

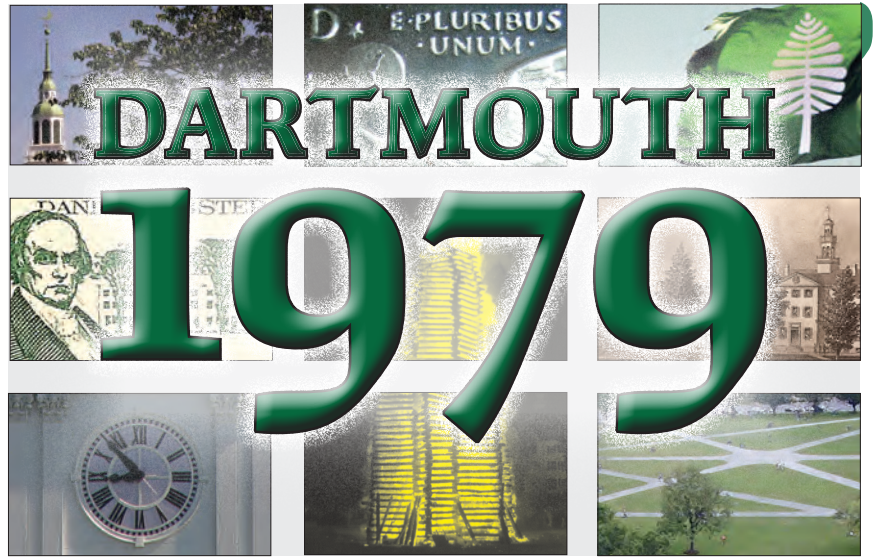
# Class Newsletter

Voted **Class-of-the-Year** eight times: 1997, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, and 2017. No other Dartmouth class has had as many wins. The Class of 1979 is unreservedly Dartmouth's Best Class.

## Oct/Nov 2020

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### from Adam Samuels '79 Class President 2020-current



Dear '79,

First of all, I'm so grateful to be serving as your class president. I'm standing on the shoulders of twelve terrific people who have led the Class since 1975. **Mark Winkler**, our outgoing leader, is to be commended for making the past five years look easy.

I want to let you know that there's a lot happening behind the scenes. Our class officers give generously of their time and energy to create activities that are relevant and of interest to you, find ways to keep you up to date 'round the girdled earth – and most importantly, engage you from near and far so we can remain connected and participate with each other.

We suffered a major interruption in fulfilling on our biggest goal when COVID took what would have been our best-planned reunion off the calendar. While we're disappointed, we now see that there can be new opportunities for us to gather virtually, until the time when it's safe to join together in force. The College this week told us that they "fully intend to bring to Hanover the classes who were scheduled to be on campus this year sometime in the summer of '21".

For the fall season, we're moving online for virtual mini-reunions – the first will be a fun Halloween party and trivia challenge on Friday, October 30th (details in

this issue). We now have access to a 300-person Zoom room, so we can accommodate a whole lot of us in events. Have you an idea for a get-together – perhaps you'd like to host your LSA or FSP cohorts, or meet again with dormmates? If you are willing to help organize an event, we'll do what we can to make it easy to do so. Let either myself or Carl Briscoe know.

Also this fall – later than usual because of changes within Alumni Relations – you'll be receiving a note from **Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim**, our tenacious treasurer. Your support of class dues and for our class project (Dartmouth Partners in Community Service) will enable us to continue to stay connected and contribute to students through off-campus internships.

Finally, we want to hear more from you in terms of what's important to you. Both Dartmouth and the Class have been sending out lots of emails – I'm interested in focusing on what provides you with value. One of the emails that you will be receiving will have an invitation to complete a survey to allow us to prioritize what you want to hear, how you want to hear it, and if there's anything new that we can add to the mix.

We are living in remarkable times! It's impossible to predict what will happen in the next couple of months – and I'm comforted to know that we can count on the Dartmouth community to support each other, our families and our country.

Thanks for your attention. Your vote is your voice.

— **Adam Samuels** [ahsamuels@gmail.com](mailto:ahsamuels@gmail.com) 📧

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## from Mark Winkler '79 Class President 2015-2020



Dear Classmates of Dartmouth 1979, I hope that this newsletter finds you, your family and your friends all well.

### Class Officer Organizational Changes

You elect your class officers at class meetings held at every major Hanover reunion. Since reunion has been postponed until 2021, our official class meeting has been postponed, too. While many class officers have volunteered to extend their service another year until next summer, we have had some retirements and new appointments to fill open class officer slots. Here are the latest updates:

**Class President:** After my 5-year term, I am now retiring as your class president. I have long cherished the mutual support, trust, curiosity, and care taken by the '79 team. This has formed the solid foundation for our class success and it has been an honor to serve you. I continue to be amazed at all the new, good friendships forged among classmates who did not know each other as undergraduates. We do have a very special lifelong kinship.

It is my privilege to announce that **Adam Samuels** has volunteered to step up and become our next class president. Please join me in both welcoming and supporting Adam in his new class leadership role. We wish him the best of luck! Please be kind. :-)

**Class Newsletter Editor:** After publishing the Spring 2020 class newsletter, **David Van Wie** has now retired as newsletter editor. Thanks, Dave, for your innovative and disciplined editorial work. To take on this newly open position of Newsletter, I will be shifting into that role. With the help of other class officers and many of you, Adam and I plan to build out an expanded newsletter editorial team to create content, to reach out to classmates, and to help in the production. To join our newsletter communications team in any capacity, please let me know. Please.

**Class Secretary:** After five years of exemplary service to class and college as our co-secretaries, **Stan Weil** and **John Currier** have now both retired. Many thanks for your story craft and outreach. To fill this position, **Janie Simms Hamner** from Dallas, Texas has volunteered to become our next class secretary. Writes Janie:

*"I have always loved our class and our reunions. I have had experiences as newsletter editor for pediatrics newsletters in the community and nationally as well as newsletter editor for the Dartmouth Club of Dallas. Being the class secretary will allow me to combine my fondness for our class with my experience composing newsletters to (hopefully) continue to engage class*

*members while helping me stay 'connected.' I am very open to receiving suggestions for content or other ways to improve the column in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine"*

If you have news now, or in the future. **Her next submission deadline is 10/28. Please be sure to email Janie: [jshandkids@aol.com](mailto:jshandkids@aol.com).** Welcome to the team, Janie!

**Class Historian: Ben Riley**, who has written and crafted the obituary announcements for recently departed classmates with greatest of care, has agreed to carry on in that role for at least for another year. While we all appreciate Ben's writing, we all hope that his work will not be often required in these coming months. Thanks, Ben.

**Class Treasurer:** Class Treasurer of the Year **Ellen Oppenheim**, who has served as class treasurer over these past five years, will continue as our treasurer for one more year when **Tom Ewing** will take over as our next class treasurer for the 2021-2025 term. Thanks to you both for keeping our class solvent.

**Head Agent and DCF Team: Bill Mitchell** who for the past five years has led the incredibly motivated and productive Dartmouth College Fund team for 1979 will continue for another year. In fact, the entire DCF giving team has agreed to stay on in their officer roles for another year. The College and Class is most appreciative of your work to support undergraduates at Dartmouth. Many thanks!

**Reunion Co-Chairs:** After building the complete 2020 Reunion team and program that was unfortunately postponed into 2021, both **Dawn Hudson** and **Otho Kerr** have generously agreed to stay on as reunion co-chairs. We hope that many of their Reunion planning teammates will also be able and willing to stay on until we can meet again on the Hanover Plain in 2021. Thanks all for your ongoing passion and work to build our community!

**Expanded Digital Mini Reunions for 2020-2021:** Both **Carl Briscoe** and **Phil Oden** have volunteered to continue as mini-reunion co-chairs for another year, there is much excitement amongst all class officers for us to create an expanded zoom digital program for the class of 1979. Whether by region, by dorm, by undergraduate activity, and/or by any topic, the ambition is for our class to organize various online gatherings and mini-reunions throughout the coming year. Please join the development committee for these D79 Digital Gatherings. If interested, email **Adam Samuels**.

Many thanks to all of our class officers and volunteers outgoing, incoming, or staying on. Your efforts, time and care that you invest to support our community of 1979 is appreciated more than you may realize.

**Our Newest Adopted Classmate of 1979:** This year, our class adopted **Vicki Philhower** '79a of Rockaway, New Jersey as our 10th honorary classmate of Dartmouth 1979.

Vicki, the wife of our recently departed classmate Dave Philhower, has been a long-time supporter of all things 1979. Please join me in welcoming her as an adopted classmate of our class.

**Recap of '79 Conversations on Race:** In light of recent events, a group of diverse '79s got together and, in the spirit of the '79 way of being the "first," crafted a series of "Conversations" on Race and Blackness at Dartmouth. Starting with "Meeting the Moment," where classmates shared their personal "stories" of being a person of color at Dartmouth and in America, we moved to #2 in the Series, where Women of Color enlightened us as to their particular experience as Black Women at Dartmouth, where they felt "invisible" and "like there were 2 different Dartmouths." #3 in the series was "Voices of Youth," where the BUTA students and other young folks of color further educated us with powerful spoken word performances, allowing us to see and experience Dartmouth through their eyes. Finally, in #4 in the series, entitled "Getting Stuff Done - the Dartmouth Way," we worked together to provide multiple action steps to take to make our world and Dartmouth better including a class-wide project for all '79s to get involved in, and an ongoing interaction with classmates on these issues.

Gail Granowitz writes: "This conversation series brought together classmates that have not been involved with Dartmouth for a long time, as well as many classmates of color. Each call had over 70 participants, and the Committee received very positive feedback about both the moral and practical imperatives of these conversations."

Margo Squire writes: "It is fitting that our class jumped on these burning issues, just as Gail organized a campus-wide discussion of race for the Moratorium our senior year, following destruction of a Black organization's ice sculpture. A number of classmates have expressed frustration that the environment has not improved enough for students of color since our time at Dartmouth. We owe it to them, to all of us, and to future classes to work together to make Dartmouth a nurturing environment for all and to support broader change in our country."

### Two (2) Next Action Reminders for You!

1. **Join the D79 Online Mini-reunion events team** to help plan, develop, and execute our programs this year.
2. **Join our class newsletter team.** Become a connector as a writer, editor, and/or communicator. Help create Newsletter content and outreach for our Class Newsletter. We Want YOU. We NEED you.

Best wishes. Stay healthy. Take care of each other  
— **Mark Winkler** 🐾

## Class of 1979 Virtual Halloween

### MINI REUNION

## Featuring Dartmouth Trivia Night

Friday October 30, 2020

starting at 7:30 pm ET

A ZOOM Event – [click here to join](#)

<https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/8684685690?pwd=UWlOUkZlMjZ5L01mV1lNSkplYWwzdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 468 5690

Passcode: granite79

Wear and Show Off Your Full Halloween Regalia!  
Mini Reunion featuring: (1) teams competing in a Dartmouth 79 Trivia Contest; (2) Halloween costume contest; and (3) sports highlights including the 1978 Championship Dartmouth Football Team, 2019 all varsity sports and a rebroadcast of a 2019 football game.

- 7:30 Opening Remarks and Team Assignments
- 7:45 Teams enter breakout rooms to answer trivia questions
- 8:30 Teams return to Main Room/ Ten Minute Intermission
- 8:40 Class Activities Update
- 9:00 Answers and Results of Trivia Contest Announced
- 9:30 Best Halloween Look Nominations and Selection
- 9:45 Dartmouth Sports Highlights  
(including 1978 Championship Football team)
- 10:00 Rebroadcast of an exciting 2019 Football Game

This Trivia Event will be limited  
to the first 60 classmates who register.

Please email **Carl Briscoe**

[carlbriscoe@mac.com](mailto:carlbriscoe@mac.com)

to register by no later than **October 29th**.

Classmates who register after the first 60 will be waitlisted for the Trivia Game and regardless, will be able to join the other activities.

Please provide the following registration info:

- > Your Name
- > Email Address
- > [Any joints that have been replaced – e.g. hip]

All the best,

— **Carl Briscoe** 🐾

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## The 50 Relay August 7-8, 2020

*Homines ambulantes in deserto*

by Burr Gray '79

The germ of The 50 Relay idea was hatched when a group of us arrived in Hanover in summer 2019 to support **Bill Conway** in his effort to do The 50. The 50 is the hike supported by the DOC each year where a few fit Dartmouth students try to hike continuously for 54 miles on the Appalachian Trail from Moosilauke Ravine Lodge to Hanover. We didn't quite pull that off, but it was a great team effort and afterwards, **T Weymouth** suggested that maybe we should do something similar for Reunion. Well, obviously we didn't quite pull off Reunion, but we did get the band back together plus some new recruits and had great fun this past August. Read on. Hope you wish you had been there, and hope you are inspired to sign up for the next 50 Relay adventure whenever we do have Reunion.

So, for The 50 Relay we divided the 54 mile trip into 15 Legs, some longer, some shorter, some harder, and some easier. Each person would hike as many Legs as they wished. The Class Flag would be passed from one team to another so that the flag would traverse the entire 54 miles.

I won't rehash the entire trip but will make a few observations. • **Tom and Mary Tomai's** house on Rip Road in Hanover served as base camp, and an incredible base camp it was. Fantastic hospitality, especially considering the pandemic. • The hardest night sections were handled by our three Night Hikers: **Tom Tomai**, (to next page... >)



Home, Sweet Home



Burr checking on hikers' progress



Moosilauke Ravine Lodge on the morning of August 7, 2020



Sun is setting as Leg 6 Team finishes



Mount Moosilauke - finish of Leg 1



The night before - Base Camp Tomai



Flag handoff from Leg 6 Team to Night Hikers



Julie, Steve, Alex and Chip at the start of Leg 4



Tom and John, Night Hikers, with Sam photographing, heading up Mt Cube in the dark



Julie and Otho on the downward side of Leg 12



Thumbs Up - transition between Leg 4 and Leg 5 Teams

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[f](#) < click here to see Facebook photo album for Class of '79 Dartmouth 50 (79 km!)



Sam Winebaum, Night Hiker

(...from prior page) **Sam Winebaum**, and **John Dolan**. Those guys had to go over both Mt. Cube and Smarts Mt. in the dark, basically hiking all night, just missing a major deluge during the early morning hours. Most night hikers had a single headlamp; Sam had an array of lights on his chest that was awesome to behold. • **Julie Sudikoff Weisman** (who a month later would hike the 272 mile Vermont Long trail with her daughter and daughter's friend) always kept a quick pace and always pulled her group along so that they finished their Legs ahead of schedule. • The Class Flag ended up in **Chip Fauver's** trusty backpack more often than with any other hiker. • We had a couple of father/son teams. **Steve Hufford** (who crafted the schedule of estimated start/finish times for each Leg) and his son Alex hiked most of the first day, plus the final stretch on the second day. Hunt Melville '78 (who was joined by his son Alex on Day 2), **Dave Wilson** (in charge of beverages), **T. Weymouth**, and **Steve Richardson** (who drove over from Maine) handled the "middle of the day" Legs on both days, and coincidentally ran into **Marshall Fazzone's** daughter, Marsha Fazzone, upon completion of Leg 5. Another coincidence was running into **Kurt Somerville** and his family on the trail on Day 1.

**Otho Kerr** and I hiked Leg 1 up to the top of Moosilauke and back, and then ferried cars around much of Day 1 so that hikers would have their vehicles whenever they finished for the day. Not as simple as it might seem. Next time we'll use Uber. We also took over from the Night Hikers early in the morning after they finished on Day 2.

**Peter Greulich** filled the role of Command Central in Chicago, monitoring the GPS signals and texts from hikers, providing invaluable projections on when Legs would likely be finished. This was key since there is no cell phone service in the valleys for much of the 54 miles. - Finally, The 50 Relay t-shirts carrying the team's motto "*Homines ambulantes in deserto*" that you see in some of the photos were provided by Bill, who had surgery the week before the hike and was not able to participate this year.

In summary, 13 '79's and one '78 banded together and hiked hard together to deliver the Class Flag from Moosilauke Ravine Lodge to Hanover in 31 hrs. A real team effort. I can tell that, much like the Stanley Cup, the Class Flag enjoyed the adventure and is looking for more action. If we do pull off a Reunion, we might try a different format where we have different teams starting each Leg at the same time. We'll be able to more easily handle the likely legions of new participants that way. 🐾

## Hiking the Long Trail

by Julie Weisman '79

“Let roaring trains, straining automobiles, and soaring airships ... accomplish extraordinary feats of speed, but let me wander through the mountains and feast on the beauties which abound on every stride!” That was James Gordon Hindes in the summer of 1931. He and John Eames, a fellow Dartmouth frat member, were among the first people to hike the newly completed Long Trail.



My daughter, Leah Weisman, D'10, and I have been talking about thru-hiking Vermont's Long Trail for a year or so but things (like jobs, grad school) kept getting in the way. Thanks to Covid Leah became unemployed and we had the time. The Long Trail is the oldest long distance hiking trail in the country. It runs North-South from Canada to Massachusetts along the spine of the Green Mountains.



Historically, the Greens were inhabited by the Western Abenaki or “People

of the Dawn” who had a special relationship with the mountains. According to the Abenaki, mountaintops often held significance as liminal spaces, or the place between two realms where people could go to perceive the divine. \*from <https://she-explores.com/landmarks/northeast/section-hiking-the-long-trail/>

The Long Trail is billed as “a footpath in the wilderness” although it is extremely rugged and not what I would define as a footpath.

Leah and I and our friend, Claire, started our hike on **September 14** in North Adams, MA. We ended at the Canada/Vermont border on **October 8**. Twenty-four days of walking, one day off.

We carried tents and slept out most nights but did enjoy an indoor night a few times. We avoided most of the shelters due

to covid and critters. We saw one bear, one porcupine, one beaver but no moose. We heard screech owls and fisher cats and one night a veritable coyote party. We met a lot of interesting folks on the trail. We were blown away by all the badass women (that made me proud). I am also proud to be a hiking Nana.



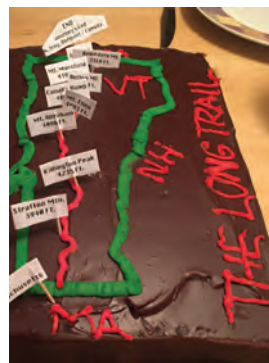
When we reached the border I found I was very emotional. On so many levels it was a powerful experience: doing it with Leah, completing what had been a dream, challenging myself physically and mentally.

And of course my husband, Doug met us at the border with Long Trail IPAs!

Shout out to the '79 50 Relay Team for their part in my training. We had a great 2 days walking from Moosilauke to Hanover.

Shout out to **Chip Fauver** for taking care of us in Manchester, VT - our first resupply stop. Chip and Fran fed us, let us do laundry and drove us to and from the trail. Chip also hiked with us for a morning.

Another Dartmouth assist was Carol Hillman Van Dyke, '78 who took care of us in Stowe when we were wet and cold after two days of downpour. 🐾



### Breaking News from Otho Kerr on 10/17

Just in! While the College decided not to hand out Class of the Year honors this year, the College took time today to recognize a few classes for their creativity and innovation during the past year. One of those classes was the Class of '79. Thanks to the leadership of **Gail Granowitz** and **Curtiss Takada Rooks**, the Class was recognized for “'79 Online: Conversations on Race”. Gail and Curtiss have been supported by a committee that includes **James DeFrantz**, **Victor Hoskins**, **Bruce Jackman III**, **Maurice Simmons**, **Rueben Stokes**, **Margo Squire** and me. Great job, team. Onward Together! 🐾



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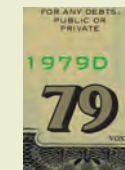
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Class Website: [1979.dartmouth.org](http://1979.dartmouth.org) 🐾



**STAY TUNED FOR A CLASSWIDE EMAIL SURVEY**

**WHAT'S UP? EASY PAY CLASS DUES ONLINE**  
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 How are you doing?  
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 Your classmates want to know!  
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## Forty-One Class of 1979 Stats!

- Class Year: **1979**
- Years since we matriculated: **45**
- Years since Eleazar Wheelock arrived in Hanover: **250** (Aug. 1770)
- Number of days that we were undergraduates: **1,365**
- Original Dartmouth 1979 classmates: **1,069**
- Number of tiers on our freshman bonfire (1975): **101**, the most ever
- Number of signatures on our Dartmouth diploma: **16**
- Number of days that we've been Dartmouth alumni: **15,121** to date (as of 11/1/20) and counting
- Number of classmates who died in this past fiscal year: **7**
- Total Number of classmates who have died to date as of June '20: **53**
- Surviving spouses of classmates: **18**
- Classmates who gave this year to the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF): **570**, the most of any alumni class
- How many more donors did '79 have than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place class? **+21%**!
- Total amount our class gave to the DCF this year: **\$1,617,609**
- Classmates who are members of the 1769 Society: **94**
- Classmates who are members of the Bartlett Tower Society: **40**
- Classmates successfully solicited by Dave Philhower this year before he died: **79**
- Total honorary adopted 1979 classmates: **10**
- Number of classmates not wanting any communication from College: **34**
- Number of classmates who are named David: **45**
- Number of classmates who are named Elizabeth: **11**
- Number of classmates living in Massachusetts: **125**
- Number of classmates living in California: **98**
- Number of classmates living in Arkansas, Idaho, and North Dakota: **1 each**
- Number of classmates living in Canada: **9**
- Number of classmates living in Hong Kong: **2**
- Classmates without a known current valid postal address: **26**
- Total newsletters published this year: **4**
- Total class newsletter content pages this year: **48**
- Classmates who paid their '19-'20 class Dues: **503, or 51% of class**
- Total funds in our Class Treasury: **\$83,535**
- Total contributions this year to our Class Project Dartmouth Partners in Community Service: **\$16,442**
- Reunion vendor deposits made for our Reunion: **\$10,250**
- Exact AT Trail Distance between the Mt. Moosilauke Summit and Dartmouth's Green in kilometers: **79**
- Number of Major Reunions held this year: **0**
- Number of Major Reunions postponed until in 2021: **1**
- Number of Major Online Zoom Reunions held this spring: **2**
- 250th Anniversary of Dartmouth's first Commencement: **2021**
- Number of times 1979 has won the Dartmouth Class of the Year Award: **8**, the most of any Class ever
- Days until our 50th Reunion on June 10, 2029: **3,151** (as of 11/1/20)
- Years until most members of the next Dartmouth Class of '79 (2079) will be born: **37** ➤

**'79 ZOOM Meet on 11/10**  
**What the Founders Gave Us**  
**Tues. November 10th**  
**from 8:30-10pm ET on Zoom**

Dartmouth Government Prof. Russell Muirhead and **Peter Robinson** '79 will discuss the election, the state of American politics and media, and the Constitution—which is to say that they'll discuss the way our system currently works and the way the Founders intended it to work. The whole conversation will be entirely non-partisan, they promise. (One hopeful note in the meantime: Although Prof. Muirhead is such a convinced Democrat that he was just elected to the New Hampshire Assembly on the Democratic ticket, and although our classmate Peter is such a thorough Republican that in the old days he wrote speeches for Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, Russ Muirhead and **Peter Robinson** are the best of friends. See? It can be done.)

**Additional details will be emailed to you shortly** ➤

