



Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio

Fall 2011

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Letter from the President

I'm happy to start with an economic equation to the good:

- 54 members in 2008
- 59 members in 2009
- 68 members in 2010
- 108 members in 2011

The doubling of our DCNEO membership over the last four years means there's been renewed interest and participation from area alumni/ae. Thank you for your involvement! Our goal is to have enough events to appeal to the diverse interests, geography, and constituency of our club. It has been gratifying to see a familiar and consistent group at hikes, forums and social gatherings; it's also been great to have new faces and to know we've connected even once with a newcomer to Cleveland or a family for a summer outing. Schedules are busy, we know. Anything we can do to make the best use of your time, tell us. DCNEO is a partnership.

Our 2012 dues notice is included in this newsletter. You'll note that we are one of few clubs in the country participating in a membership incentive drive. If you update membership information between September 1, 2011 and December 1, 2011 you will be included in a chance to win a two-night stay at the Six South Street Hotel in Hanover. You may use the enclosed form or email me with your current mailing and email addresses at mheller@fodorco.com.

What follows are highlights of some of our recent programs and initiatives:

This spring we had two large events, each with nearly 100 in attendance. In April, Dartmouth College Trustee Bill Helman '80 came to Acacia Country Club for cocktails, conversation and dinner. In June, Peter Raskind '78 Tu '79 spoke to our members and Ivy 15 guests at the Mornington Lane Pool and Ballroom in Cleveland Heights about his tenure as Interim CEO of the Cleveland Municipal School District. Those attending these events found them in-

structional and a chance to get "up close and personal" with key leaders.

Acacia Country Club was also the venue for our annual Holiday brunch in December, with current students in attendance to share stories of college life today. We presented Jack Herrick '60 with the 2010 DCNEO Alumni Award for his tireless involvement in the club. Jack and his wife, Mary, graciously host the Freshman Send-Off each August, opening their home to our members, current students, and rising freshmen and their parents – just in time for last minute advice before packing for the DOC trips. Sometimes, The Big Green Bus pulls in just in time.

Each month a lunch is held at Pearl of the Orient in Shaker Heights. It's generally a strictly social occasion. But when Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors were damaged by an earthquake and tsunami, we were fortunate to have Pieter von Hermann '50 speak on the damage and effects caused by this catastrophe. Pieter is a former senior manager of General Electric's nuclear reactor business and was responsible for the construction of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. So that day egg foo became nuclear fusion young.

We have reinvigorated our relationship with fellow Ivy 15 alumni/ae. This past year we got together with Brown at Champps in Valley View to watch our colleges meet up on the football field. There was no sound from the TV, due to employee error, but the color commentary from the tables more than made up for it. I mentioned earlier that many Ivy and Sister School graduates attended the "Great Issues" event with Peter Raskind. And the Harvard Club organized a scavenger hunt at the Cleveland Museum of Art, which our members attended. I've heard from their club president that there is a reprise in the plans.

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Current Club Officers:

- President: Mark Heller
- Secretary: Bob Gippin
- Treasurer: Elizabeth (Libby) Sobota '83
- Events Chair / Ivy 15 Rep: Lindsay Hirschfeld '03 & Britni Stinson '09
- Scholarship Chair: Kent Mann '73
- Webmaster: Ryan Pulis '93
- Alumni Council Representative: Libby Sobota '83
- DED North: Jay Hole '81
- DED South: Ray Boniface '78
- Immediate Past President: Libby Sobota '83

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Dartmouth Class of 2015:

- Alison E. Flint – Avon Lake High School
- Aaron Goodman – Shaker Heights High School
- Evan M. Meisler – University School
- James C. Boldt II – Chagrin Falls High School
- Chelsea N. Myles – Gilmour Academy
- L. Tyler Carlisle – Geneva High School
- Dylan B. Zabell – University School
- Sara Kassir – Jackson High School

Dartmouth Admissions — Class of 2015

District 441 (North) Enrollment Director Report

Our volunteer interviewers really stepped it up last year and we're likely to need a similar effort again this year. I really appreciate all the help and support. In addition, I have a number of you who offered to help last year in response to Mark Heller's request, but the flow had slowed down by then and I had the applicants all assigned. I will call on everyone this year, so please let me know if you are interested in interviewing.

There were 107 applications to the college for the class of 2015 from District 441, up 11 from the 96 the prior two years. However, there were only 5 early decision candidates with two admitted and matriculated. The two prior years had 14 ED applications each so this was down 9. 102 regular decision applications is up 20 from the 82 of the prior two years. A number of you interviewed 3 or more applicants. All but two of the applicants were offered interviews and one of those has an address in Westlake, but was studying in Kyrgyzstan last year. The other just managed to slip through the cracks, and was admitted, but I believe is matriculating at MIT.

Twelve of the RD applicants were offered admission to the college, a bit better than the national average of about 10% this year. Five of the twelve matriculated, so our yield was reasonable, but below the national average, despite strong outreach by many DCNEO members.

The college admissions process is so competitive now it is hard to comprehend. The college got over 20 applications for each available spot, admitting about 10% and expecting about 50% yield on admits. Many extremely well qualified candidates are not offered admission, but it is still interesting and satisfying to meet and interview them, so I hope to continue to have such great help and effort from so many of the alums in the area.

My goals for this year will be to continue to be, first - offering every applicant the opportunity for an alumni interview, second - not asking any alum to do more than two, unless they want to, and third - to provide as much time as possible for you alums to schedule and conduct the interviews. I'll be sending out contact and timing information through iTrack soon, so please keep an eye out for my email.

Sincerest thanks once again to all for your help, discretion and effort!

Respectfully,
 Jay Hole '81
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District 443 Enrollment Director Report

This past admissions year posed quite a challenge for our Club volunteers. To begin, the northern Ohio region south of Cleveland produced 60 applicants to the College, substantially more than our previous high of 41. True to form, our volunteer interviewers stepped up with even greater enthusiasm than ever, and we were able to offer interviews to all applicants.

Bear in mind that the national average of interviewed applicants is less than 60%! Wonderful effort and dedication continues to be demonstrated by our DCNEO members. Many volunteers offered to take on more candidates than usual.

Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet and income statement through August 31, 2011 are presented. Income from dues is up over 50% from the prior year, and we hope everyone will remember to update their dues between now and December 1st to be entered in a random drawing to win a two night stay at Six South Street Hotel in Hanover. Every year the Club forwards on to the College a check for those monies collected on behalf of the DCNEO Scholarship Fund based on the College's fiscal year of July 1 - June 30. This year, we will be sending a check in the amount of \$985. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund. The Special Event expense represents the cost to the Club of hosting Bill Helman, Trustee, at a dinner at Acacia Country Club free of charge to members. Please contact Libby Sobota, Treasurer, with any questions regarding the Club's financial statements at 440-487-6052.

Libby Sobota '83

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Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2011

	<u>Aug 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Key Bank Checking	6,055.54
Total Checking/Savings	<u>6,055.54</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>6,055.54</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,055.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Assets	6,603.68
Net Income	-548.14
Total Equity	<u>6,055.54</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>6,055.54</u>

Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio Profit & Loss January through August 2011

	<u>Jan - Aug 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
CMA Event	130.00
Dues Income	1,635.00
Operating Fund Income	265.00
Scholarship Fund Income	450.00
Trustee Dinner	210.00
Total Income	<u>2,690.00</u>
Expense	
Alumni Newsletter	181.18
Bank Service Charges	10.50
Insurance	153.00
PayPal Fees	22.94
Special Events	2,870.52
Total Expense	<u>3,238.14</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-548.14</u>
Net Income	<u>-548.14</u>



Peter Raskind addresses the Ivy15



Dog days of summer



Current students at the Holiday Luncheon



Young alums at the Great Issues on the Cuyahoga event



Walking in the park

Letter from the President, cont.

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We're particularly excited by two new initiatives. Ted Olson '78 heads our Dartmouth Alumni Book Award Program. This program recognizes and rewards high school juniors who excel both academically and in their extra curricular activities. It also encourages these talented students to consider Dartmouth. This past year we presented four students with books, three were given *The Poetry of Robert Frost*, and one received Dr. Seuss's *Oh, the Places You'll Go*. Our committee members were in attendance at the awards ceremonies held at Hudson High School, Western Reserve Academy, St. Edwards High School, and St. Martin de Porras. Additionally, Saul Kliorys '05 made a connection for St. Martin de Porras High School with Dartmouth Bound, a summer college immersion opportunity through the Admissions Office. In this highly competitive environment, programs like this one help us present Dartmouth as a viable college of choice, reaching students in the early high school years and helping high school guidance counselors connect with a small college in New Hampshire.

Speaking of recruiting and interviewing, Jay Hole '81 (441) and Ray Boniface '78 (443) are our District Enrollment Directors. They do a fantastic job organizing our alumni interviews and disseminating information to our members, applicants, and anxious parents. Every applicant receives an interview. Jay and Ray match over 120 students with an interviewer, while juggling emails, phone calls, and the holding of nervous hands. They're always looking for a few more volunteers. In this day and age, especially with the common college application, it's hard to keep up with the record number of college bound kids. Kudos, too, to our DCNEO

Dartmouth Admissions, cont.

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Perhaps unsurprisingly, it seems that such an increase in applicant numbers will include a larger number of less committed students, so that we had 10 applicants who did not follow through with the interview.

In all, six applicants were offered admission to the college, in line with the national average of about 10% this year. Only one of these students decided to matriculate, so our yield was not what could be hoped, despite strong outreach by many DCNEO members.

In all, there are bound to be vagaries and frustrations in today's hyper and competitive college application environment. DCNEO continues to provide exemplary service to Dart-

mouth young alums. Once the acceptances go out April 1 they organize and personally deliver GREEN tee shirts to every student accepted at Dartmouth. These students have many options, even if we think there's only one. This small gesture welcomes our new admits warmly, and hopefully leads them to Hanover.

Our year begins and ends with a visit by the Big Green Bus. We are one of the last stops on an eleven week odyssey for thirteen students promoting sustainability and alternative fuel sources. Rolling into town in a 1998 MCI coach converted to run on waste vegetable oil and outfitted with solar panels, their mission is to help create a future that sustains people, the environment, and the economy. They promote awareness and enthusiasm for sustainability through the sharing of information and innovation and they are wonderful ambassadors for Dartmouth. Come meet them the next time they stop by.

As you have read, we have been turning the Metroparks all the more green! I invite you to join us as we walk a trail in each of the Metropark reservations. We've been to five so far, and have canoed the Upper Cuyahoga River, typically meeting on a Saturday morning for a hike followed by lunch of Grum's grinders. In September we met at the Lake Erie Science Center in Bay Village for a late afternoon Peregrine Falcon talk and exhibit, followed by a walk and an early dinner at the nearby Moosehead Saloon. We want to keep our programming as diverse and eclectic as our members. Let's be in touch; we are eager for your suggestions and, of course, your participation. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

- Mark Heller '70
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mouth, and to the students in our area. My thanks and compliments to all who participate, and an invitation is open to all to join in for the upcoming year. Despite the challenges, it is very rewarding to meet many smart and charming young people, and help bring them in touch with Dartmouth.

Lastly, and sadly, I'd like to note the recent passing of Dick Buccey. Dick was unfailingly cheerful, hardworking, friendly, and helpful beyond belief in the interview process. He exuded love for Dartmouth, and genuine concern for the kids who apply to the College. A wonderful guy, whom I will miss.

Respectfully,
 Ray Boniface '78
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Dartmouth Club Of Northeast Ohio

2012 Dues Request

We appreciate your support. Your dues pay for mailings, newsletters, Club events, recruiting activities and support for undergraduates at Dartmouth from our area. Your dues allow you to attend Club events at a discount.

Dues Schedule

10 years out and less \$ 5.00
11 years out and more \$30.00

Dues \$ _____

Operation Fund (to help defray the normal operating expenses of the Club) \$ _____

Scholarship Fund (provides scholarship monies to undergraduates from our area) \$ _____

Alumni/ae Book Award Program \$ _____

Total \$ =====

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Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

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We Want Your Updated Contact Information....

DARTMOUTH CLUB of NORTHEAST OHIO

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Or mail your info on the dues form before December 1st 2011

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Two Free Nights at the new Six South Street Hotel.



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HANOVER

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COST OF EVENTS & KEEPING YOU INFORMED OF CLUB NEWS.**