

Class of 1968

September-October 2022

As I write this, we're almost exactly one year away from our 55th reunion, which will take place June 12-15, 2023, in Hanover. Please make your plans early to share in a joyous celebration.

In the meantime, I'll remind you that your submissions to these columns allow us classmates a form of virtual reunion. **Tom Ulen**, for one, assures all that, while he wishes he had more opportunities for in-person meetings, he follows many of you here, and remains "thankful we knew each other, helped each other grow up, and sent each other out into the world to do our very best to be happy and spread happiness." Tom studied at Oxford, earned an economics Ph.D. at Stanford, and then began a career as an academic economist at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he and his wife of almost 50 years, Julia, still live. After three years there he was asked to teach in a new and eventually groundbreaking field called "the economic analysis of law" at the University of Illinois law school, and his innovative scholarship and mentorship of students, professors, judges, and others eventually took him around the world for 30 years until his retirement in 2010. Tom still writes professionally and gives talks internationally. Break time brings tai chi. He sends warm regards.

Cliff Groen isn't as internationally famous as Bruce Willis, but he may have done even more than that actor to promote awareness of and research in the condition now widely known as aphasia. He's international, too. Cliff grew up in Asia, came to Dartmouth from the Singapore American School, and later spent professional time in Seoul and Tokyo with his wife, Marti. He remembers happily his time as a lawyer with the International Finance Corp. from 1993 to 2009. In 2012 atrial fibrillation brought on a stroke, which in turn caused him to lose his ability to speak. He spent a month in the hospital, where he was visited by **Peter Fahey**, a classmate he didn't even know in Hanover and whom Cliff credits with a special kindness that contributed greatly to his recovery. Cliff took speech lessons for two years. (He reminds us that aphasia is a condition of communication, not of intellect.) He has participated in modified repetition training in combination with noninvasive brain stimulation in order to help academics and medical personnel design effective

treatments. Cliff mentioned two more classmates in his correspondence with me, **Parker Beverage** and **Daniel Tom**. Parker (our class head agent, by the way) also taught in Asia for a few years, as did Daniel (one of the associate organizers of the recent Hawaii mini-reunion), with whom Cliff shares an extensive history of competitive distance running. He sends best wishes from his home in Manhattan.

Please check the class website for information on involvement with a new undertaking, the arts legacy committee, as well as on virtual seminars and opportunities to reunite in person. Your class committee also offers volunteer service openings.

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