



## CLASS OF '79 NEWSLETTER

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### PLEASE VOTE BY JUNE 5TH IN THE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION ALL ALUMNI SHOULD BE HEARD IN THIS IMPORTANT ELECTION!

As of May 18th, only 14 percent of alumni had voted online. Online voting <http://www.voxthevote.org> will continue through June 5. Some alumni have voted by mail and their ballots will be counted in June. Alumni can also vote in person at the meeting of alumni in Hanover on June 10. (There is a system in place to check whether an alumnus has already voted.) Most of you have received emails, letters and even phone calls about the election, which by any measure is important to the future of Dartmouth.

A detailed description of the purpose of the Association of Alumni is available at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/default.aspx?id=134>. In short, its role is to conduct balloting for alumni-elected trustees. Historically the make up of the executive committee hasn't been of great interest to most alumni. But given the controversy brought about by the Trustees' decision to expand the number of "charter" trustees and the subsequent lawsuit brought by six of the executive committee's 11 members against the College this past fall, the election has become quite important.

There are two slates of nominees running for the executive committee. There are several resources available that will inform you about the two slates of nominees, notably [www.voxthevote.org](http://www.voxthevote.org) (the official election site), [www.dartmouthparity.org](http://www.dartmouthparity.org), [www.daaus.org](http://www.daaus.org) and [www.dartmouthhundyng.org](http://www.dartmouthhundyng.org). We encourage you to consult them before you vote. The members of each slate are not differentiated on the ballot; therefore you will have to get the names from the websites before you cast your vote.

In the most simplistic terms, you can vote for the slate headed by John Mathias '69 that would end the lawsuit, or for the slate led by Michael Murphy '61 that would keep the lawsuit going.

If for some reason you haven't received voting information via email or postal mail please contact Blunt Alumni Center at [dartmouth.alumni.relations@dartmouth.edu](mailto:dartmouth.alumni.relations@dartmouth.edu) or 603.646.2258.

### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

Welcome to another Class of 1979 Newsletter! This is the 19<sup>th</sup> Newsletter put together by your Editors since September of 2000. That's about 215 pages of Class of 1979 news! Not too shabby! We imagine others of you are just champing at the bit to take over our highly esteemed and sought after position come June 2009!

And speaking of 2009, our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion is now only one year away! Mark those calendars for your pilgrimage to Hanover on June 18-21<sup>st</sup>. Read more about our reunion (and Doc Sid) in Prez Laurie's column. Reunion Chair Jim Wasz is planning one heckuva party!

In addition to some wonderful notes and photos from our very active classmates and class officers, we also include terrific reports and photos from our always highly successful mini-reunions, plus the conclusion of Mark Winkler's story on our Foley House classmates. Finally, we offer a special feature on John Wetenhall, who serves as the Executive Director of the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida. Since his appointment in 2001, John has overseen a massive \$150 million renovation, with spectacular results.

So read on about the irrepressible class of 1979 and start making your plans for our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion in June 2009!

## MESSAGES FROM THE CLASS

**John Gilbertson**  
([juniorgilb@msn.com](mailto:juniorgilb@msn.com)): Enjoyed the latest newsletter, thank you. But, please note... FIFTY IS THE NEW THIRTY. We should accept nothing less than this standard.

**Tom Ewing**  
([Thomas.C.Ewing.79@Alum.Dartmouth.org](mailto:Thomas.C.Ewing.79@Alum.Dartmouth.org)): I've had my first child!!! Miranda Kathleen Ewing was born on February 1 (*Josh Muskin, you are no longer the oldest '79 parent of a newborn!*). It took me a while to find the love of my life, but Deanna and I are very happy together, and I would stress to any other '79's still trying to have a family that there is great help available out there, and it's worth it to



Tom Ewing and Miranda

get that little bundle of joy. We've also settled into our home in Nashville, TN where I'm VP of Finance for Foundations Associates, a health care firm that treats people with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues.

**John Hoeven:** Greetings to all, and I hope you and your family are well. I'm running for Governor (*of North Dakota*) again so we're busy, including my wife Mikey, and my whole family. **Otho Kerr** just sent a contribution to the campaign from NYC totally unsolicited

([hoevengovernor.com](http://hoevengovernor.com)), and a nice letter. No wonder he's class president (*actually, he's not, but he is one of the most involved members of our class*). Also, recently got together with **Peter Robinson** in Washington, D.C. He's now doing great things at the Hoover Institution in Palo Alto. Again, my regards and best wishes to all '79s.

**Michael Hanna** ([mhanna17@comcast.net](mailto:mhanna17@comcast.net)): I enjoyed reading the recent class newsletter, especially the exploits of Bill Holmes, with whom I also attended medical school. Needless to say my life has been more sedate than Bill's

(*whose hasn't?*). I am a cardiologist specializing in heart rhythm disturbances (electrophysiology). Most of my time these days is spent doing research and clinical trials, but I still get out on the mountain once in a while. Attached is a photo of my wife and me hiking the Delaware Water Gap. Best wishes to all, and I look forward to our next reunion.

**Eileen Kain Szytko**  
([Eszytko@aol.com](mailto:Eszytko@aol.com)): Fifteen (out of twenty-five) '79 Women who lived in North Mass freshmen year gathered in Scottsdale, AZ in September to celebrate our 50th birthdays.

I found the stories of transition at midlife particularly inspiring. Angela is leaving her oncology private practice and working to coordinate end-of-life issues



Michael Hanna and his wife



North Mass Madames 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Standing L to R: Sue Goodman Cohen, Lulette Semmes, Suzanne Carr Shepherd, Louisa Guthrie, Julie Hunter, Nan Hart, Lorrie Miller Sullebarger. Sitting L to R: Angela Kalisiak, Laurie Center, Ann Kappler, Julie Lange Varga, Megan Thomas, Barbara Smiley Bula, Susan Astolfi Mack, Eileen Kain Szytko.

for patients. Megan is starting seminary studies after careers in publishing, banking, and law. Louisa was approached to be Dean of Rutgers Business School, and Ann interviewed for MIT's first in-house counsel. Suzanne's son Conor, D'07, is the oldest child. And I (Eileen) had the youngest, Gregory almost 10. (Although Suzanne's Jack is a close second for the youngest.) Julie Hunter is a first time newlywed.

While undergraduates, the pre-meds had the reputation for being so intense; now thirty years later, the attorneys' cell phones were beeping, and their debating skills dominated many conversations. Those who didn't take freshmen trips and go on foreign study regretted not doing so. We all agreed that Asia is the new Europe for undergraduates.

A special thanks to Louisa Guthrie, Sue Cohen, and Julie Hunter for organizing the weekend, and to all of you who made it.

**Steve Hufford** ([racquet.guide@about.com](mailto:racquet.guide@about.com)): I'm having way too much fun recently—coached a high school squash team from November to February, and launched a website devoted to racquet sports on About.com. It went live in early January, and I've been blogging thrice-weekly ever since (see [www.racquet.about.com](http://www.racquet.about.com) for all the details!) Also, I enjoyed chatting recently with classmate Tom O'Neil, whose son is a fine junior squash player. He

destroyed one of my players. Best wishes to all.

**Jim Schley** ([jschley@sover.net](mailto:jschley@sover.net)): Thanks so much for the Foley House retrospective (*there's more to come in this issue, Jim!*). As for so many others, that was an important place for me, pivotal really. I now have a very unusual job as executive director of The Frost Place, a museum and poetry center based at Robert Frost's former home in Franconia, N.H. I continue to live with my family on a land cooperative in Stratford, Vermont, and my first book of poems will be published in Spring 2008 (*Congratulations, Jim!*).

**Ben Riley** ([rileyb@howrey.com](mailto:rileyb@howrey.com)): **Burr Gray** and I crashed the annual Zeta Psi ski trip this past Martin Luther King Day. **Mark Schneider, Dave Springer, Mark Sullivan** and **T. Weymouth** joined with George Morris, '80 and Steve Anderson, 81, for three wonderful days of skiing in beautiful Deer Valley near Park City, Utah. It happened to also be the Sundance Festival weekend but despite some star-sightings, your intrepid '79s eschewed the flicks and got in every last run we could. Sully led the way with single Blacks being way too easy, while T scoped out the cruisers (and his rebuilt ankle). True to form, Schnicks pretended he couldn't ski too well while beating almost everyone down the slope, while Sponge was his typical enthusiastic, semi-out-of-control wildman. Burr and I were just happy to be invited along! See the attached photo of

your classmates (minus Schnicks, plus George Morris '80) proving the Gilbertson Postulate (not to mention the Vieth Corollary) that 50 is indeed the new 30! I'm pleased to report that the daring-do and vigor of the Zetes prompted me to do some seriously crazy and steep heli-skiing out of Valdez, Alaska in March. I survived, but on reflection next year I'm sticking with actual ski areas!

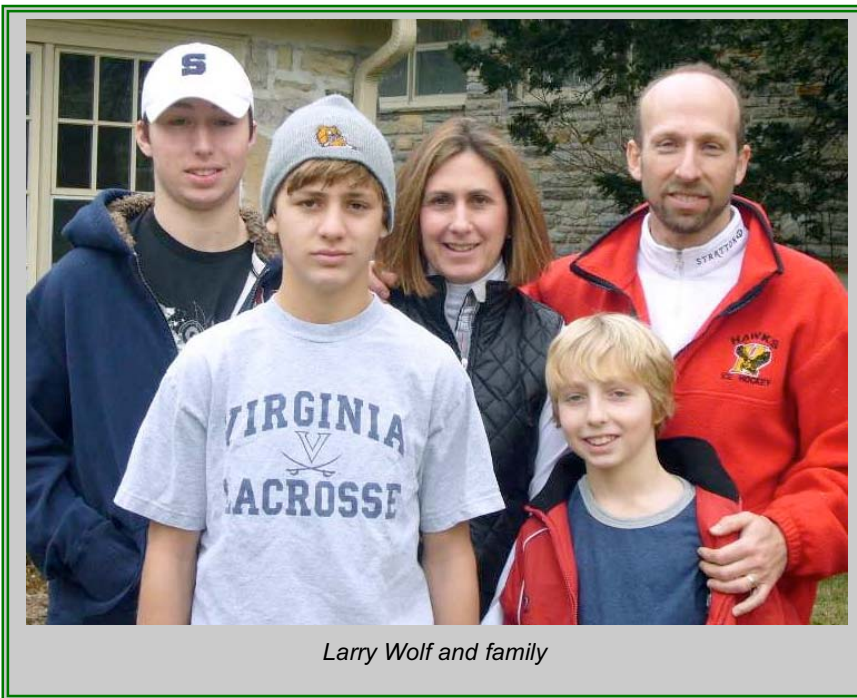
**Larry Wolf** ([lwolf@comcast.net](mailto:lwolf@comcast.net)): My middle son Jordan, is a sophomore and a recruitable lacrosse player. He is starting to get some college attention. Would love for him to go to Dartmouth, but would be thrilled if he could get into Penn and play nearby. He couldn't get into these places solely on his academic record, although his grades are pretty good. My older son is playing

hockey for Penn State. He is only interested in 3 things: poker, beer, and hockey (*three worthwhile pursuits, right?*)

**Jim Feuille** ([jim\\_feuille@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_feuille@yahoo.com)): Ok, so I have to fill in the space here next to this photo of Larry Wolf and his family. I'm celebrating my 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June, which is quite unbelievable. My oldest son is entering his senior year at Brown. My second son will be a freshman at Colgate this fall. My oldest daughter will be entering her junior year in high school (and will be visiting Dartmouth during our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion as she will be a rising senior at that time). My youngest daughter is entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Meanwhile, classmates like Tom Ewing (above) and Josh Muskin (last issue) are having newborns! True to the soccer tradition of Alpha Delta, I have been having fun coaching youth soccer for the past 14 years—46 seasons and 500 plus games in all!



Zeta Psi Ski Trip: Front Row: Dave Springer, Ben Riley, Burr Gray. Back Row: Mark Sullivan, George Morris '80, T. Weymouth



Larry Wolf and family

## THEN AND NOW—THE '79S AT FOLEY HOUSE

BY MARK WINKLER ([mwinkler@marthastewart.com](mailto:mwinkler@marthastewart.com))

Responding to my query for news for the Alumni Magazine, ten of the more than thirty classmates who had lived in Foley House generously responded: **Alan Berolzheimer, Cynthia Berger, Peter Kurz, Skip Maples, Michael Miller, Judy Ornstein, Jonathan Poor, Jennie Purnell, Mark Weltner and Ken Winber.** In my query, I asked classmates a series of questions. This is a continuation of the article published in the last '79 Newsletter.

**Q: What is a typical day like these days?**

**Maples:** The alarm clock goes off at 5:55 am and I immediately listen to an update as to what's going on with the stock market (remember we're talking California time here and the stock market opens at 6:30 here). After a shower and breakfast, I'm off. I live in Lafayette, an eastern suburb of San Francisco. I normally ride a bicycle to the station from where, instead of taking a train, I go by "casual carpool," which is a reasonably widespread practice in the Bay Area of basically hitchhiking to work. I mention this primarily because the fact I try not to use the automobile is about the only thing even remotely socially conscious that I do nowadays. First thing at work every day I chair a morning investment meeting of all the various investment managers for the San Francisco office where we go over stock and bond market trends as well as individual securities and investment styles. After that it's a little different every day but a mix of answering email, writing stock reports, calling and meeting clients and prospects, dealing with compliance issues, and the inevitable bureaucracy of a very large organization such as Wells Fargo and basically trying to keep everyone happy. I'm home (by BART, not by hitchhiking) at a reasonably decent hour, try to get a two mile jog in, have dinner with my wife, Carolyn, and my two daughters, Frances and Eleanor. Then maybe I watch some TV or a Netflix, or play the piano, or surf the Internet, and go to bed.

**Berger:** There is no typical day. For my radio series "Sports that are not Football," I get to run around the woods in Pennsylvania and meet interesting people. I've done stories about the Pennsylvania Qualifying Stone Skipping Tournament, sled dog racing, International Rock Flipping Day, Flyball football—a team sport for dogs, Frolf (aka disk golf), and rugby.

**Weltner:** There is no typical day at nursery school, which is what makes it so stimulating. We laugh a lot, we create, we problem-solve, and we all approach challenges in different ways.

**Q: Can you share any recent family or work news?**

**Purnell:** This is not very recent but I've never sent any family news—Petri Flint and I just celebrated our 22nd anniversary. Petri is an artist and teaches both studio art and art history at Fitchburg State College. We have two kids—Jeremy(9) and Eric (15). Having spent most of our married life in Cambridge and Jamaica Plain, we just moved to Harvard, MA, about 35 miles northwest of Boston. Our recently adopted lab/shepherd puppies love having a few acres to run around in.

**Poor:** I live in Maplewood, NJ with wife Jane Conrad. I have two children, Henry, going into 5th grade and Maisie, going into 1st grade. Jane (Swarthmore '79) develops

**BEYOND THE GREEN (by President Laurie Laidlaw Roulston, [LaurieLRoulston@Eaton.com](mailto:LaurieLRoulston@Eaton.com)):**

Key West. A hot, sticky morning last July. I am standing by the curb with my suitcase, going home, but wishing I wasn't. A bright yellow taxi appears, sees me, stops. The energetic sixtyish driver jumps out and grabs my bags. "Where are you going?" He is wearing khaki shorts, a clean bright Key West t-shirt and a faded green cap. He charms me into the cab, slams the door and takes off. "Cleveland" I answer. He knows Cleveland...Eaton Corporation, where I work, Shaker Heights, where I live, University Hospital, where my children were born. I look up and study him in the rear view mirror. "Is that a "D" on your cap?" Stopped at a light, he turns around and offers me his hand. "Doc Sid, Dartmouth Class of 1960, at your service."

In the ride that followed I learned a lot from Doc Sid. About giving back: "I got to be camp doc for a week at the Seeds of Peace camp in Maine. Fantastic experience." About life: "This summer has been great which translates as tennis playable most of the time." About baseball: "Didn't you love seeing the Yankees lose 16-0 to the Tigers?" A former orthopedic surgeon, Doc Sid drives a cab on Tuesdays to "keep a finger on the pulse of Key West." But it was when he found out I was a member of the Great Class of 1979, that the conversation really began. He regaled me with stories of trips, reunions and connections with his class. Definitely a tight group which, like us, prides itself on reunion attendance and participation in giving.

The Dartmouth connection never ceases to amaze me. It has found me in the most unlikely places, helped me in my career and professional life, and been a critical source of support in rough times. I receive emails from classmates every day—these connections brighten my day, make me laugh, allow me to support or help someone—they sustain me. I find it hard to imagine my life without these people.

In the next few months we will be gearing up for our **30th Reunion**. Jim Wasz has graciously agreed to be our Chair and planning is underway. Our reunion is one of those limited opportunities of which experience has taught us to take full advantage; time to fill up on sustenance! Feel free to email me or Jim if you have ideas or would like to be involved in any way. We would love to hear from you. And mark your calendar now for **Thursday – Sunday, June 18 to 21, 2009**. We have lots to catch up on!

As for Doc Sid, he recently formed the Dartmouth Club of the Florida Keys and even emailed me pictures. Need a cab in Key West? Call 292-0000 and ask for Doc Sid.

educational gardening programs for local schools and runs our household.

**Maples:** I've been married fifteen years now to Carolyn (Weigell) who was a Mt. Holyoke '79, but transferred to the University of Wisconsin. She was virtually the only person I'd ever met after leaving Dartmouth who actually knew some of the people I'd known when I was there. That includes **Jim Schley**, who apparently went to the same Sunday school when they were kids. I haven't seen Jim in person since graduating, although I did in fact meet his mother back in Milwaukee (Jim and Carolyn's hometown, not mine) a few years ago.

**Ornstein:** I spent my 20's doing various political and nonprofit work. By my late 20's, the need to earn a living was beginning to be more prominent, so I went into teaching. I now live back on Long Island (where I grew up), and teach high school Social Studies. I've taught US History for years, but now I am also teaching electives in Psychology and in Child Development. I really love it! It's actually FUN to go to work. (I do like my summers, though!)

**Berolzheimer:** After a 25-year teaching career my wife, Nancy Cressman, has recently become the owner of Left Bank Books, the used-book store in Hanover, up above the Dirt Cowboy Café. Come on up and see us sometime! (I have three daughters, ages 20, 19, and 16, and a 9-year-old son.)

**Ornstein:** I got married in 1990 to Joel Peskoff, who grew up in the Bronx and graduated from SUNY Stony Brook. We have—in the greatest cosmic joke ever—three sons, no daughters. My boys are now 15, 9, and 7. (I was trying to win the "late breeder" award among the '79 women, but I think there's at least one who had a child even later—was it you, **Mary Cleary**? Seriously, I often think about the fact that by the time my mom was my age, her last child—me—had graduated college; and here I am with a second-grader!) So life is hectic, but generally good.

**Berger:** My husband, Bill Carlson '80, a Penn State professor, and I spent two months last fall on the road traveling around America in a NASA Airstream trailer. This trip was part of NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project where Bill is the AESP Director. I wrote the expedition blog (<http://nasatotheschools.blogspot.com/>). The key focus of AESP is the professional development of elementary and secondary teachers providing classroom demonstrations, distance learning events and in-service training. My daughter, Anna, just graduated from NYU Law School and my son, Ben, is a chemical engineer.

**Miller:** I still like big group dinners and I still am trying—hoping—to make the world a better place. Of course, much has changed. I am married now, with two daughters 11 and 15—that sure is different! I am less confident of the efficacy of carrying banners as a means

## CLASS AGENT REPORT

(by Peggy Epstein Tanner, [pegster5@optonline.net](mailto:pegster5@optonline.net)):

If you are reading my message before the end of June I hope you'll consider making your DCF gift real SOON. We need at least 70% of you to donate this year \* And keep 1979 as **THE** class the College holds dear.

I suspect after all these years you well know That the College relies heavily on receiving our dough And today's students appreciate our gifts so For it provides them with an education that is ULTIMO!

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Whatever you decide to do will be divine!!

Thanks as always for responding to our pleas  
"Give until it feels good" says Maimonides  
We thank you for your support and for helping us shine  
There is nothing finer than the Class of '79!

\*In 2007 we reached 71.1%.

of changing the world. And, I don't sleep on the roof of my house much anymore. (OK, not at all.) But I still do carry around many of the ideals and dreams that Foles taught me, and I still believe in the transformative power of a welcoming progressive community, as Foley House modeled it for me.

### Q: What were you doing thirty years ago?

**Ornstein:** I basically stayed away from Hanover in our junior year: I did the Philosophy foreign study program in Scotland, then winter and spring I went back to Jersey City on a Tucker fellowship. Coming back with one year to go, and an ambivalent relationship with the College, I found Foley House.

**Maples:** I wasn't at Foley House yet, but rather lived at the Co-op House on East Wheelock Street from which a number of Foley House people had come. That fall, I had just come back from spending the summer in Los Angeles, where I'd had a great time and wanted to see if I could study enough to become an MD. The answer very quickly was apparent: no. The following winter I interned on Capitol Hill, which sort of morphed into a full time job and that's where I ended up after returning to get my degree.

**Ornstein:** Sophomore spring I discovered the Tucker Foundation, and spent that term in Jersey City as a Tucker intern.

**Berger:** I got my first paid writing assignment thirty years ago during a leave term while living in Foley house. It was a position paper for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) about the forest tent caterpillar and the spraying of pesticides by the state of Vermont to control the outbreak. My findings were that the spraying was neither harmful nor necessary. And I've been writing ever since.

**Q: What seeds were planted at Dartmouth that brought you to where you are now?**

**Maples:** A VERY good education.

**Kurz:** I owe much to Prof. Susan Blader of the Asian Studies Department who first introduced me to Taiwan, as well teaching me Chinese. Thank you, Susan.

**Maples:** Perhaps, the single best habit I got there was that of jogging, which has prevented me from becoming a big fat slob – I love to cook and I love to eat. Jogging, if you remember, was really beginning to catch on at that time and I've kept it up now to ripe old age of 50 and I still haven't blown out my knees. We'll see how long I can keep it up.

**Weltner:** I am not particularly proud of Dartmouth College or even of Foley House, per se. It is the individuals that taught me to think that truly had an impact. For example, Richard Corum, an English professor, taught me not to blurt out the first thing that came to my mind when analyzing a poem, but to wait until something spoke to me after the less-subtle layers were stripped off. Many of the people at Foley House embodied that same thoughtfulness, underneath their everyday personas. I hope to engender this same thoughtfulness in those I teach.

**Purnell:** The seeds of academia were definitely planted at Dartmouth. I took quite a few years off between graduation and starting the PhD program in political science at MIT, but it was definitely at Dartmouth that I learned that I loved doing research. In what was then a very unusual if not unique program, Dartmouth awarded me a grant to fund fieldwork for my senior thesis, and I used it to travel to Israel for the winter semester of my senior year to do research on the spatial organization of the kibbutzim.

**Maples:** I had done a good amount of work in Asian studies, including Japanese history and Zen Buddhism. There was a relatively brief period more or less around the time I graduated when I was doing frequent meditation (I've long since given it up for lack of time and laziness more than anything else). It really drove home to me, in a very concrete way more so than just talking about it, that our ability to shape our reality or to form our own futures, in some pretty significant ways is far less limited than might appear at first blush. We really can make some very major things happen simply by thinking about it and then taking

action and following through.

**Q: Do you have any news about other classmates?**

**Maples:** I have exchanged emails with Martha Spiers over the last few years. The last I heard Martha was in Portland, Oregon. Otherwise, I rarely see or interact with other classmates.

**Kurz:** The Dartmouth community is a small but close one here (in Taiwan), but I'm glad to report that it's suddenly growing. The annual Ivy League dinner organizers here no longer think that there are only 7 member schools. The only other 79er out here was **Mike Kelly**, but he's long since moved to the Philippines. Meanwhile, Foley House still houses some of my fondest memories of Dartmouth. I try to go back every few years, but it's a long way.

**Winber:** Since graduating, I have kept in touch with some house members and fallen out of touch with others. Foles don't go in for organized reunions, but whenever I hear about what ex-residents are doing, it is unfailingly innovative, unexpected, provocative and, more often than not, fun.

**Q: Is there anything else you would like to share?**

**Maples:** There were a lot of steps between graduating from Dartmouth and ending up here in San Francisco, including stops in Central America and the Midwest, but they really had virtually nothing to do with either Foley House or Dartmouth. Regards to all my friends. That photo you put on the flyer really brought home some memories and I recognize all the faces on the roof of Foley House and can

## PLANNED GIVING

(by **Libby Roberts**, [libbyroberts@comcast.net](mailto:libbyroberts@comcast.net)):

**Ever want to join the Grateful Dead?** Well, you can be a Dartmouth Deadhead with just the stroke of a pen. Who knew?!!

Imagine my surprise when told our class needs to start thinking about estate planning. Can we really be **that** old? Yes indeed. I volunteered to represent us in the new orbit we've entered and found out that it's quite easy. I had already put Dartmouth in my will so when I told the College and gave them a copy of that page of my will, they responded by telling me that I am now a member of the **Bartlett Tower Society**. The BTS is a way for the College to thank us while we're still taking breath. They periodically invite "members" to a gathering of some sort with other Deadheads, and right now, we're the young ones in the group. So remember, life is short, avoid the mess of probate, write a will if you don't have one, and please consider joining me and other classmates—there are about a dozen of us right now—it's pretty easy. If you have any questions, feel free to email me or call the College Planned Giving Office at 800-451-4067.

remember about half the names.

**Berolzheimer:** Thanks again for devoting some class notes attention to Foley House. Alan Berolzheimer, Project Historian/Assistant Director, History Harvest, 729 Union Village Road, Norwich, VT 05055, 802-649-2857, [bercress@sover.net](mailto:bercress@sover.net).

**Ornstein:** Remember, Foles: "STEPS are being taken!" Remember Amiga? I remember the time she got sprayed by a skunk, and trying tomato juice and everything else under the sun to try to get the stink out, in those big showers. Hey, and Foley is where I learned to love cats: Rufus, the gentlest cat who ever lived -- and perhaps the only cat in known history to have a litter of ONE kitten! I have had cats for my entire adult life. Anyone wants to e-mail me; it's [judyornstein@yahoo.com](mailto:judyornstein@yahoo.com).

**Poor:** I wish I had more time to write, but I've got to get folks in the car for our trip. Hope to talk to you soon!

**Kurz:** But it's been great out here (in Taiwan), aside from the typhoons, and the earthquakes, and missile tests from China, assassination attempts, and periodic stock market crashes. Otherwise, it's been great.

**Purnell:** I was at Dartmouth a few years back for a conference—my first visit in decades and only my second since graduation—and I couldn't remember which of the houses on fraternity row was Foley House. It made me feel kind of sad and just a little bit old—the community of the house helped me survive and thrive in what was otherwise

## CLASS HONOR ROLE

(by John Currier, [John.H.Currier@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:John.H.Currier@Dartmouth.edu)):

Have you checked out the Honor Roll page on our class website lately? A quick look gives you an idea of the breadth of activities and the number of '79's who have gotten involved as alumni/ae. You are active in Dartmouth Clubs, you interview prospective students, you work on organizing reunions, you are class agents for the Dartmouth College Fund, and you served on Alumni Council. Even with that impressive roster, there are many active classmates who aren't yet listed on the Honor Roll, and a lot of activities to update.

The best person to update your information is you. Please take a few minutes to look at the Honor Roll webpage [www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/79/) and jot down an update of your Dartmouth activities. E-mail me your updated information at [john.h.currier@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.h.currier@dartmouth.edu) and I will compile the entries for Webmeister Walter Chick to post on the webpage. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Dartmouth. Keep it up!

a fairly uncongenial environment, given Dartmouth's growing pains with co-education.

**Ornstein:** Foley was home base, a safe haven in what often felt like a hostile environment. I miss it!

## 79<sup>TH</sup> DAY MINI-REUNIONS

**Chicago (Louisa Guthrie):** On a not-so-cold (thank God) March night, six intrepid (seven including an entertaining and loyal spouse) Class of '79 Chicago residents met at their now-traditional mini-reunion haunt to toast a few, eat a lot and catch up. In attendance, from left to right, were **Jon Peabody, Mark Rader, Louisa Guthrie, Peter Greulich, Nancy Wilder, Marlow Hicks and Julie Hicks**. As happens every year, we thoroughly enjoyed catching up and spent our usual 5+ hours together—telling stories,



*Chicago Mini-Reunion: Jon Peabody, Mark Rader, Louisa Guthrie, Peter Greulich, Marlow Hicks and Julie Hicks*

sharing family news and just enjoying each other's company. News on the career front was particularly interesting as only two of us are still in the same career and job position as last year; one has taken on a new position

at a new company and three are in job search mode after downsizings and voluntary sabbaticals. We look forward to this evening each year, and although most of us hadn't known each other well at Dartmouth, we have now become

fast friends—if only for this one time a year we see each other. Looking forward to our 30th reunion!!

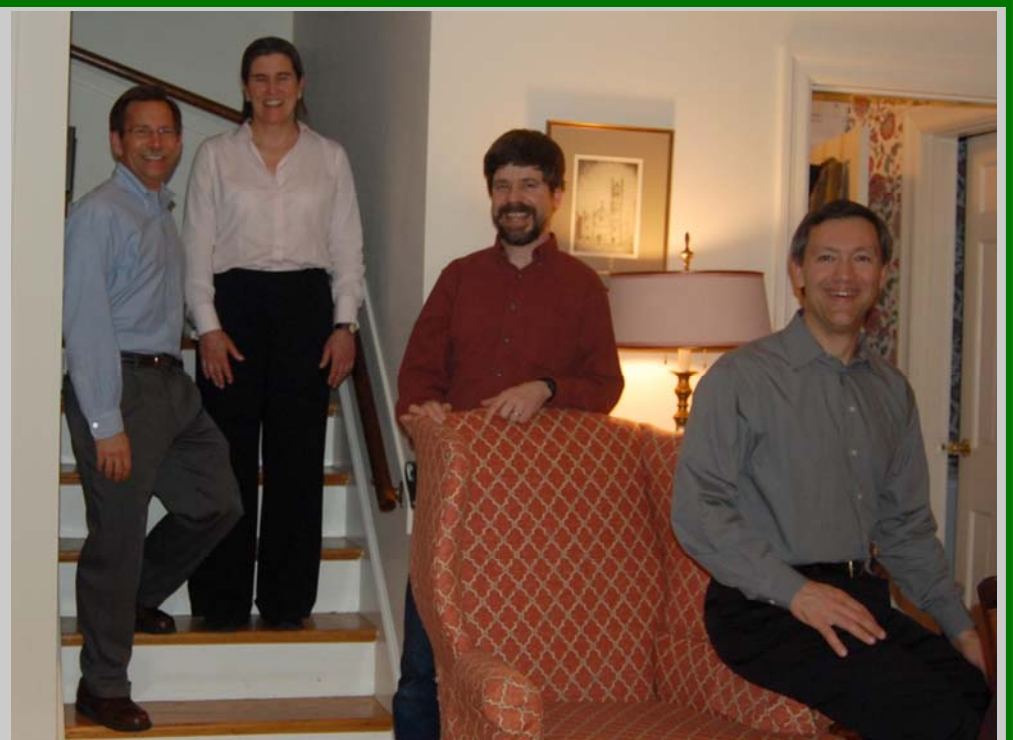
**Boston (Phil Oden):** Enormous thanks to **Libby** for hosting a wingdinger at her most accommodating digs in Brookline and to **Ames and Joan Abbot** for helping to organize same. Imagine my delight at being greeted by **Joeugs and Kim Henley** who'd trucked out from Longmeadow and brought along sister Susie Donovan. I was even more delighted to see **Pete AD Roby** standing behind. We were soon joined by **Bruce Nickelson** and **Carl Gehring** all the way from Mystic, CT (with a "D79" chocolate cake). And then followed a multitude of others: **Carol Kurtz Bates, Sandy Pooler, Gary Dmytryk, Jim Geller, Sarah Leggat, Dave Schweitzer, Eileen Kane Szytko** (and hubby Mark, honorary 79 mini-maid), **Greg Johnson** and **Walter Webman Chick**. That's 17 classmates and 3 hangers on, a near world record. There was discussion of kids waiting on acceptance letters, bad backs, the mid-life singles scene, classmates who don't need to work anymore, the Trustee election process, and the care of aging parents. (I heard menopause mentioned more than once, but managed to steered clear of those conversations.) Libby had to boot us out at 11, 'cause otherwise we weren't leaving. Four Advils later, I'm feeling great about the whole affair.

**New York (Mark Winkler):** The Dartmouth '79 NYC Metro

mini-reunion was Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in The Kitano Bar Lounge with great hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and live Jazz (Antonio Barbagalo Quartet). NYC Mini-reunion attendees to our event (see photo left to right) included **Jim Wasz, Chip Fauver, Tim Craig, Vicky Riley, Andy Schoder, Peggy Epstein Tanner, Mark Winkler, Lisa Mendelson Friel, Gail Frawley Granowitz, William**



*Boston Mini-Reunion: Front Seated: Pete Roby, Phil Oden. Middle Seated: Bruce Nickelson, Ames Abbot, Gary Dmytryk. Standing L to R: Sandy Pooler, Joe Henley, Carol Kurtz Bates, Jim Geller, Kim Donovan Henley, Carl Gehring, Libby Roberts*



*Boston Mini-Reunion: Tom Tomei, Sarah Leggat, Walter Chick and Dave Schweitzer*

**Mitchell, Doug Furth, Eleanor Shannon,** and Theresa Craig (Tim's wife in front). Continuing in the tradition of warmly welcoming out-of-town classmates here in NYC, Jim came in from Simsbury (CT), Vicky and Bill come down from Hanover, and Eleanor dropped in from Milan, Italy. Next time, you, too, can plan a trip to NYC to join our mini-reunions. Help make it an event.



*New York City Mini-Reunion: L to R: Jim Wasz, Chip Fauver, Tim Craig, Vicky Riley, Andy Schoder, Peggy Epstein Tanner, Mark Winkler, Lisa Mendelson Friel, Gail Frawley Granowitz, Bill Mitchell, Doug Furth and Eleanor Shannon. Front: Theresa Craia (Tim's wife)*

A number of our busy classmates, many who had joined us for previous NYC mini-reunions, sent their regrets. Here is their news: **Beth Blatt**, **Custis Glover**, **Carey Fiertz**, and **Stanley Weil** all had important child and family commitments that evening. **Bob Gruendel** was in Houston on business, **David Klinges** (of Bear Stearns) was returning from the west coast, and **Brendan Cameron** was actually "in the air" that evening returning from a business trip. **Michelle Lavigne** had to attend a Bowling awards dinner with her team getting an award. **Mary Beth Gose** was away visiting her son, Anthony, at school. **Kristy Rudel** was out volunteering all that week for a Greeley HS musical in Chappaqua (NY). **Samuel Seymour** had a

scheduling conflict with a NYC Bar Association event. **Elizabeth Sword** had a scheduling conflict with concurrent board meeting. **Laura Swiggett** had a concurrent meeting and her husband **Brian Swiggett** was away in Europe. **David Fitch** and **John Saer** also had scheduling conflicts. **David Wilson** wrote, "Wednesdays are notoriously bad days for me due to all day meetings with Columbia University on their Manhattanville Development. Also, Renzo Piano is in town."

**Northern California (Paul Krupka):** A very low-key but pleasant 79th Day gathering was held at the Steelhead Brewery in Burlingame, with **Jim Feuille**, **John Sotos** and **Paul Krupka** testing each other's patience at billiards. We



*San Francisco Mini-Reunion: Jim Feuille, John Sotos, Paul Krupka*

were so nice to each other when playing cutthroat that we didn't bother to sink many balls (at least we didn't break anything...). After a few beers, served by the way by Deb Sullivan (**Sully's** better half), Paul took off for home and left Jim and John with the bill (just kidding). That's the story and we're sticking to it!

**Washington D.C. (Burr Gray):** The Washington D.C. 79th Day of the Year party, held once again at the Gordon Biersch brewery in D.C., was attended by some, but not all, of the usual suspects as well as some new faces. In attendance, moving from left to right on the photo, were **Proctor Reid** (with the National Academy of Engineering), **T. Weymouth** (organizer/raconteur/partner with Hogan & Hartson), **Burr Gray** (lawyer with the National Guard Bureau's Office of Chief Counsel), **Marshal Fazzone** (in town briefly for stuff related to his family's cigar import business; Marshall is

quite hopeful that the ban on Cuban cigars will be lifted shortly and that he will be able to once again import into the US products from his family's farm outside of Havana), **Rob Worley** (Canadian bank executive who has just moved with his family from Philly to the D.C. area), **Barb Murphy** (just recently moved after 25 years with old law firm to new law firm of Miller & Chevalier), **Da'aga Hill Bowman** (Director, Foundation Outreach and Public Information for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs), and **Roger Sullivan** (with Microstrategy, a



*Washington D.C. Mini-Reunion: Proctor Reid, T. Weymouth, Burr Gray, Marshall Fazzone, Rob Worley, Barb Murphy, Da'aga Hill Bowman and Roger Sullivan*

business intelligence, software vendor with operations in 23 countries). **Chris O'Brien** was there for an early libation but had to leave prior to photo opportunity. T had done a little research into what other significant events had occurred over the years on the 79th day of the year. He uncovered the following facts which were conveyed, along with other tidbits, to the group and greeted with amazement and almost unlimited appreciation: first of all, the 79th day is March 20th (except during Leap years) which is the vernal equinox (first day of spring) in the Northern Hemisphere; so on March 20, 1616, Sir Walter Raleigh was freed from the Tower of London after 13 years of imprisonment (but he was so much in favor with the Queen in the movie "Elizabeth"; wonder what the hell happened); on March 20, 1916, Albert Einstein published his general theory of relativity; on March 20, 1948, Bobby Orr was born (how many of us had that famous poster on our walls growing up of Orr scoring the goal in the Stanley Cup); and finally on March 20, 1969, John Lennon and Yoko Ono married in Gibraltar. (Others may debate the selection of the above topics since there were many possibilities to choose from, but there you are.)

The evening ended on a mysterious note because when it was time to ask for the bill, the waitress said that it had already been taken care of and indicated that she was not at liberty to divulge the mystery benefactor. This produced a round of accusations, but all suspects denied any guilt. However, as Detective Weymouth pointed out, this event had gone on for a number of years without such generosity being exhibited so it had to be one of the new guys.

**Southern California (Ted Winterer):** **Dave Hall, Rich Pugh, Steven O'Neill, Colleen Sullivan Bartlett** and **Ted Winterer** met in the lounge at Casa del Mar on the beach in Santa Monica for libations and conversation. Colleen soon complained about the rigors of parenting a 3-year-old at our advanced age. When Dave Hall revealed he was the father of 4-year-old twins and Ted Winterer divulged he had a 21-month-old son at home (youngest child of our classmates perhaps (*nope, see above announcement of Tom Ewing's new arrival on February 1st*), Colleen quit

bellyaching. Steven O'Neill, on the other hand, is paying tuition at Swarthmore for his eldest child Blaine and has every reason to gripe. **Rich Pugh** is enjoying his golden years as his oldest child Molly can now act as his designated driver. Colleen won the door prize, as she was the first female classmate to attend one of our soirees (4 guys and 1 gal felt a lot like freshman year). She also drove the farthest to attend, from her relatively new home in



*Sorry, Southern California, but low resolution image means small photo!*

Claremont, an hour east of Santa Monica. As the evening of revelry closed, we decided next year to convene on the slopes of Mt. Baldy in the nearby San Gabriel Mts. for a day of skiing. Seems healthier than cocktails for a bunch of old fogies. But if anyone suffers ligament damage in 2009, it will be back to cocktails in 2010.

**Hanover (John Currier):** On Saturday, April 26 **Bill Mitchell** hosted the Hanover mini-reunion, the finale in the 79th day mini-reunion series for 2008. Bill put on a nice tailgate spread at the Dartmouth-Princeton lacrosse game at gorgeous Sculley-Fahey field. On hand were: **Laura Powers-Swiggett** and **Brian Swiggett**. Their son, Towny '11 was already suited up as a midfielder to take on the Tigers. Towny and his mates did Dartmouth proud, handing the Tigers their first Ivy loss of the season, 11-9. **Jim Stein, Tom Tomai, Penny Breed, Vicky Riley, and**



Hanover Mini-Reunion: Bill Mitchell, Brian Swiggett, Laura Powers Swiggett, John Currier, Tom Tomei, Jim Stein and Vicky Reilly



Penny Breed and Bill Mitchell

John Currier were also in attendance. Charlie Carr was there as well, roaming the sidelines as team doctor. Other '79 Legacies were spotted: Peggy Epstein Tanner's son Eric '11, (who inexplicably, but reflexively, addresses Bill as "Mr. Mitchell!"), and Cindy (Marder) Calder's son Tim '10.

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Charlie Carr—"Wait for me!"

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