

Dartmouth

Class of 1968



January Greetings From your Class President

The month of January is named for the Roman god Janus, with two heads, one facing back, one facing forward. While we can't forget the turbulence and disruptions of 2020 (and early 2021), it is time to look forward.

Our first major event, to which all classmates are welcome, is our next Class Committee meeting, via zoom. Saturday, February 6, at 10 am EST. We will be reviewing status of past and current class projects, including the Give A Rouse program, commissioning of commencement fanfare music, and the success of our Frederick Douglass sculpture and Zuni Bowl donations. And we'll be looking ahead towards planned mini-reunion events and **when** to have them, in light of when the pandemic may recede as vaccines are rolled out. Please join us!

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A new class project, in the early stages of preparation: the creation of a series of **live online seminars**, curated by classmates, about topics of interest. This

started as a notion to repeat and update some of the 50th Reunion programs that classmates might have missed. We hope to grow this seminars project over time as more of you, or your partners, step forward to put together programs of interest. The Class would publicize these via the website, newsletter and emails.

Our current plans for this inaugural “semester” of seminars:

March 8, 9 pm EST: Leadership. A panel of Rich Du Moulin, Bert Quist, Jamie Newton and Arnie Resnicoff

March 15, 9 pm EST: Bill Zarchy. On his new book Finding George Washington.

March 22, 9 pm EST: Gerry Bell, “The Pale Blue Dot...Is That All There Is?” An update of his 50th Reunion seminar.

Zoom Registration information will be on the class website.

We are in extraordinary times. In our lifetimes, we’ve had Vietnam and now the pandemic and historically divisive politics. It invites, indeed requires, reflection on what it means to be an American. Let’s remember the words of Teddy Roosevelt:

Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else.



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