

“One of the great joys in life is to have friends of long standing with whom you shared a common experience in your youth. Dartmouth reunions provide a great opportunity to reconnect with some of those friends and to recall the memories of that experience. Reunions also provide a great opportunity to meet class members whom you may not have known while at Dartmouth but with whom you can now connect and find new bonds. The mini-reunion in Napa was a perfect example of both opportunities. I saw many old friends and had some great times with some classmates I had not known previously. And the 50th reunion will provide even more opportunities to do both.”

– Clark Wadlow, 70th Class Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“I’m reminded of a Beach Boys song from our college years posing two questions: ‘Will my kids be proud or think their old man is really a square?’ Despite the stereotypes the kids of 68’s I know think their parents are cool. At least most of the time! And, ‘When they’re out having fun yeah, will I still wanna have my share?’ I guess we prove the answer is YES! Best wishes until next time!”

– Gary Horlick, 70th Class Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“I’m still enjoying the buzz off that wonderful time in Napa. My thanks again for all involved.”

– Roger Anderson, Class 70th Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“Hi to all the crew! What a wonderful experience. What struck me was that every one of the classmates and spouses were enjoying themselves and so welcoming. “

– Bob Block, Class 70th Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“Let me add my thanks for a superbly run event. It really was fun reconnecting as well as getting to know some people I had very little contact with in Hanover. And I got to talk extensively with a two-time Dartmouth Olympian!”

– Dan Bort, Class 70th Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“Thanks for putting on a great event and thanks, also, for being so welcoming and inclusive. Sarah and I enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. It was fun to catch up with folks I haven't seen for a while and even more fun to talk with class members (and their spouses) whom I don't recall ever having met during the college years. Nice folks!”

– Jim Snyder, Class 70th Birthday Party in Napa, CA, 2016

“As was the case last year, Dartmouth Alumni Club of the Virgin Islands members proved to be incredible envoys of The College, singing every night ‘As the Backs Go Tearing By,’ ‘Glory to Dartmouth,’ and ‘Men of Dartmouth,’ usually to vigorous applause by stunned diners at beach restaurants throughout the BVI. Unfortunately, the applause often brought forth more singing, usually a bit more off-color, including ‘On the Steps of Psi U,’ ‘Dartmouth’s In Town Again,’ and others. The comment has been exceedingly well made that either our voices have improved with age, or our hearing is much worse than it used to be, or that lots of rum makes anything sound better.

Lessons Learned:

1. It is impossible to have anything but 9 days of fun on a DACVI Flotilla.
2. There are an amazing number of old Dartmouth stories that get told during an 11-day Annual Meeting.

3. It is really fun seeing old Dartmouth friends and meeting new ones!”

– Gerry Hills, Virgin Islands Cruise, 2014

“First off, thanks a million for all the effort you put forth in making this such a magical outing. For me, it goes way beyond golf (and I think it would have that affect on any newcomers). Bandon Dunes is Bandon Dunes, the most spectacular golf destination in the world! But, to experience it with interesting people we, for the most part, haven't seen in 45 years turns it into magic. It is the sense of connection (or reconnection) that occurs that elevates this gathering to something approaching the spiritual realm. Speaking personally, I really have not felt connected to Dartmouth since I graduated. The reasons don't really matter, but the lack of connection had left a bit of a void in my memory bank. How nice it is to fill that void with new experiences and memories shared with such a diverse group from all over the country. I departed Bandon with a smile on my face and a warm feeling all over. Priceless, as they say, and I'm going to continue to do it every year as I am able.”

– Nick Smaby, Golf Trip to Bandon Dunes, OR, 2013

“Old Mac was magnificent. All of it was. Thanks you guys. Impossible to pick between this or Dartmouth '68 Ski trip. Both wonderful, fun affairs. It's amazing that something we experienced 45+ years ago just keeps on giving. Would love to do it again.”

– Max Milton, Golf Trip to Bandon Dunes, OR, 2013

“The weather was outstanding, the activities varied and well-attended, the meals were delicious, the liquid refreshment plentiful (though we clearly do not drink the way we have in the past, a sign of growing maturity, perhaps long overdue). The mood of those attending was festive and welcoming, and our student workers were personable, courteous and anticipated our every need. If there was any aspect of the reunion that was disappointing, it was that there weren't more classmates there. Those who did not make it were missed.”

– John Engleman, 45th Reunion Chair report from some place named Hanover, NH, 2013

“For Betsy and me, these reunions are wonderful opportunities to meet new people and reacquaint ourselves with others. These class events are helping me check off my 'bucket list.' I have wanted to visit Colonial Williamsburg for 44 years, ever since driving past it during spring vacation of junior year. I was not disappointed. The weekend was altogether fantastic.”

– Ced Kam, 65th Birthday Party in Williamsburg, VA, 2012

“The location and the companionship were ideal. Whether renewing old acquaintances or beginning new ones, the gathering was a pleasant reminder of the significance of Dartmouth in our lives. I look forward to the next event....”

– Dennis Drapkin, 65th Birthday Party in Williamsburg, VA, 2012

“It was great fun to see old friends and get to know new people. Colonial Williamsburg was quite a pleasant surprise—I would have enjoyed several more days there.”

– Ron Weiss, 65th Birthday Party in Williamsburg, VA, 2012