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Fewer '68s plus more alumni classes mean shorter notes henceforth, so I'll be referring you to The Transmission often for additional information on some of my brief mentions of classmate contacts. A sad example: We've recently lost Douglas Cook, Thomas Peterson, and John Gage, whose obituaries you'll find in the newsletter.

There's a new class initiative called "On the Road Again: Have Gear Will Travel," which will publish your reviews of trips you've taken and include your recommendations on places to go, lodge, and dine. Add photos, diaries, and stories inspired by your travels; they'll be inspirational to classmates. Early submissions may already be seen in the "News" section of the drop menu on the class website in "D68 Travelogues." Our new travel committee includes **Bill Adler, Bill Rich, Ced Kam, David Peck, Jim Lawrie**, and **Peter Wonson**.

Lawrie, along with **Peter Hofman** and **Peter Temple**, also sent community service project developments. The program is evolving and expanding with new student body relationships, including mentoring and possible internships.

You may be interested to remember a classmate who spent two and a half years with us before leaving Dartmouth. **Roger Lenke** brought me up to date on a career that included three years as an Air Force officer in the Philippines and Michigan after securing his medical degree from Columbia. Fellowships at Harvard and USC followed, then 20 years in various academic positions around the country.

Bryson Ley and **Neill Hirst** are physicians in Asheville, North Carolina, although Neill, I know, is retired. Both moved there about 10 years ago and both extolled the virtues of the city and area in recent, most pleasant correspondences. (My wife lived there temporarily after Hurricane Katrina, and we've been considering a re-relocation.) **Leckie Rives** nestles nearby too.

Avid readers **Cliff Groen** and **John Hamer** wrote with recommendations. Cliff's taking an edX course on China and John promises that Dr. John Medina's Brain Rules for Aging Well is enlightening.

I'm reading too: Adah Armstrong's Return the Favor chills and thrills. It's available at Amazon.

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