



An Eye-Opener for our 75th Birthday Celebration

No, I'm not talking about a Bloody Mary! At our Class Committee meeting on May 14, we talked a bit about mini reunions in general and our 75th birthday celebration in particular. The observation was made that, despite the hardy souls among us who still enjoy skiing, hiking, sailing, etc., many of us would prefer that our minis focus on more intellectual pursuits. For example, our May 14 mini, featuring the dedication of our gift of the Frederick Douglass bust and Woody Lee's overview of Black history at Dartmouth, was very well – and enthusiastically – attended.

Which brings me to our 75th celebration. When we first elected to hold this reunion at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, I thought, "Golf. One of the great golf venues in the world. I don't play golf, but what the hell, I'll go anyway." I've since realized that my non-golfer election to go to a golf resort is probably a minority view. But I've also had my eyes opened. The Greenbrier isn't just golf – and I don't mean to stress that it also has tennis, biking, hiking, and the like. It does, of course, but the place is replete with history, from Presidential cabins, 19th century crafts, the underground bunker seat of government tours – and dozens of other activities that are not quite as strenuous or demanding as minis we've held in the past.

Add to all that the book discussion we'll be having, featuring a lecture by Dartmouth professor Robert Bonner, on Garry Wills' classic history "Lincoln at Gettysburg" and we have the makings of a reunion with something for everyone – and that responds to the preferences expressed by many classmates.

So ... please take a look at the Greenbrier website at all the other activities aside from golf, (<https://www.greenbrier.com/Activities.aspx?catg=1->), and prepare to have your eyes opened. And consider the most important reason of all to join us – us! Tom Stonecipher, our retiring Alumni Council representative, noted at our May 14 meeting not only how much he's enjoyed interacting with classmates over the past three years, but how heartened he is at how much we've changed and grown since our undergraduate years – how *interesting* we've all become.

He's right. This is our last big destination rodeo, and it has something for everyone. Don't miss it! Contact Ed Heald or Gerry Bell for more information, block out September 18-21 on your

calendar, and **contact the Greenbrier Resort (844-366-7358, Option 2-reference the Dartmouth Reunion)** to make your room reservation.

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