

# Along Route '66



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## **40th Reunion Plans**

Based on the survey of classmates, Reunion Chair **Al Keiller** and his 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee have chosen Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29, 2006, for the celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduating from Dear Old Dartmouth. The decision to “go on our own”, rather than adhere to the College’s schedule of a mid-week reunion, will require more intense planning by the Committee, but will give us the opportunity to attract more classmates that are still working and schedule panels and lectures with students and faculty, as the College will still be in session. Committee member **Roger Brett** has already fashioned a preliminary schedule, which includes a full array of dinners, picnics, tours, sporting activities, dances, and a memorial service.

The primary downside is the lack of College-provided housing (dorm rooms), but the Committee is in the process of blocking rooms at a number of hotels in the area at various price-points. Keep in mind that we are not setting an unusual precedent, as the Class of 1967 has had their last two reunions without College assistance, as did the Class of 1964 for their 40<sup>th</sup>, also over Memorial Day. Further details will be forthcoming in the next Newsletter; be sure to mark your calendars now, and encourage others you’re in contact with to do the same !!

## Ski Mini Successful Event

On March 18-21, eleven classmates and guests joined **Tim Urban** at his home, the Shire, in Winter Park, CO, for a weekend of skiing. **Jon Colby** sent along the following “report” on the weekend, along with pictures from the event:

“Great people, great place, fantastic conditions, a host with the most...over the top terrific! To the ladies – Sharon (Broughton), Paula (Jereb), Pietie (Birnie) and Joanna (Jon’s daughter) - thanks for your charming, smiling patience as we dearly devoted Greeners waxed on and on. To **Dean Spatz**, thanks for joining us with your normal upbeat gusto, even after slippin’ your hip. Hope the lookin’ in Wyoming went well. To **Steve Coles**, thanks for traveling the furthest (from Hawaii!). Next stop, a mini reunion in the warm South Pacific Hawaiian breezes? (say yes!) To **Dick Birnie**, thanks for bringing the essence of our favorite place on the planet. To **Walt Knoepfel**, thanks for bringing great spirit and fine form, were you that smooth at the Skiway? To Joanna, thanks for joining your Poppa and representing our next generation with good humor and genuine admiration. And to **Gary Broughton** and **Ed Jereb**, thanks for joining me as repeat winter mini attendees.”



( L to R) Front: Joanna Colby, Tim Urban, Sharon Broughton  
Middle: Jon Colby, Pietie Birnie, Ed Jereb, Steve Coles, Paula Jereb, Gary Broughton  
Rear: Dick Birnie, Walt Knoepfel, Dean Spatz

Walt Knoepfel added his report: “The skiing was good, but the company was even better. It is wonderful to reconnect with old friends, and to make new friends. For example, my roommate in Colorado, whom I did not know at Dartmouth, was Steve Coles. He and his wife will now visit us in San Francisco this summer, and I look forward to scuba diving with him, perhaps in Hawaii, next.”

## Coming Events

Fall 2005 Mini-Reunion	Hanover, NH	October 21-22, 2005
40 <sup>th</sup> Reunion	Hanover, NH	May 26-29, 2006
65th Birthday Party	London, UK (?)	TBD, 2009

### News from Classmates

The contest to determine the youngest son or daughter of Dartmouth '66 continues! You will recall **Gregor McGregor's** Margaret was apparently beaten out by **Bill Wilson's** Henry Clay, born September 29, 2003. Gregor confirmed that Margaret was born four months earlier than Henry, on May 4, 2003. Well, the latest winner comes courtesy of news from **Eric Treisman**: "Speaking of new babies, I have one too: Aaron Ezekiel Treisman, born 11-30-04. Very cute."

Some of us are following the more traditional approach for 60+ year olds by celebrating the birth of grandchildren. **Bob** and Linda **Spence's** son Kevin '97 and wife Susan welcomed Robert Pirie Spence on November 21<sup>st</sup>. In March, son Brian '95's wife Kirsten gave birth to Fiona. The Spences do not have as far to travel to see their granddaughter, who lives outside Hanover in Post Mills, VT, where Brian is an assistant professor and anesthesiologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Robbie, on the other hand, lives in Ashland, OR., where Kevin is learning wine retailing.

**Bill** and Jane **Higgins** had their fifth grandchild, Wyatt Higgins, born to son Mark in Cincinnati on June 18. Current count is three grandsons and two granddaughters.

**Parker Smith** writes, "Saw Joe Barker at our 35<sup>th</sup> Vanderbilt Law School Reunion in October in Nashville. Saw one of the few football teams in the country almost as bad as Dartmouth. Did have a great time. Practicing law in the Florida Panhandle – four kids, four grandkids. Wondering whether I really accomplished much – the question of real justice and access to the American court system. With wife Gayle, thinking of retirement." Parker can be reached at [pbsmith@gnt.net](mailto:pbsmith@gnt.net).

**Noel Fidel** writes, "In September, for the third time in seven years, I will take one of my children on the long trip back to Hanover, stay a while on the sidewalk by Robinson Hall as he learns the first steps of the Salty Dog Rag, and then watch, with that lump of joy and sorrow, pride and hope and memory in my throat as he and his new classmates head across the green toward the Bema to start the first evening of their Freshman trip and Dartmouth adventure. Yes, in December, Alexander, the youngest of our three children, got his great wish and was admitted to the Dartmouth Class of 2009. His brothers Nathan and Louis, who graduated in '02 and '03, were captains of the swim team in their final years, and Alexander, a swimmer too, will even have the chance to swim on the team that they and I were active in the effort to save. Nathan and Louis are closer to home these days, attending law school at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

And as at least some of my classmates know, I have reentered the law school world myself, leaving the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2002, after 20 years as a judge, and taking up new quarters at Arizona State University in Tempe, where I teach Torts, Legal Process, and Law and the Regulatory State and also serve as Associate Dean. I love the teaching role, and I find it particularly stimulating, after being immersed in the tug and pull of the cases as a lawyer and a judge for so many years, to step back, try to bring the bigger picture into focus, and look more critically at some of the notions that I took for granted in the past. Every once in a while, not without some sense of mischief, I give my students one of my old cases and say, “What did Fidel miss here?”

Anne, who was raised and educated in France, is also a teacher these days, teaching French at the same high school that our sons attended—an inner city public school with a magnet International Baccalaureate program. And even Anne can now claim some degree of Dartmouth affiliation. Not long after she began teaching, she attended one of Professor Rassias’s workshops for language teachers, and in the summer of 2003, Anne and I came back to Hanover to attend a Rassias intensive language program in Spanish—a great experience that we recommend to all of you who would love just one more chance to walk across the green to morning class and stretch your mind in Dartmouth Hall.”



(L to R) Nathan, Alexander, Anne, Noel, Louis Fidel

**Ed Grew** sent along two pages of news, from wife Priscilla’s annual Christmas letter, which I’ll try to summarize: “Ed is now Associate Editor of the journal Canadian Mineralogist and Priscilla chairs the US National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, and is Vice Chair of the US National Committee for DIVERITAS (biodiversity sciences). In August 2004 we attended the International Geological Congress in Florence, Italy, where Ed was a co-convener of the symposium “Li, Be, B: Advances in Analysis and Implications for Earth and Environmental Science”. Then we went to Tokyo in October for the 24<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Antarctic Geosciences at the National Institute of Polar Research.”

The letter goes on to relate Ed's work in the Antarctic, specifically a trip in our winter of 2003-2004, his tenth to that continent, during which he spent two weeks doing field work in the Larsemann Hills, where Ed had discovered the rare mineral boralsilite in 1998. While not included in the letter, I believe Ed continues his work as a research professor in geological sciences at the University of Maine in Orono, while Priscilla is Director of the University of Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln. Ed is also an avid observer of rare birds in Maine, the Antarctic, and on a trip to the Canadian Rockies in 2003, during which the photo below was taken. Ed's career is certainly a credit to the class; he can be reached at [esgrew@maine.edu](mailto:esgrew@maine.edu)



Ed and Priscilla Grew

From **Jeff Stein** ([steinnash@bellsouth.net](mailto:steinnash@bellsouth.net)) comes the following email: "Facing 60 left me with two mental options: cash it in as an old man, or put it out there without a sense of ageism holding me back. After flirting with the first, I decidedly moved toward the later creating a website, making a short film now entering the festival circuit, and getting my latest book published. The film, *"Mr. Flood's Party"*, is adapted from the poem by Edwin Arlington Robinson, which has haunted me ever since I encountered it at Dartmouth. I'll keep you updated on its reception. More immediately, I hope some classmates might take a gander at my book *"LIFE, MYTH, AND THE AMERICAN FAMILY UNREELING: The Spiritual Significance of Movies for the 20th Century."* It can be ordered anywhere, but it also can be previewed and downloaded through the publisher's site at [www.universal-publishers.com/browse.php](http://www.universal-publishers.com/browse.php) (click on Entertainment, Music & Drama). The book uses great movies of the 20th century from "Our Town" to "American Beauty" (movies about family relationships) to look deep into our souls and the cultural struggles of our changing times. It even does a little prophesizing about the future of our relationships, using a film from the 21st century. (Sorry, you'll have to click the link above or get the book to find out which movie that is)."

Here's my plan for my 60s: make more films, write more books and screenplays, and keep teaching as an adjunct at the Watkins College Film School in Nashville. Why not? At least until the money runs out, or this personal lottery I'm running for myself pays off." For the computer illiterates amongst us, Jeff can be contacted at 832 Stirrup Drive in Nashville, TN 37221

**Wayne LoCurto** sent along the following: "On April 10 & 11, **Dave Potthoff**, **Steve Zegel** and I met in St. Louis to catch up on old times. It was as if 1966 was yesterday. Dave has lived in St. Louis since October, 1966. He is married to Dede who is a sweetheart. He spent his career in the insurance industry and retired as a Senior Vice President of Marsh & McLennan in January, 2004. Dave just got out of the hospital after a six month stay. He is feeling good and appears to be on his way to a good recovery. Steve has lived in St. Louis since July 1967. He is married to Pat and is looking like he is on the top of his game. Steve is an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Ranken Technical College. Kathy and I continue to live in Westport, CT. I retired as CEO of Heritage Marketing Corp. in December 2001."



(L to R) Steve Zegel, Dave Potthoff, Wayne LoCurto

From **Buck Shinkman** comes the following: "Perhaps a bit of updated family bio is in order, after the events of 2004. Last September, after 26+ great years as a Foreign Service Officer, serving on five continents, spouse Gillian and I felt that we'd "been there, done that", and I decided to leave full-time employment at the State Department. There is a real shortage of FSOs at the moment, and the Department asked me to stay on, to fill a slot in the Bureau of Information Resource Management's Office of eDiplomacy (the Federal Government is never short of long office names, as you will know). The work looked (and is) interesting, so I agreed — but only on a part-time basis, so that I could pursue other interests, too. And, now, I'm flattering my 35+ year affection for motorcycles (and, particularly, Harley-Davidson motorcycles) by working for that Milwaukee institution as a consultant in Washington (doing what our class must now call "doing a Steve Sloca"). So, almost 40 years after graduation, I'm working in two entirely new, stimulating fields, and having a great time. Who'd a thunk it?"

Daughter Claire (Wellesley '01) is thriving as an actor in Boston. Son Paul (St. Mary's College of Maryland '06) is interning this summer at the Institute of International Education (IIE) here in D.C., working on the Fulbright Program. He's a Political Science major; French minor. And spouse Gillian runs her own yoga studio, the Four Corners Yoga Studio. Five full classes a week. Her students love her, and she's really in her element."

**John Rollins** passed on news from fellow Bones Gaters **Pete Shortridge** and **Bill Bailey**. Pete heads up the Geography Department at the University of Kansas and serves on the Board of the Association of American Geographers. Pete has two daughters, Amy '93, an attorney in Columbus, OH and Katherine '96, a teacher in Virginia. He and Barbara, also a PhD, love the life in Lawrence, KS.

Bill heads up the Health Care practice at Exponent Consulting, with an optimum commute: his home is a short hop from the Larchmont NY train station and his office right next door to Grand Central. Bill and wife Joan have two sons in high school and an older daughter living in Florida.

Finally, our erstwhile Vice President and Webmaster **Chuck Sherman** will be retiring June 30 from NIH in Bethesda and moving to Strafford, VT, having purchased the home of author Sue Miller, close to property owned by **John Hughes**. Chuck's new email address is [chuck.sherman@dartmouth.org](mailto:chuck.sherman@dartmouth.org).

### Dartmouth College Fund

For those of you receiving this Newsletter on the Class website, only a few days remain before the close of the 2004-2005 College Fund on June 30. As of June 3, 286 of us had given \$179,845 to the College, while an additional \$16,335 has been pledged by 36 classmates. Both the number of classmates participating and the money raised are running ahead of 2003-2004, a credit to **Bob Spence** and his team of assistant class agents. The total dollars given and pledged, and particularly the participation goal, are both near the objectives of \$240,000 and 48% respectively. So, if you have not given, please help us meet our goals.

The College as a whole is not doing as well. With a month to go, total dollars given were down over \$4 million and participation was down 4 percentage points versus year ago figures.

### Next "Along Route '66"

I want to thank all classmates who sent in news and, particularly, photos. I wasn't able to include everything in this month's newsletter, so will be publishing another one by the end of July. I will be including some thoughtful letters I received from **John Gullett** and **Dean Spatz**, on opposite ends of the Furstenberg/football controversy, as well as a request from **Bill Dowling**. Minutes of my last Alumni Council meeting (our "class" rep is now Hank Amon '65) will be included, together with news of the June Trustee meeting and further information on both the 2005 Fall Mini and 2006 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

In the meantime, please continue to update me on your news, preferably by email!!

## More Photos from Winter Park Mini Reunion



(L to R) Dick Birnie, Gary Broughton, Dean Spatz, and Jon Colby preparing nutritious apres ski meal



(L to R) Gary, Dean, Dick, Pietie Birnie, and Walt Knoepfel at the Lodge



(L to R) Steve Coles, Tim Urban, Paula Jereb, Sharon Broughton



## More Photos from Winter Park Mini Reunion



(L to R) Gary and Dean



(L to R) Joanna and Jon



(L to R) Walt and Tim preparing for Double Black Diamond run

## More Photos from Winter Park Mini Reunion



(L to R) Ed, Tim, Jon, Walt, Dick, Gary, Dean, and Steve



(L to R) Paula and Sharon