pays the same as a Dartmouth '85).

NOTE: Two graduates of Dartmouth married to each other just add \$7 to the least expensive dues of one..

NOTE: Graduates of Dartmouth, Tuck, Thayer or the Medical School who work in the Eastern Fairfield County area but live elsewhere pay one-half (50%) of the rate they would otherwise pay.(minimum \$7.50)

ALL DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!! PLEASE KEEP your own record here:

Paid\$ _____, Ck# _____ date ____/____/____ mail to Bob Johnson '59 Treasurer, 50 Timber Lane, Fairfield, CT 06824-2265 in the envelope provided..

-----cut right about here and send the lower half in the envelope or use our website so you don't cut yourself with the scissors-----

NAME: (please no labels) _____ Class _____

STREET: _____

TOWN,STATE, ZIP _____ DUES \$ _____

TEL: (evening) _____ ADD'L SCHOLARSHIP FUND GIFT \$ _____

TEL: (day) _____ ADD'L BOOK AWARD GIFT \$ _____

CELL (optional) _____ ADD'L BURSARY FUND GIFT \$ _____

FAX _____ MY CHECK _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

I would like info or work in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail/cookout activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SAT Tutoring |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> (other) _____ |

Join the following alums whose checks we have received:

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| Ed Abt '56, T'57 | LaRue Ambrose '38W | Bob Bernasek MD '75 |
| Bob Bull '45 | Margaret Cole '51W | John Coners '50 |
| Milton Cooper, MD '46 | Cliff Ennico '75 | Brian & Cheryl Francis '01P |
| Fred Frassinelli, Jr. '47 | J.Justin Gardner '93 | James Gardner '69 |
| Jennifer Gardner '93 | Lore Handy '44W | Deborah Healey '83 |
| Peter Heneage '45 | Mike Hoag '90 | Ann Huebner '89 |
| Bob Hustek '51 | Bob Johnson '59 | George Johnson, MD '52 |
| Jason Kable '90 | Lisa Kable '90 | Todd Kalif '66 |
| Serge Kalista '95 | Joan Keegan '51W | William Kupinse '61 |
| Jean Lee '45W | Tom Loemker '52,T'53 | Richard MacDonald '44 |
| John Manning '74 | Suzanne Mercado Nachman '86 | Garry Meyers '52 |
| Hoby Millington '60 | Rachel Milstein '01 | Kathryn Mitchell '83 |
| W.Bradley Morehouse '46 | Carl Nelson '59 | Deb Owens '91 |
| Michael Rafferty '91 | Hilary Richards '92 | John Salek T'76 |
| Robert Shannon '51 | Joe Sondheimer '01 | Richard Targett '55 |
| Mills Ten Eyck, Jr. '41 | Ross Waller '89 | Jeffrey Weinstein '89 |
| Ken Weinstein '83 | Andrew Whittaker '83 | Malcolm Youngquist '67,T'68 |

Also, hats off to **Rafe Rosengarten '01** who, on top of tutoring a Harding junior, is helping Yannique and Aileen (our FARE scholars) with their science fair project. He has arranged for them to use the laboratories at Yale. They are researching a one-celled organism found in Central American waters. This organism has not yet been found in North American waters, and the project may give scientists a better idea of where to look. It certainly is causing colleges to look at Yannique and Aileen. When Renison College in Ontario, Canada, heard about it, they offered to fly Yannique up for a visit.

Most of all, our thanks to **Robin Levine '01**, our new Young Alumni Chair, for creating and running this wonderful program. Robin recruited all the tutors, selected the study materials (and talked vendors into giving us a discount), wrote our tutoring manual, organized everyone, AND tutored. When we say we couldn't have done it without her, we really mean it! She is now recruiting tutors for our second round of tutoring. Please contact her at Robin.Levine@alum.dartmouth.org if you would like to participate. This program has gathered much support but its success depends on tutors to work with the talented juniors so that their SAT scores more fairly represent their talents, allowing them to get into colleges they otherwise would not be able to enter. While we hope over time that some of them will go to Dartmouth, our prime objective is to help them get into college where they can get the good education that will help them the rest of their lives. (Maybe one of their children will go to Dartmouth). This is one of those opportunities to change a person's opportunities in life. Please consider being part of this program. Call Robin.

We had to cancel the **CABARET** outing as a date could not be found on which enough people could come. So, as the saying goes, wait 'til next year. We will try to schedule the outing early enough so enough people can come. Thanks to **Bob Johnson '59** for all the work that unfortunately did not result in the planned event.

DARTMOUTH SPORTING EVENTS: Here are the games being played in the area. We will count on an e-mail from anyone who is going so we can let others know. Incidentally, the quickest and easiest way to keep up to date with the games being played is to log on to the Dartmouth web site at <http://www.dartmouth.edu> and click on "athletics" or any other activities in which you are interested. Our web site will also list local sporting events and other local events of interest..

Women's hockey @ Yale
Women's basketball @ Yale

Sunday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m.

IN CLOSING, for those of us who ski, this is a marvelous winter so far. For golfers, sailors and those who seek the beach and sun this has probably fallen somewhat short of their expectations. The weather experts keep telling us that we are enjoying normal winter weather so we hope you enjoy this normal winter. Remember, if snow is forecast can spring be far behind?

Keep well and warm,

Tom Loemker '52,T'53