The close of Fall Term, which came the day before Thanksgiving, is a good time to celebrate Dartmouth undergraduates—they are, after all, the heart and soul of Dartmouth College. Even though this fall term was relatively quiet—few campus-wide, consuming, or controversial issues—the campus was alive with discussion, debate, competition, performances and so much more.

- Students marked the mid-term elections with meet and greet sessions with candidates from across the political spectrum. One of these sessions erupted into controversy over inappropriate behavior and words, a discussion of which found its way into our Class of ’76 Facebook page, the local newspaper and the Drudge Report, among other publications.
  - Student-athletes distinguished themselves on the gridiron and soccer field, and across the running trails of New England and beyond. The men’s soccer team came in first in the Ivy League and made it to the second round of the NCAA post-season tournament before bowing to Providence. The women’s cross-country team captured its second straight Ivy League Heptagonal Championship—the sixth such Ivy League crown in the program’s history. The football team came in second in the Ivy League behind Harvard and posted an 8-2 overall record.
  - Student film enthusiasts enjoyed cutting edge feature length films and shorts from the Telluride Film Festival. My personal favorite from the feature films was La Diplomatie and Bot and Dolly from the shorts.
  - Student singers (classical, contemporary, gospel, and jazz) joined together to wow the homecoming crowd at Dartmouth Sings 2014. Walt Cunningham, director of the Gospel Choir, produced the multi-media event, and the vibrations are still pulsing through the beams of Spaulding Auditorium!

There were also performances in the theaters and on the stages; provocative editorials in student publications (including a call for the end of the Greek system by a GLO leader); and student-directed projects, experiments and research into topics which simply boggle the mind.
Among the items I received in the mailbox recently was a letter of thanks from one of our three Class of '76 student scholarship recipients Doug Payne ’15, who has attended some of our class functions and has given permission to share his letter with classmates. He writes:

Dear Members of the Class of 1976,

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for your continued support of my time at Dartmouth. Not a day passes when I don’t feel extremely lucky and blessed to be exposed to this vibrant community and the many possibilities that this extraordinary institution offers. It is truly an understatement to say that I am stunned to already have completed my junior year at the College-time certainly waits for no one!

After a great Sophomore Summer experience, I returned home to my native New Jersey, where I spent fall term working for Egon Zehnder, a management-consulting firm in New York that specializes in executive searches. The internship was very rewarding; I learned tons of invaluable professional development skills, and I was able to get a better sense of what I might want to do after Dartmouth. It felt great to be back on the Hanover Plain for winter term. I took Government 58: International Political Economy, Economics 39: International Trade, and completed my last distributive requirement with Earth Sciences 9: Earth’s Resources. I was enthralled by all three of them.

Outside of the classroom, I remain quite busy. I continue to work in the Hopkins Center administrative offices, and I have started refereeing intramural hockey games. Additionally, I was named programming chair for Psi Upsilon, where we have forged a relationship with The Haven, a local homeless shelter. My voice can also be heard over the airwaves on 99ROCK, where I DJ on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Once again, many, many thanks for supporting my endeavors at Dartmouth. I truly mean it when I say that being affiliated with the Class of 1976 has been an absolute pleasure.

All the best,
Douglas Payne ’15
Now on to Class of ’76 News...

...from our fearless class officers:

The PREZ—Andy Gettinger:

It’s been over two months since we learned of Melanie Matte’s passing. As I took over the role of acting treasurer, it became increasingly clear what a wonderful steward of our financial affairs Melanie had been. Quietly, competently, and successfully, she led the Class of ’76 to a secure financial footing.

This year with her approval we have reduced Class Dues in the hope that many more classmates will be encouraged to participate. In the coming weeks those who have yet to contribute will receive a second dues request from Paul (Kim) Windrath. Paul traveled from Oneonta to Hanover and back yesterday (Black Friday) to meet with me and take over the duties of the class treasurer following last weekend’s executive committee action naming him to the position. Paul has already brought new energy and ideas to the role, and we are grateful that he has stepped up. Paul leaves a big void as class webmaster – a position that we are hoping to recruit one of you to fill. The webmaster role has become progressively less technical over time as the College has provided significant infrastructure support. If you are interested please contact Paul, Steve Melikian, or me.

Have a happy holiday season & stay tuned for more information about class activities in this and future newsletters.

The new MONEY MAN—Paul Windrath:

I have big shoes to fill! Melanie Matte, with your help, made it possible to reduce class dues. When does anything go down these days? It seems only right that, for most of us being in our 60th year, the Class dues are $60. Not to worry, future dues amounts will not follow the obvious aging logic of $61 when we are 61, etc. The $60 dues covers class communication, a Memorial Book fund, and the scholarship fund (3 students). All are worthy causes. And, if there is anything I learned from your Happy Birthday replies, it is that we, members of the Class of ’76, like to keep in touch; we like to know what is happening in the lives of our classmates. Please continue to help making that possible. Many supporters make much possible.

The easiest way to make payment on your class dues is through the Class of ’76 website http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/76/pages/duesform.html. Although we go through PayPal, you do not need a PayPal account – being a Guest will suffice. You can also send a check (made out to the Class of 1976) to: Dartmouth 1976, Ledyard National bank, Box 799, Hanover, NH 03755.

At this busy time of the year, may your life be filled with family, friends, and good cheer!

The SOCIAL ORGANIZER (a/k/a Mini-Reunion Chair)—Bob Wetzel:

On October 18, an intrepid crew of 15 or so classmates (Jim Beattie, Mark Lacasse, Dana Rowan, Neil Van Dyke, MK Beach, Bob Hurst, Csatari and Wetzel), Class of ’74s, ’77’s and ’78s (Tom Csatari, Carol Hildman Van Dyke, Pete Volanakis, Gary Rogers, Barry Harwick, Leslie Embs Bradford and DeeDee Granzo Simpson) gathered prior to the Homecoming football game at the home of Judy Csatari. Braving threatening skies and intermittent rain showers, the group enjoyed an Oktoberfest feast of brats, beer and companionship before moving on to the game. The group came from as far as Arizona, and a good time was had by all!

Looking forward to 2015, I would like to organize a series of regional mini-reunions throughout the country for classmates to gather without having to travel too far. Several of these were held in the past year, including Washington, D.C., Seattle and Florida. If you would be willing to work with me to organize a reunion in your area, drop me an email at sidusgroup@gmail.com. It’s really very simple to organize, especially given the tools we have available through Alumni Affairs!
From the WEB COMMUNICATOR (who is looking for someone to fill his shoes!)—Paul Windrath:

I have been maintaining the website for the past 6 years or so. I enjoy doing it, but it deserves more attention, creative organization, energy and connection with social media. I have maintained the website in Dreamweaver, which can be complicated. The good news is that Dartmouth has made it much easier to maintain a consistent style for content from page to page. The conversion is not hard – just takes some time, which is in short supply now that I’ve taken on the role of Class Treasurer.

If you have some website management experience (professionally or personally) and have the time, please consider becoming involved. I was nervous about taking on the job, but So Glad I dove in. You will be too!

From the HEAD AGENTS—Naomi Baline Kleinman, JT Knight and Andy Shaw:

Make Your Gift Go Further with a $76 Match this December

Greeting Classmates,

We're riding high after last year's award-winning performance in the Dartmouth College Fund, and already planning the year ahead. In order to get a jump on giving and to avoid the last-minute, nail-biting rush of June, we would like to encourage everyone to make their DCF gift early this year.

As an incentive for you to get on board now, a group of anonymous alums from our Class has agreed to ADD $76 to any gift, of any size, to the DCF, made in December. That’s right, a gift of only $10 becomes $86, a gift of $50 becomes $126, etc. So even a small gift can go a long way. Plus, giving now is "Green". It saves on resources in many ways.

We know many of you are regular and generous contributors to the DCF and may have already given this year, and we and the College thank you. But for those not yet in the “I Contributed” column, here's a great opportunity for you to do so now.

You can make your gift or a pledge online at dartmouth-collegefund.org, by telephone at 603-646-3621 or by mailing a check to Dartmouth College Fund, c/o Gift Recording Office, Dartmouth College, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, NH 03755.

Calling All Volunteers

The key to our Class's ongoing success will be in our ability to recruit and engage a larger cadre of volunteers. If you have any time to give, please let us know. It's fun to be involved and, as an added bonus, it provides an opportunity to connect with classmates, some of whom you may not have spoken with in many years. So, if you get an email or a call from one of us or from our Class's Managing Director at DCF, Carolyn Shapiro-Wall, please consider making both a financial commitment as well as offering a little of your time.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Your Co-head Agents:
Naomi, JT, Andy

The GIFT PLANNER—Steffi Valar:

The Bartlett Tower Society honors all who have included Dartmouth in their estate plan and have notified the College that they have done so. The great Class of 1976 has 28 living Society members for which Dartmouth is very grateful. There is no minimum gift level to join.

Class of 1976 Bartlett Tower Society Members
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Amy J. Gillenson Stefanie B. Valar & Edward A. Hauck
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W. Philipp Hertz, Jr. * Deceased
Hilary W. Hoge, M.D.
Naomi Baline Kleinman
There are many ways to become a Society member. For example, you can direct that the “Trustees of Dartmouth College” receive a percentage or set amount through your will or trust. The folks in Dartmouth’s Gift Planning Office would be happy to provide sample language.

Another way to become a Bartlett Tower Society member is to simply update the beneficiary designation form for your insurance policy, IRA or retirement plan (e.g., 401(k), 403(b), SEP or KEOGH). You can name both your spouse and Dartmouth as primary beneficiaries, indicating a specific dollar amount or percentage to be distributed to each at your passing.

If your bequest is “unrestricted,” it will be used to support the College’s highest priorities. Your bequest can also be “restricted”. For example, you can direct that it be added to an existing endowment fund like the Class of 1976 Scholarship Endowment. If a minimum dollar level is met, your bequest can be used to create an endowment fund in your name or in the names of loved ones whom you want to honor. Endowments support the important work of the College in perpetuity. In other words, your love for Dartmouth lasts forever.

If you are already a Bartlett Tower Society member, thank you for your wonderful generosity. If not, please become one. For information, contact the Gift Planning Office in Hanover toll-free at 1-800-451-4067 or at gift.planning@dartmouth.edu. You can also get in touch with Stefanie at stefanie.valar@fandm.edu.

...from the College:

Dear Fellow Alumni,

The Dartmouth Alumni Council is pleased to notify you that the council’s Alumni Liaison Committee (ALC) has completed its seventh annual report to the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees. The report is available online and is divided into two parts (the report and its appendices) for easier viewing.

The ALC annual report summarizes the council's activities and provides an overview of the top alumni communication themes and other alumni correspondence trends of the Alumni Council and the Alumni Liaison Committee in the 2013-2014 year.

The ALC is comprised of nominated and elected members from the Alumni Council, the Association of Alumni Executive Committee, and the general alumni body. The ALC gathers feedback from individual alumni and shares this information with the trustees, the College administration, and the general alumni body. Flow charts illustrating how the ALC functions and interacts with alumni groups and the College are also available online.

As board chair Bill Helman ’80 affirms above, the trustees are listening to you and are committed to this two-way dialogue with the alumni through your Alumni Council representatives and the ALC. The College, the council, and the trustees are eager to hear from you, and to learn more about your thoughts, observations, or concerns.

We welcome your feedback on the report, and ways that we can improve our communication with alumni. Please send your suggestions and questions to ALC@dartmouth.edu. You can also find your council representative for 2014–2015 in our online directory.

The members of the Alumni Council appreciate your communications and are looking forward to another great year of dialogue with you.

Best regards,

Mark Davis ’81, ’84Tu
Chair, Alumni Liaison Committee

Lou Spelios ’95
President Dartmouth Alumni Council

From the office of Martha J Beattie ’76
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Have you ever considered volunteering as a Dartmouth College interviewer? It is a wonderful way to get to know other Dartmouth alums and to meet potential Dartmouth undergraduates from your area. Please go to this link if you think you might be interested in this worthwhile and rewarding volunteer activity:

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Paul Lazarus’ documentary *Slingshot* received the Neapolitan Award, one of seven awarded, at the Naples International Film Festival. And Paul has been named to the 2014 NH Magazine’s “It list”, a list of 14 influential Granite Staters who represent the arts, philanthropy, business, the local food movement, sports, science, education and more.

**Kamen Chronicler**

**Paul Lazarus**

Paul Lazarus is a veteran TV and film director with a lengthy IMDb profile but just one feature length documentary, a movie featuring NH’s (and America’s) most famous inventor, Dean Kamen. The film is named after Kamen’s latest world-saving contraption, a water-purification system called “Slingshot.” The name refers to the Biblical story of David and Goliath where a monster was felled by a simple device and that’s what Kamen spent 15 years working on, a simple and reliable way to provide clean water to countries beset with drought, pollution and water-borne illness. Lazarus, a Dartmouth graduate, had been a colleague of Kamen’s for more than 20 years, producing films for his FIRST Robotics program, but it was with a little shared missionary zeal that he undertook this film, which has consumed the last three years of his life. He’s now engineering ways to get the film to the public, because building the device to fell the beast is only half the battle. The next phase is delivering the fatal blow to the world’s water crisis once and for all.

**Classmates Leland Englebardt and Parker MacDonell submitted photos in response to the sad news of Robert (“Boris”) Fisher’s death.**

I was absolutely stunned and very saddened to read about Bob Fisher’s passing. I remember Bob well, especially from the summer term when we both resided in Middle Fayerweather Hall. I’ve attached a dorm group photo from that summer of 1973; Bob is sitting in the lower left of the snap with his face in profile. Jamie Bergford, in checked shirt, is just right of center. John Krick is on the extreme left, sitting in front of the column. Ken Horton is sitting on the steps in front of Jamie. John Gleason’s face peeks out from the doorway, resting his chin on the shoulder of a fellow with curly blonde hair (I vaguely recall that fellow’s first name was Rob). That’s me (Leland Englebardt) in front wearing the white Dartmouth shirt.

[editor: If you recognize other folks in this photo, please send along the names and I’ll post them in the next newsletter.]
A group of Middle Fayerweather Hall friends helped to celebrate the life of Robert Fisher (aka Boris) yesterday (October 4th) at St. Michael’s Church in Manhattan. From left to right: Tom Ruegger ’76, Allen Church ’76, Al MacPhial ’78, Parker MacDonell ’76, Don Rendall ’78, Chuck Reach ’76 (holding a picture of Boris), and Scott Macfarlane ’78. Parker opened the memorial service by singing a song that he and Boris had written together, and Chuck Reach gave a moving and funny eulogy for Boris at the reception after the service. Then we repaired to the Chinese restaurant next door and partied like it was the fall of 1974. Boris, we'll remember you until the end of our days, to quote Chuck Reach.

from Judy Zimicki Gianforte on the November 8th Service of Remembrance for Jan Sorice:

About 150 people gathered in Rollins Chapel for a wonderful memorial celebration that included music, poems, and remembrances from Jan's minister Patience Stoddard, college and Upper Valley friend Peter Gilbert and brothers Mike and John. Out-of-town folks that would like a program from the service send along your address.

Then a nice gathering at the Top of the Hop to meet others, share stories, listen to great music from Jeremiah and Annemieke McLane. Finally some traveled to Occom Pond to release some of Jan to the wind and the water before walking around the pond.

Once again Jan brought together an extraordinary group of friends to meet each other and share their zest for life, their opinions and their passions. Thank you Jan, and thank you friends.

Dear Paul.... 60th BIRTHDAY STORIES (Continued)

Paul Windrath continues to send out birthday greetings to classmates and to receive 60th birthday stories in return. This batch is as diverse, fascinating and compelling as the last. Enjoy...

David Davenport

You asked how I celebrated my big SIX-O birthday. Friends are very important to me, and are a key part of the fabric of my happy life. I rented my husband’s and my favorite local restaurant (the whole small place) and hosted a sit down brunch for 30 people with three courses, plus champagne and wine. The photos of the event tell the story well. Everyone’s laughing and smiling and
having a genuinely good time. Since we entertain regularly, most of our friends know each other, and look forward to our events so they can catch up with old friends and meet and make new ones. Time moved slowly and effortlessly, with almost five hours passing by without me realizing how late it had gotten!

Dessert included an homage to Hawaii. I asked the chef to prepare panna cotta with an Hawaiian-inspired lilikoi (passionfruit) granita along with pineapple chunks. It looked beautiful and tasted divine. I may try to duplicate it out here myself!

The house we are building here in Hawaii is three-quarters complete, and on schedule. We plan to keep our home in Tarrytown NY and live in HI December to February. My husband is a landscape designer, so he doesn’t work in the winter. He’s really looking forward to his first full winter in Hawaii! My job since January 9th is kept man. I seem to be a natural at it, and didn’t realize what a coveted position it is. Everyone who hears me describe my job as “kept man” asks how they can get that kind of work!

I will forward some of the photos of the 60th birthday party to you later today. Feel free to use any of them in newsletters. I will also send the latest HI construction blog when I complete it later this week.

Aloha!

PS One more thing. I gave myself the gift of a quadricopter drone equipped with a GoPro video camera for my birthday. I will be using it to film the lava as it flows near, and probably through, our local village of Pahoa.

Jim Crawford

My 60th was a workday Friday Oct 3. I had just gotten back from a business trip (Chicago) in the wee hours of Friday morning (1:00 AM) - the usual (Thursday) evening delays out of O’Hare Airport in Chicago. Back at work on Friday, our “Laboratory Service Line” for the 17-hospital North Shore-LIJ Health System has a major building project in play (so far, “on paper”), and most of Friday was spent working to move this project forward. So all I had in mind was a quiet dinner at home with my wife of 41.5 years, Aleta - precisely this “quiet dinner and a bottle of wine” idea. (This was an improvement over my 50th birthday, which occurred during yet another business trip, that time to Washington, D.C.). Quite honestly, sharing important moments with family - and as many other moments in between - is at the top of my list, always.

With our son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren in the Boston area, and our daughter in the New York metropolitan area, it was only a matter of time before my wife and I came back to the Northeast. I am hoping to stay with the North Shore-LIJ Health System for the duration - this is the best place I could be for what I hope to accomplish over the remainder of my career (looking comfortably towards age 70 and potentially beyond).

And my bucket list is very short. Time with grandchildren is hard to come by, but cherished. I have gotten involved with the “Ever Green Boat Club” - the alumni rowing club of Dartmouth College, and am having a grand time being involved again with competitive rowing. My wife and I both draw tremendous nourishment from visiting the White Mountains of New Hampshire (summer, fall, and winter) - we do so whenever possible. Of such simple things is a fulfilling life made.

[editor: Jim Crawford, MD, PhD, is Executive Director and Senior Vice President of Laboratory Services and Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the North Shore-LIJ Health System and Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.]

John Sherman

My 60th Birthday comes just over 20 years after I was seriously injured in a bicycle accident, which required some miraculous surgery, dental work, and painful physical therapy to restore function. I tried to make sense of life while I was recovering from the accident and subsequently had to deal with losing my job (with the added bonus of a public announcement that management was simply eliminating the “dead wood”). I realized that I had taken the most important parts of life for granted and resolved never to forget that family, real friends, and whatever health one has are all precious and everything else is unearned dessert. In the end, it all gets taken away, so, I try to celebrate each day, keep it positive, look for and take opportunities to try something new, and share what I have. The recent loss of three friends among our classmates underscored the lessons.

I have been very fortunate since learning those lessons and have found myself in the enviable position of supporting others who are going through hard times. Losing the job that I loved turned out great. It was taking up too much of my life and energy and I would have burned out. After a difficult year and a half, I was asked by
a judge whether I was interested in being his law clerk and that work has turned out far more fulfilling than my earlier endeavors. It is also wonderful to have one’s work appreciated.

Two answers to your question: My birthday was marked quietly at home with a bottle of California bubbly and interesting cheeses selected by my spouse, best-friend, and Phi Tau fraternity brother, Peggy McGrath Sherman ’78. In keeping with celebrating daily life, I consider all last week part of the birthday celebration, which included accepting an invitation to play guitar for some friends who were preparing a workshop on how to sing harmony; finally learning something about how to sing harmony and performing at a subsequent Talent Show; researching and drafting a couple of decisions on novel and interesting topics for the judges that I work for; listening to the troubles of and sympathizing with a couple of people who have not yet learned the lessons above (and, most difficult for this naturally officious intermeddler, leaving them to discover the lessons themselves); enjoying nature, conversation, and leading a two hour sing-a-long with 40 people at our Church’s annual retreat on the shores of Lake George, and getting the tropical plants that have flourished in our backyard retreat over the Summer inside for the Winter.
Writing? French?) around here. Perhaps I’ll coach swimming or maybe rugby. One thing is sure: as soon as I have more time to burn, I will use it to return the surprising favor the College did me one day long ago. I’ve been an alumni admissions interviewer for my entire post-Dartmouth career. I will continue that and if I can contribute to the life of the College in other ways, I will be ready.

[editor: Michael Fried, MD is at the Center for Structural Biology, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry at the University of Kentucky.]

**Noreen Quinn Fisher**

Rip and I just go from one endless summer to the next. Down here in sunny Florida (we drove down from New York in Sept.) it is in the 80s and the humidity has abated, so every day is a good day to be outdoors.

In our “youth” we never would’ve seen ourselves in Florida, but, when the time came to move out of New York, our original plan of the Virgin Islands seemed too remote given the potential for medical issues to arise in our years ahead. We just took the plunge and surprisingly we love it. The days are sunny and long, the food is fresh and we eat loads of fish, and we get more and more varied exercise here than we would up north. My health, I know, has taken a turn for the better. We live in a more “rural” area at Sailfish Point, a gated Golf, Tennis and Boating community on a barrier Island, Hutchinson Island. Since most people are from elsewhere, everyone is very friendly and we are building connections and a productive and fulfilling life through community service.

That said, I had meetings set up on my actual 60th birthday so much time was spent indoors. On my big day, as president of the League of Women Voters of Martin County, I made a presentation to a group of lawyers about the ballot initiatives on the Florida ballot. To my surprise they were getting CLE credits for this and I am not even a lawyer. Finally, I can cross “lecturer” off my bucket list.

In the afternoon I had a meeting to review our community’s governing documents and address some resident questions and comments. I have been part of a task force rewriting these documents for three years. My involvement stems from my service as a former local elected official in New York. But...I do like the task and am pretty good at it and wonder...Is it too late to become a lawyer???

Rip and I had a nice dinner at home with some presents and then the highlight of the entire day was when my three daughters each called with news and birthday greetings. It was a rewarding and fulfilling day. Nothing could have been better.

**Chris Sega**

To celebrate, a friend and I rode our bicycles yesterday to a local crab house on the Potomac River, where our spouses and some friends met us for lunch. Lots of spiced crabs (Maryland style) and beverages (it being important to hydrate after exercise). I view turning 60 as good news – I’m now the youngest in my age 60-64 racing bracket!

I left C&B at the beginning of 2000. I now head Venable’s DC office’s Wealth Planning group. This Fall marks my 13th year on the faculty at Georgetown Law, where I Co-Chair the school’s Certificate in Wealth Planning – a specialized two-semester course for LLM(Tax) candidates. It’s great fun.

I haven’t been up to Hanover since 1976, but I stay involved through the applicant interview program. This is something I recommend others sign up for. Please let me know how you decide to celebrate – youngster.

Let me know if you find out what **Dave Benedict, Brick Root, Tom Heim,** and **Bill Penhallurick** do to celebrate!
Charlie Brumback

I am observing today’s auspicious occasion (my 60th) quietly with my wife of 30 years at our beach condo (New Smyrna Beach, FL – about 70 miles from our home in Orlando). We did celebrate my birthday on a bit grander scale a couple weeks ago. We took a cruise with friends on SeaDream II from Civitavecchia, Italy (outside Rome) to Monte Carlo followed by 4 nights in Paris before returning home. Having spent my 50th birthday on the same ship at St. Tropez, it seemed like the perfect way to celebrate my 60th. I wonder where the ship (and I will be in 10 years).

Your Googling had you somewhat on the right track. It was my father who was involved with Tribune Company, retiring as Chairman and CEO in 1995 and it was his twin sister (my aunt) who passed away a couple years ago. I’ve been extremely fortunate to have had some wonderful family members and role models throughout my 60 years.

Thanks again for your note and all the best to you and yours. I hope that your 60th finds you well and that you are able to celebrate in a manner most enjoyable and fulfilling.

Dick Monkman

It obviously makes sense that we’d all turn 60 the same year but... who’d thought it would actually happen, so fast?

Nothing special today, just catching up on reading on the lanai. We’ve got one foot in Juneau and one in Hawaii, where our youngest is attending high school. I split my time, practicing Native American law in Alaska and up and down the west coast and hanging out here in Honolulu as often as possible (though tethered to the mainland working world via a fast fiber optic cable).

We had my 60th celebration a year early, on the occasion of our 30th wedding anniversary. Tina and I combined those two plus a couple other assorted reasons for celebration and went to Bhutan for a couple weeks, with stops in Thailand in the way and Korea on the way back. It was a blast -- amazing scenery, incredible culture and wonderful people.

Three of our family have November birthdays (Tina, our oldest son Tatsu and me) and we traditionally have a joint birthday dinner somewhere roughly in the epicenter of the birthdays. This year it will be at a fine local restaurant in Honolulu (“MW”) with a group of friends.

So, with that --aloha!

Sandro (Satch) Orlando

Everybody keeps saying that 60 is the new 40. To me it’s just another number.

As for celebrating it, nothing out of the ordinary. I work out early in the morning so a few of us regularly have coffee and baileys on Friday mornings – usually around 6-ish. So that’s how my day started. The ladies at the office had some cake and lemon meringue pie which was great. My wife organized a birthday dinner for me with some friends – low key but we did more than a “nice bottle of wine”. Maybe about 6 of them!!

If you haven’t been back to Sudbury [Ontario] in a while, you probably wouldn’t recognize it. Large box stores all over the place. However, not hard to forget that some Apollo astronauts went there to practice their “moonwalking”!

Played hockey up until this year. Had some issues with my groins so I decided not to continue. Just an excuse to have a couple of beer anyway!

Milton Harsh

Well, a lot of nice bottles of wine were consumed, but there was no “quiet dinner” as you put it. My wife (Allison) and I headed to Las Vegas with 4 other couples, all best of friends, for four nights. Perhaps the most fun I’ve ever had on a brief
trip – golf, fine restaurants, gambling, people watching, spa, shows, helicopter to Grand Canyon, shopping, football (I am from Alabama), etc., were enjoyed by some or all of the group over the four days and nights. Of course, the best part of any such adventure is sharing it with my wonderful wife and best friends.

As for work, yes, I started Harsh Realty Capital in 2003 – I work with wealthy families and individuals, along with a few trusts, putting them (and me) in private, one-off real estate deals. The primary focus for the last 4 years has been multi-family in Texas, though we’ve also done other property types and some private equity transactions (mostly healthcare related). The best work decision I ever made was going to work for myself, though leaving the practice of law in 1981 after two years is a close second.

Cindy Shannon
Part of what I did to mark the coming of my 60th year was to participate in the People's Climate March in NYC September 21. Jim Antal (my husband) and I marched in the "people of faith" contingent (which, interestingly, included atheists and agnostics! The more the merrier! We are all on this beautiful, wounded planet together.) As I look toward the next few decades, caring for future generations is much on my mind and heart. And so I marched. It was a wonderful, hopeful day.

[editor: Cindy is chair of the Theology Department and teaches ethics and religion at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA.]

Greg Payne
Didn’t do anything special per se, although my wife Jo did put on a fabulous big party for me. Great food, plenty of drinks and bunch of surprises thrown in. Ironically we had exactly 60 guests. My daughter Katherine (who is a ’13) came out from New York although my son Douglas (a ’15) was not able to make it because he had exams and papers this coming week. Beyond that, a good time was had by all with plenty bottles and cans to recycle the next day. Nevertheless, I can tell the parties get a bit shorter each year that goes by…. but we did make it to the wee hours. Thank goodness we old guys still know how to throw a party!

[editor: Greg lives in Santa Barbara, California.]

Joe Jasinski
I spent the day with my family visiting one of our daughters and her husband in Pittsburgh and seeing Falling Water - the Frank Lloyd Wright home. The last time I was at Falling Water was around 1978 with a group from the Ledyard Canoe Club - we were in the area for a spring break kayak trip and decided to add some culture to our kayaking. The big 60th birthday adventure was earlier this year - my wife and I took a cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula from Ushuaia Argentina in January. I highly recommend it even if you do get seasick.

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Melinda Hungerford Harder
I’m amazed at all the connections we have ... Dartmouth, Chicago, statistics. The way you are thinking of celebrating your birthday (a quiet dinner and a nice bottle of wine) is my usual choice, but this year Ralph and I hiked hut to hut for eight days in Italy in the Dolomites. It was challenging and fun, and got my mind off turning 60.

Ted Maker
We celebrated my 60thon safari. Highlights were up close experiences on foot with a bull elephant and with two male lions. (Both well fed at the time. Thank goodness) LifeTech was a life science tool company that has been gobbled up by a larger company. Sadly, it was not my enterprise. Best way to describe it is as the general store in a gold mining town. It supplied all kinds of stuff to the biotech industry.
Ben Ayres
To celebrate my 60th, my wife and I went out dancing with a group of friends, ate sushi, which is always good here on Cape Cod, and are planning a trip to Hong Kong.
Thanks for asking and happy birthday to you when the time comes!

Rick Hill
…scary thing is I have no recollection what I wrote for our 25th - but no - I haven't done the coast to coast ride and yes - I still want to do it!
And yes, I'm still cycling and yes again, it ain't getting any easier!
As for my 60th event yesterday - it was celebrated over a glass of overpriced but delicious champagne followed by dinner and a bottle of French wine in none other than Paris with my lovely bride!
The birthday capped a tremendous week in Paris (my first visit since returning through Paris from my foreign study summer in Leningrad in 1973). No truer words were spoken than from one of my work colleagues who said that "Paris is a LOT more fun when you have some money!". And like Cinderella, we turn into pumpkins tomorrow for the return to Boston and the grim thought of work on Monday morning.
And as soon as I can be "done" with that pesky work "thing", I'll be reaching out to you to join me for that coast to coast ride!
All "c'est bon" here for now.

George Keagle
Actually, a quiet family dinner was the extent of the celebration. For me, the last year or so has been full of milestones.
Both of my adult children graduated with their Masters and moved out of the house, gainfully employed! My daughter got married. Then I took an early out from Lockheed Martin after 30 years. I have a real pension, which is pretty rare now. Currently we are in the process of moving from Maryland to Georgetown, Texas (sometime next spring) to be closer to my wife’s family. Plan to do a lot of hiking, biking and gardening down there. My wife is a Physical Therapist and I will probably help with the business end of her practice. Hard to imagine that we are all turning 60 this year!

Lee Arrison
My birthday was just another day. Didn’t do anything for it, but I have been working on my bucket list the past year. I’ve learned to ride a 5-gaited horse, learned to drive a horse and showed in pleasure driving. I’ve been losing weight and getting into shape. While still have a ways to go to reach my goal weight, I’m in the best condition I’ve been since my twenties. I’ve signed up for my first (and maybe only) 5k. I am basically a computer programmer. I’ve worked for Ruggers for 33 years, but don’t own a gun. I plan on retiring in 8 years and hopefully spend at least 20 more enjoying life and my horses.
From Stephen Shmanske (Berkeley, CA)
I have one more academic year remaining in my 5-year transition from full time through 1/3 time to fully retired from my position at Cal State University, East Bay. I am now Emeritus Professor of Economics which sounds cool but, besides the free parking pass, comes with little else. My latest book, Super Golfonomics, is now published. Check it out. My extra time is devoted to more golf and a new stained-glass hobby. So far my specialty is stained glass renditions of econometrics diagrams. It’s an acquired taste.

From Alfred Stanley (Austin, TX)
I’m president of FireWatch Texas and vice-president of FireWatch America. I installed the first FireWatch early wildlife detection systems sold in the US or Canada. FireWatch is the world’s most effective and widely used smoke detection technology for the outdoors. It is build around space technology developed at the German Aerospace Center. It is a valuable tool for protecting forest resources as well as homes in the wildland-urban interface.

From David Graulich (Fair Oaks, CA)
I’m on my fourth career (not counting professional couch potato). I run a solo law practice focused on people with legal problems in the workplace. My motto is, “Lawyer for People Wronged at Work.” Love the work! Rebecca and I live in Fair Oaks, near Sacramento.

From Sarah Hoagland Hunter (Boston, MA)
I wanted to add [to the piece about Chester Nez and the Code Talkers] that Julie Miner and I made the journey to meet the code talkers together and her incredibly gorgeous illustrations are what made the book! Also, classmate Dave Shribman was nice enough to reprint the letter on the op-ed page of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. My thanks to David.

From Michael Chiarella (Springfield, NH)
Still in Springfield, NH and waiting for the snow guns at Mt. Sunapee to fire up. Susan and I have a new business selling eggs (from our 30 chickens here at Snowbound Farm). This is in addition to running our law office. We plan to attend the mid-winter Dartmouth Lawyers Association meeting at Telluride, CO and meet up with Dick Monkman who plans to come down from Juneau to get a tan with us!

From Steffi Valar (Lancaster, PA)
In June 2014, I joined the Lancaster County (PA) Conservancy Board. I will be retiring on December 19th from my position as Director of Gift Planning at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster after 19 years of service. I plan to "chill" for six months before becoming involved in more non-profit boards or other ventures.

From Leland Englebardt (Westchester County, NY)
As for myself, it's been a winding road since leaving Hanover in 1976. I went to law school and practiced law for five years, but didn't get enough joy from it. I wrote books and articles for a while, then got into a consulting partnership with a former law client; great fun and lots of learning for about ten years, during which I got my MBA at night from NYU. My business partner and I went separate ways in 1996 and I joined MasterCard Worldwide, running the unit that manages the franchise system. I've been with MasterCard ever since. I'm now responsible for the Network Solutions...
group, which manages the global platforms that handle more than $4 trillion worth of credit, debit and prepaid consumer payments per year, plus the global ATM network.

I never thought I'd stay this long with one company, but the work and the industry have held my interest and enthusiasm. I learn something new practically every day.

Speaking of long-term commitments, later this month my wife Jane and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. That is a whole lot more important to me than anything else that's happened since Dartmouth.

Five who climbed Moosilauke...

Many thanks to Melinda Hungerford Harder for providing the photo and text for this story. It was a glorious weekend and ascent up Moosilauke. These ladies have not slowed down one little bit. Mary Heller Osgood lives in Putney, VT where she teaches middle schoolers and continues to be involved in the US ski program; Lynne Brooks is an empty nester in Connecticut—her beloved Charlotte is a senior at Stanford University; Ann Waugh Page has retired from the ER but continues to practice medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Melinda recently retired from teaching math at Bates College and is genuinely happy with her decision, playing tennis and reading lots and lots of books.

During the weekend of September 27th a group of Dartmouth classmates from the first woman's ski team met at the Ravine Lodge for their second annual reunion. Lynne Brooks, Ann Page, Mary Heller Osgood, and Melinda Harder showed up Friday evening, and coach Pam Merrill joined them for cocktails and dinner. Pam was only four years older than the skiers, fresh out of Middlebury, when she started the job. But that was a significant age difference way back then. Now she looks the same age as her former charges (or maybe it’s that the skiers now look more like their coach). It was great to see her.

The four 76ers spent the night in the Ravine Lodge thanks to Lynne's early reservations. Last year they were all in a cabin, far from some of the comforts, to which 60-somethings grow accustomed. The next day Judy Csatari arrived for the hike up Moosilauke. The weather was beautiful, sunny and warm. The fall foliage was near its peak. A lot of other hikers were on the trail: Harvard graduate students, boy scouts, i.e., the usual riffraff. The group made it quickly to the top where the wind picked up. Luckily there was a stone bunker (the remains of the hotel that used to be at the Moosilauke summit!!) where all five hunkered down to eat lunch and stay warm. The group hiked back down on the Carriage Trail, and some took a side trip up to the South Peak. The women encountered Dartmouth President Phil Hanlon ’77 and his wife Gail Gentes a’77 at the junction of the two trails, and Lynne hiked down part of the mountain with them. The hikers ran into the Hanlons again near the bottom of the trail and re-connected with Lynne there. The final descent was to the brook where everyone enjoyed a plunge, some only to their ankles (Judy and Melinda), others all the way in (Mary). Ann went in up to her waist, and Lynne lay in the chilly stream three times up to her neck!

Judy went back to Hanover that evening, and Mary, Ann, Lynne, and Melinda left the next morning. It was a wonderful experience to be together again.
Editor’s Final Words…

I have run into several classmates these past few months: Rick Zimmerman and Charlie Kern, who were in town for their annual Class of ’76 fall road trip to Hanover; Gordie Nye, who joined the Homecoming Parade with his younger daughter, LuLu, and who was visiting from Princeton, NJ; Rich Horan, Dave Shribman, John Gleason, Tom Souza, Shoun Kerbaugh and Byron Anderson who were in the stands, on the way to the press box or on the sidelines of home football games. I chatted briefly with Kathy Joyce Brennan and Jack Brennan and spotted, from afar, Rich Hayes at an alumni event prior to the Dartmouth v. Princeton football game. I see local alums frequently, too, but most notably Mary Ellen Treadway Colt, Martha Hennessey (who is now a NH state representative!!), Martha Johnson Beattie, Bob Wetzel, Sean Gorman (whose son, Dan, is among the group of football players we encourage and feed on a regular basis!) and Andy Gettinger.

You’d think I’d have something pithy to say to bring this newsletter to a close, but I think the foregoing text does that all by itself. I do have two requests: 1) as you write your holiday greetings, please consider sending a copy to me or Jay Josselyn, class secretary extraordinaire, for inclusion in the DAM class notes column or in the class newsletter; and 2) please send stories and photos of your travel adventures to me for a new column for the newsletter: Where in the World? Thanks.

Throughout this newsletter I have sprinkled photos of this year’s Telluride Film Festival feature films. There are six altogether. The first classmate to name them all properly and in the order that they appear in this newsletter, will receive a small gift from yours truly — and remember, I’m a chocoholic!!

Best wishes to you and yours during this cold and dark time of year. May your holiday traditions and activities bring light into your life and into this world.