

Class of '71 Special Edition 55th Reunion Newsletter

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Welcome!

Happy Reunion Year to our fellow classmates, families, and friends! As co-chairs of our 55th Reunion Committee, we are honored to be able to bring you this newsletter packed with useful info about our gala upcoming event on June 15–18. Here you'll find not only the tentative schedule of "official" events and peripheral opportunities—all of which are optional and accessible—but also some handy insights into what will be going on, including off-campus options both before and after these dates.



Reunions are a special part of Dartmouth and a special part of the lives of those of us who have been able to attend one. We hope that you enjoy and find meaningful the comments here by a cross-section of our extended Class of '71 family that represents both our demographic and geographic diversity. We thank them very much for participating.

You will also find the names of the members of our committee, without whose continuing enthusiastic and dedicated efforts over the past year none of this would be possible. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

The theme of our "High Fives @ the 5-5" reunion is Friendship. Please keep an eye out on your In Box for news about an important (and thought-stimulating!) survey on the topic put together by Frank Anton. Similarly, you'll find information in this newsletter on how to participate in our class project coordinated by Ted Eismeier for everyone—not just Reunion attendees: an e-book titled *'Round the Girdled Earth: The Places of the Class of 1971*.

Mark your calendar for March 3, when Reunion registration opens up on our class website, dartmouth71.org, where you will also find continually updated information on all things Reunion.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. We personally invite you not only to make it to Reunion but also in so doing to make wonderful new memories that can be made nowhere else.

See you there!

—Jim Rager and Tony FitzPatrick



Help Wanted—Calling All Classmates!

The highlight of 2026 for the Class of 1971 will be our 55th Reunion on June 15–18.

As we approach this event, our Reunion Committee wants to engage as many classmates as possible to help stimulate conversations before, during, and afterward. Thanks to the hard work of many classmates, our 50th Reunion book did this in spectacular fashion. For our 55th Reunion, we're doing a more modest e-book, *'Round the Girdled Earth: The Places of the Class of 1971*.

When we were graduating from Dartmouth, Dr. Seuss might have exclaimed, “Oh, the places you’ll go!” Fifty-five years later, this would be, “Oh, the places you’ve been!” Instead of asking you to write your life story, though, we’re presenting you with a simple, fun task: *Please tell us about a place*. This could be where you were born, where you lived in the past, where you live now, or where something memorable happened. It could be a place at Dartmouth, the history of a place, several places you have lived in different stages of your life, a comparison of places, or a place you visited recently, long ago, or both. Any place you choose. Your entry can be as long or as short as you wish. If you can’t decide among places, create more than one. Tell us why you chose the place, what makes it special to you, what memories you have of it, how it changed between visits, travel tips—anything you like!

We will gather your entries in the same way that we did for our successful 50th Reunion book. Here’s how to contribute:

1. Log in to dartmouth71.org. (Very easy to do—just follow the instructions of webmaster Roger Prince on the site.)
2. Click on My Profile.
3. You might begin by seeing if your profile needs updating.
4. Click through to Add Photo if you would like to add a photo or two to your entry.
5. Click through to Essay, paste in your entry, and save it.
6. *Voilà*, you’re done!

If you encounter any problems or have questions, just get in touch with Ted Eismeier at tjeismeier@gmail.com.

As the project proceeds, we’ll let you know on dartmouth71.org just who has already posted a *Places* entry on the site. Closer to our Reunion on June 15–18, we’ll post a link there to an actual e-book so that everyone can browse through all of the entries.

Our Reunion Committee

Tony FitzPatrick, co-chair
Jim Rager, co-chair
Dave Brooks
Jack Burnett
Dave Edson
Ted Eismeier
Steve Hoverman
Alice Malone
Jeff McElnea
Willis Newton
Jerry O’Brien
Kathy Rines



Questions, Questions, Questions?

Ask Jack Burnett at jckburnett@aol.com, subject: Reunion.

The Schedule

Here is a very tentative listing of what will be happening. Note that all activities are optional; the Registration form opening on our class website, dartmouth71.org, on March 3 will have much greater detail on any costs involved, plus how to stay in our Class Dorm in the McLaughlin Cluster at a reduced rate.

• **Day before Reunion, College Commencement, Sunday, June 14:** Two options are available for those who will be in the area that day. You can do either one or both. *Note that there is no campus housing available on this weekend.* (1) “Walk the Walk”—Our class has been invited to “walk” with the classes of 2026 and 1976 in the Commencement procession, which begins at 9:00 a.m. (2) Day/dinner/overnight at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge. Mix and match, stay or go as you wish for hiking or hanging out, lodge dinner with the class; overnight accommodations available. Much more info on this day will be forthcoming!

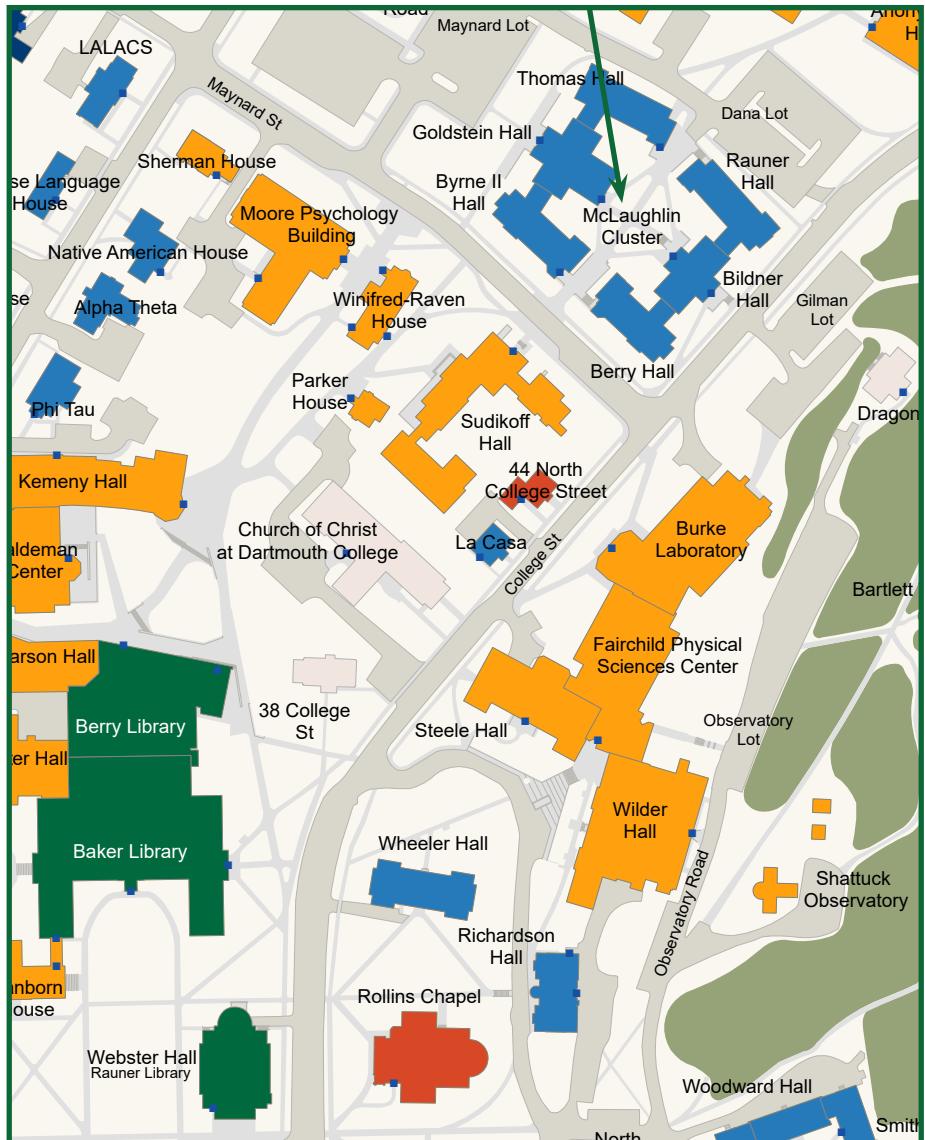
• **Reunion Day #1, Monday, June 15:** Register at Class Tent near McLaughlin Cluster; golf and tennis outings; ongoing “grazing” lunch, Tent; various tours of College facilities; info session on AI; dinner in Rockefeller Center courtyard; Tent socializing.

• **Day #2, Tuesday, June 16:** Breakfast, Class of '53 Commons (old “Thayer”); talk by Dartmouth President Sian Beilock in “new” Hop; Southwestern BBQ lunch; class memorial service, Rollins Chapel; College prof talk on our Reunion theme, “Friendship”; more tours; class photo, then dinner on Baker Lawn; “Tunes of Our Times” with DJ Star Johnson '70.

• **Day #3, Wednesday, June 17:** Breakfast, “Thayer”; info sessions on healthcare, college athletics, and changes at Dartmouth; New England grilled picnic lunch, Class Meeting; dinner, “Thayer,” Dartmouth Aires; Tent socializing, “Songs of Our Youth” (bring your CDs!).

• **Day #4, Thursday, June 18:** Breakfast, Tent; Reunion ends at 10:00 a.m.

• **Day #4 evening, Thursday, June 18:** Special-rate rooms available for private purchase for nights of 6/18 and/or 6/19 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vt., with numerous fun activities available; see lakemoreyresort.com.



• **Day after Reunion, Friday, June 19:** Lake Morey continues for those who are there. Again, much more info on this option will be forthcoming!

Registration Opens: March 3!

Beginning on March 3, our dedicated Registration page will be accessible through dartmouth71.org. Here you can see full cost information, as well as sign up for what you wish. Please note that filling out the registrant (and guest) information at the beginning is not a commitment to do or buy anything—it simply leads to the ensuing details.

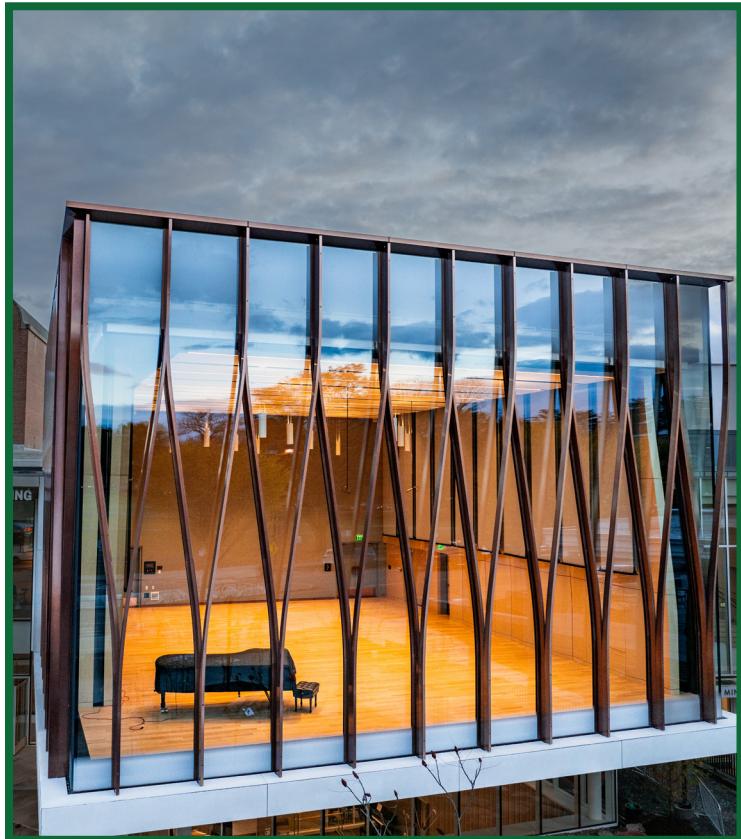
Reunion To-Do List

If you have not done so already, please . . .

1. Complete our simple 2-question Reunion survey here: <https://dartmouth71.org/survey/55th>.
2. Leave an entry for our 55th Reunion class e-book, *'Round the Girdled Earth* (see sidebar “Help Wanted”).
3. Complete our important survey on Friendship (see dartmouth71.org).
4. And, starting March 3, go to our Reunion Registration Form (see sidebar above, “Registration Opens”), where you can also find information on staying in our Class Dorm.

Got Stories?

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Thanks, too, to the College’s Office of Alumni Relations and Dartmouth Printing and Mailing Services, without whose help you wouldn’t be reading this.



*Jack 1953 and Mac 2011 Morris Recital Hall
and Steven Roth Wing, Hopkins Center
Robert Gill Photography*

We hope that you have found it interesting, informative, and fun, and will make every effort to join us for Reunion this year—especially if it will be your first time. We need your memories and recollections now more than ever.

You know, Dave Hill’s tale here about the Freshmen Mixer got me to thinking about a mixer experience of my own, when a nice young lady with whom I had spent an enjoyable evening agreed to give me her phone number as she was waiting for the bus to take her back to her school. She demurely reached into her purse, pulled out a little slip of paper, seemed to think for a moment, and then wrote her note on it before folding it up and handing it over. I rushed back to my dorm to privately see what my new love had left me with—which turned out to be “222-2222.”

Do you have stories to share at Reunion?

—Jack Burnett, editor

Reunions Undying



Dartmouth/Chris Johnson

I've felt connected to Dartmouth since meeting my now late husband John '71 in 1968. His friends became my friends, and each reunion has added more to the list. He ran the NYC annual class dinners for years, at which eventually wives were included—which meant even more Dartmouth friends. After he passed away, the class encouraged me to continue to participate, and I'm so thankful that I have. Every reunion is an opportunity to renew long-standing friendships and make new ones, as we continue to enjoy our times together in Hanover. Don't miss it!

—Martha Shanahan, Deland, FL

Dartmouth has always held a special place in the heart of our family. From the first time I attended a reunion (the 5th) to the many mini-reunions and my husband John's 50+1, I have always felt the fellowship and always felt being a part of something much larger—the beating heart of Dartmouth. At each reunion, I have met someone new and interesting, our common life experiences connected by our shared Dartmouth ones. Somehow, there always seems to be something new to learn, someone interesting to meet and, of course, old friends to reunite with at each reunion. John's love of the College and his classmates is what keeps us coming back to that special Hanover Plain each and every time. We wouldn't miss a reunion!

—Denise Colangelo, Port Chester, NY

For me, past reunions have been simply for reacquainting myself with friends I missed or even showing off the College to my children (eventually Carl '99, Margaret '01). But now our get-togethers represent to me very valuable, ever-dwindling opportunities to share our lives—both successes and otherwise—with those who have common bonds of understanding hewn by our four years together. Some say, "But I don't know anyone who's attending," or "It's too difficult to make the trek," or "I'm just too old!" *What?!* Are you crazy? Don't let another irreplaceable chance slip away. Come by car, bus, plane, or even a litter supported by four strong grandkids—but do get your butt back to Hanover! This is our moment to laugh, cry, remember, and remind each other why Dartmouth still feels like home after all these years. With undying Dartmouth affection, see you there!

—Joe Cecere '71, Ft. Worth

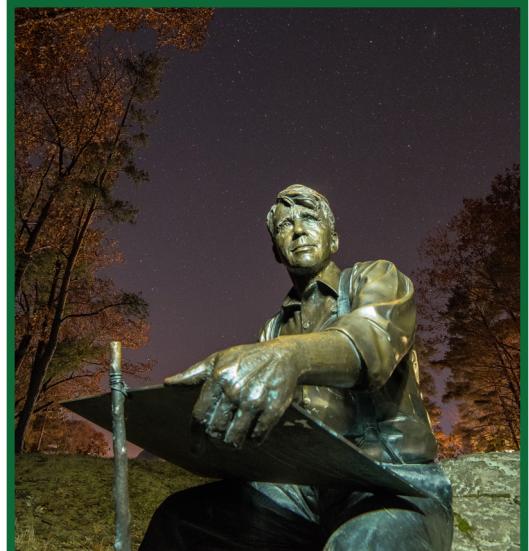


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Dartmouth/Corinne Arndt Girouard*

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I have always enjoyed our class reunions. I was at Dartmouth for only one year (1970–71), so at reunions I often get to meet (or have greater in-depth conversations with) classmates away from the legendary “kegs” scene. Our class has fared well, and I am always very impressed by our professions, pastimes, and sense of “community give-back.” Reunions provide an excellent opportunity to be surrounded by peers with shared experiences. It’s great that we have all gotten past the “brag” stage about things in our lives and now can just celebrate our classmates and engage with them in and about the “here and now.” Of course, I must confess that I know that I will always be welcome at our gatherings because the Class of 1971 Wine Cellar is sequestered in my basement. Sample some at Reunion!

—Kathy Duff Rines '71a, Etna, NH



Robert Frost
Dartmouth/Eli Burakian '00



BEMA
Dartmouth/Lars Blackmore

Coming all the way from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, I have never missed a reunion. Fortunately, I have always been able to see old friends every five years. I remember that when my daughter was in medicine at McGill in Montreal, I had her come down for one of my reunions, and she really got a feel for what it must have been like for 3,200 men to be attending Dartmouth at the same time. How can I forget the Freshmen Mixer in Fall 1967, with numerous classmates sitting up against one wall and busloads of young ladies from various Seven Sisters schools along the other? I will always remember walking across the floor, asking a young lady to dance, and getting an emphatic “No!” in response—necessitating one embarrassing walk back! C'est la vie!

—Dave Hill '71, Winnipeg

Some of life’s greatest highlights for me thus far have been my times in Hanover dedicated to reconnecting with old Dartmouth friends and meeting interesting new people who share our D foundation. I love savoring each other’s lives and varied life experiences. And I love being in this place that holds such a big part of my heart. My wife and I are really looking forward to this coming June!

—Tom Hancock '71, Denver/Seattle