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message from the director

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

It has been a busy six months since I returned home after eight years in the UK and started in my new role as Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at the School of Medicine. It has been a great pleasure to begin to get to know faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the school.

I have asked many of you what sets a medical education at Dartmouth apart from others. Consistently, I hear that it is defined by the relationships between students, faculty, and staff across the many communities—physical and virtual, permanent and temporary—that comprise the wider Geisel and Dartmouth-Hitchcock medical community. Engagement, relevance, a passion for teaching, service, community—these are important words and ideas and, together, they begin to define the School of Medicine of today.

There is a real sense of purpose as the school goes about setting its strategic priorities for the coming years, and a purposefulness in our approach to medical education. Likewise, we are exploring ways to reflect this purposefulness in the work of the Alumni Relations and Annual Fund teams and the Alumni Council. As we consider how best to organize and deliver our programs, we will ask you to assist us by sharing your opinion about communications, events, publications, services, volunteerism, and how you might like to be engaged with the life of the school. Watch your inbox for our electronic survey later this summer. We will share the results in the next issue of Alumni News & Notes.

In the meantime, I invite you to be in touch with any member of the team if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share. Annette, Sarah, Molly, Courtney, Katrina, Chris, and I are available by phone or email, as is our colleague Sara Lang. If you send me your words describing the medical school, I will put them together in a word cloud for the next issue.

Congratulations to our new graduates, and to those of you who will be attending medical school reunions in September and October. I look forward to meeting you then!

JULIE BRESSOR
DIRECTOR, ANNUAL GIVING & ALUMNI RELATIONS
LAST FALL, AFTER A LIVELY 25TH REUNION DINNER with about 40 people and tours of our old haunts the next day, about ten of my classmates and I decided to hike Gile Mountain. As we headed toward the parking lot, I was approached by a small group of younger alumni who were celebrating their 15th reunion. They had heard me talk earlier about the joy I’ve found in my career as an emergency physician, a faculty member, and mentor at Geisel. They, in contrast, were experiencing extreme frustration in their careers, needed encouragement and advice, and asked if I would have time to talk. “How about now?” I said. “Can you join us on Gile Mountain?”

The hike, although short, lent itself to a brief rest, and, while we sat, I encouraged the young alumni to discuss their difficult situations. Things looked really glum to them, and so I asked my classmates to share their own wisdom and advice. Even though our classes had never met before, the conversation reflected honesty, humility, humor, and compassion. We spoke the same language and shared common values. It was fantastic!

Here’s my point: these things don’t usually just happen. I told this story to the 2016 graduates on Class Day to encourage them to seize the moment and show up for someone (and for reunion). As physicians, we have the opportunity and responsibility to be compassionately intentional in every situation; and, as graduates of this medical school, we have these skills.

It was a pleasure welcoming our newest alumni and also an opportunity to remind them that their amazing experience at this medical school didn’t just happen. It was created through the hard work and intentional efforts of a whole school community, including employees, faculty, mentors, and—yes—alumni. Alumni have been quietly supporting them throughout their educational journey. From the welcome note that each of them received in the pocket of their white coats, to the sharing of experiences through the specialty network, to financial support in the form of scholarships and gifts to the school, alumni have been with them every step of the way.

“Their amazing experience... didn’t just happen. It was created through the hard work and intentional efforts of a whole school community.”

I extend my sincere thanks to all of you who continue to nurture our special community—which includes not just those in Hanover but also the 5,000 alumni spread across 38 countries. I also extend a hearty welcome to our newest alumni members. I look forward to seeing you at reunion.
1952

There is much interest in our DC‘51 65th reunion, September 30–October 2, 2016. The College will cover the cost of two nights at the Hanover Inn.

Ed Landau recalls a reunion featuring a balloon ride he was involved in; it took off from the middle of campus and barely cleared Baker Library tower.

Ed bemoans the loss of his toy poodle. He lives upstairs in a condo, and whenever guests arrived and buzzed him, he’d put the poodle on the elevator and send him down to greet the guests and escort them to his door.

Marie and Bill Goullburn are staying put in New Jersey. They’re in charge of a luncheon club that meets weekly and features 1950s music with a piano player. Bill is proud to still be chair of our DMS Alumni Fund.

Don Clark believes that socializing is important at our age to prevent depression. Don and Pat sing regularly with a church that offers three public concerts a year.

Don looks forward to singing with the choir at the remembrance ceremony during our 65th reunion.

Giles Hamlin’s elderly yellow lab and close companion died this winter; Giles now has a yellow lab puppy, and they are inseparable. Hopefully we’ll see both of them at the reunion in the fall.

Jane and Tyke Miller still live on their farm in Kennett Square, Pa., in the winter, and a son still farms crops in the summer. Tyke and Bob Woodhouse were high school classmates. Bob’s father was a Dartmouth grad and influenced Tyke’s choice. Tyke’s first visit to Hanover was for freshman week in the fall of 1947. While en route on the train, he was quite distressed to discover he had a ticket to White River Junction, Vt. He roomed with Bob the first two years.

Barbara and Bob Woodhouse survived another Bar Harbor, Maine, winter, thanks to their Heathstone woodstove. Bob told me about his two-year tour in the Air Force in Waco, Tex., from 1956 to 1958. The base was run-down, as was the medical CO, who was reluctant to treat his diabetic wife with insulin. After 18 months, a base recertification inspection was required. The CO left town and Bob reluctantly winged it—and passed. He quickly resigned from the reserves after finishing the two years. Bob is sorry to have missed our reunions and sends best regards to all. He added, regarding DMS, “We sure had fun!”

Taz and Jerry Block spent another winter in Bradenton, Fla., and Jerry still enjoys fishing and golf. When they’re back in Tenafly, N.J., he does occasional medicolegal counseling, but the commute to NYC is quite time-consuming. They plan to visit their daughter’s family in Zurich next September.

Kay and Jack Hyland have a new granddaughter. The mother is their pediatrician daughter in Austin, Tex. Jack is still teaching, and Jack and Kay are looking forward to the reunion.

Howie Pearson marvels at Sy’s ability to interview all the incoming freshmen who declared as premed. On the basis of that 15-minute interview, he chose his first-year class for three years later. No MCATs, letters, or grades. And “it worked,” Howie concludes. He and Anne plan to attend the 65th, as do I and many members of our DMS class. I’ll send an update on the reunion in a few months. I think it’s fair to say that all of us have infirmities of some kind that are unpredictable, making planning ahead dependent on same. So, hope for the best! Meanwhile, I plan to teach anatomy again this summer here at Florida State.

—Jim Cavanagh

1953

This issue’s 1953 column comes courtesy of Arn Muller’s daughter, Janice Hawbaker. “He and my mother were in an auto accident,” she explains, “so I have either contacted or attempted to contact his classmates for their updates. Some didn’t return my call or email—they might have thought I was a scam artist of some sort. Anyway, here are the updates from classmates I was able to speak to. Hopefully, Dad will be back in the saddle for the next issue.”

Ray Alexanian: Ray and his wife, Lois, are enjoying retirement in Houston. They travel periodically, having just returned from a Caribbean cruise. Their health is good.

Erik Gundersen: Erik continues to work with the medical clinic in western Wisconsin started by his grandfather 125 years ago. Though he is retired from medical practice, Erik is involved with the foundation in raising money, teaching, and research. The clinic employs 500 doctors. He is in good health.

Ray Jankowich: Ray is still in Stratford, Conn. He enjoys going to museums and reads voraciously.

He just finished reading James McBride’s Kill ‘Em and Leave. He also read Putin Country by Anne Garrels, an NPR correspondent.

Dick Lathrop: Dick reports that he and his wife, Barbara, continue
to winter in Florida and then return to New Jersey for the rest of the year.

Bob Millhouse: Bob says everything is good. He totally retired last year. He is healthy. He and his wife have moved to a one-story home close to three of their children. They have not traveled recently. He fractured his spine in October 2014. He’s proud to report that his grandson, Christopher, a 2010 Dartmouth grad, is now in his second year of residency at Tufts, in internal medicine; Christopher has been selected as the program’s 2017-18 chief resident.

Arn Muller: Arn and his wife of 60 (almost 61) years, Anne, were in an auto accident in early March of 2016. Anne broke her neck in the accident and has had two surgeries. Arn was banged up but had no broken bones. They are both currently in rehab and getting ready to transition to a retirement community. They are doing well, under the circumstances, and are glad they had the foresight to have five children, four of whom live in relatively close proximity to them.

Jay Chandler and Fleur are in the process of moving from their home of 50 years in Princeton, N.J., to a retirement community called Pennswood in nearby Newtown, Pa. “Downsizing is painful and hard; might have been easier when we were younger,” he says. But he describes what sounds like an ideal living situation, which will make the pain well worth it. “Our new neighbors and, really, partners in this communal living are interesting, stimulating people. We are going to like learning from and about them.” After Jay sent out one of his somewhat naughty emails, one of those future neighbors responded with the comment “Watch out, the Chandlers are coming!” Their new address is 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, F-103, Newtown PA 18940; phones are 215-964-8761 and 609-577-9851(cell). He and Fleur will welcome calls from “any classmate/widow or mostly-Green person wishing more information.”

Ross McIntyre and Helen spent most of April in the Dominican Republic, where she lived and worked for a time in a previous life. Gretchen and I shared a delightful time with them there two years ago but couldn’t go this year because her painful hip needs replacing. May she please be spared the kind of postop complications that our class orthopedists, Bruce LaFollette and Ben Gilson, seem to attract! Ben’s second hip replacement last October, via the anterior approach, was followed by repeated painful dislocations—due, in retrospect, to a childhood femoral fracture that resulted in a slight malrotation of the femur. After correction through a posterior approach, all is well; he and Sarah are back to their busy routines in and around Hanover.

Gretchen and I went on a Dartmouth Alumni-sponsored trip to Ireland last fall, along with a very congenial group of 22—mostly D’alums and wives, plus Geisel (sound familiar?) Professor of English Donald Pease. He delivered an entertaining series of lectures on Irish-related history and authors, in his inimitable style, which is renowned and admired in the Dartmouth community.

The traditional Syvertsen dinner last October was followed the next morning by interviews with the six Syvertsen Scholars. DMS’55 was represented on the committee by Ed Horton, Ross McIntyre, and me. Ben Gilson was missing, as he was recovering from his hip replacement. From an outstanding group of scholars, Cynthia Hahn was elected the Syvertsen Fellow. An MD-PhD student with a very strong research and publication record, she plans on a hematology-oncology career.

Plans are afoot for a special Sy weekend next fall, to celebrate 30-plus years of the very successful Syvertsen Memorial Scholarship Fund. So mark October 14-16 on your calendars and plan to be there!
and playing golf two or three days a week. Jim sold his home of 50 years in Mansfield, Ohio, bringing him a great deal of relief, which we can all well understand. He sees Ann Gorey frequently; Ann accompanied Jim to the 55th and 60th reunions of our Dartmouth Class of 1955.

Ed Haley’s widow, Nancy, reports that she “could write a book about Ed.” In addition to his professional accomplishments, as the founder and chief for 35 years of Winchester Anesthesia Associates at Winchester Hospital in Massachusetts, Ed had wide-ranging interests in education, politics, and law. He was a passionate reader and productive gardener. He was also an intense and well-traveled sailor on his yacht, Syzygy, and an excellent skier. Ed is certainly missed.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of our classmate Jim Hall, on March 25, 2016. Jim will long be remembered as a good friend, outstanding physician, and accomplished outdoorsman and author. He was a truly unique individual who will be greatly missed by his family, classmates, friends, and patients. The DMS Class of 1956 extends its most sincere condolences to Jim’s family. I am certain that his daughter, Deborah McMicking, would be happy to hear thoughts and remembrances of Jim from his DMS classmates. Deborah may be contacted at dmcmicking@me.com.

Jack Porvaznik and his wife, Eunice, write that the Porvaznik family is celebrating an extraordinary milestone in 2016. Their daughter, Mary, who has been a family physician with the Indian Health Service (IHS) for 25 years, is retiring this year. Combined with Jack’s service in the IHS, the Porvaznik family has devoted more than 50 years to the provision of medical services to Native Americans. When one considers the years of service to IHS provided by Eunice as a reservation school nurse, the overall contribution to the health of our first citizens is staggering! Congratulations to Jack, Eunice, and Mary for a task well done.

There will be a Geisel/DMS reunion in Hanover on September 23-25, 2016, and everyone is invited. That is truly a beautiful time in Hanover. Plans are also being formulated for a special event in 2017, in which members of all classes past their 50th reunion will be invited to participate. More information about these events is available through the Medical School Alumni Relations Office. You can contact Annette Rine (Annette.M.Rine@Dartmouth.edu or 603-653-0726) for more information.

Please send me a note (at aroot3@jhmi.edu) with comments about your current status and that of your family, as well as with your ideas, opinions, comments on the current political situation, complaints, advice to future generations of physicians—anything and everything is valued and solicited. In addition, if you wish to be nominated for a Geisel/DMS Alumni Award, designed to recognize DMS alumni for their service and/or career achievements, please send me a copy of your curriculum vitae and a few appropriately supportive comments, and I will be happy to submit the nomination.

—Allen Root
experts down here will come up with a plan that will at least slow the progression of this disability. Hopefully, we will be able to join you all next year for our DMS 60th, even if it requires a wheelchair. I will miss you all this year. Our thoughts will be with you.

Fred Chang adds: We have a college graduation (Tulane) to attend this summer. I think one Dartmouth reunion is enough, and I prefer the DMS one in 2017. It will give us incentive to keep moving for another year. Best regards to all in the Year of the Monkey. Gung Hay Fat Choy.

Larry Seymour checks in: We are doing well. Joan had an aortic valve put in by catheter this summer. In hospital four days. No incisions and doing well. Absolutely amazing, spoken by a surgeon who spent a lot of time making incisions in people. I am undecided about this year’s reunion. We may do it, but we also have a grandson’s wedding out of town this summer. Actually, if enough people are coming from our DMS class, that would give added push for this year. I’ll email the class and see what I can find out.

Tom Kuhns and I continue to enjoy our 50 years of practice together. During the cold northeastern winters, we spell each other with alternating trips to Florida to warm up. As the last of the Mohicans, we hope to continue this marvelous practice association for the foreseeable future. Diane and I enjoy our love of travel, with periodic trips to Silicon Valley to see our children and grandchildren. The near future will take us to Hanover for the DC 60th, to Alaska for a family adventure, and to Europe for a Rhone cruise and southern France trip in October with several DC’56 classmates.

Please let us hear from the rest of you. I hope that all of you enjoy a healthy and happy year, and that we may reunite once again in the future.

—Alan Friedman

1958

I have heard from no one, so I have little to report. Most of our remaining class went to Harvard Med, so the email list for HMS’60 is a source of classmate information. Perhaps another mention of the grand HMS’60 reunion needs to be noted here. It was certainly, for me, the highlight of the year.

The course of medical practice both locally and nationally is depressing. I find it difficult to give optimistic advice or views of the future to youths who want to be premied. At least we were not surprised by what greeted us upon ending our residencies.

I have survived certain adversities through my sense of humor. Mel Britton told me he always looked for a sense of humor in candidates for his program. George Vaillant—in his book Triumps of Experience, in which he summarizes the Grant Study of Harvard grads from the early 1940s—notes that one defining characteristic for “success” is a sense of humor. This notion was also repeatedly voiced by Robert Gates in Duty—a book everyone should read to understand how our government works and doesn’t work. As an aside, George Vaillant is HMS’59 and Bill Green’s brother-in-law. It all connects.

—Bill Gallagher

1959

Ralph Miller writes that he and Pam are in good health. Pam is busy with three volunteer jobs, while Ralph is studying Spanish, working on his tennis game, skiing, hang-gliding, and utilizing his medical skills at a Kentucky free clinic twice a month. His family has blossomed, with two sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren.

Bill Springer is in “full retirement, healthy, and active—enjoying time with his sons and grandchildren in Washington State and Montana.” Bill previously served with Medical Teams International in Turkey, Afghanistan, Liberia, and Sri Lanka. He has now transferred his volunteer work to their own community.

Peter Spiegel relates “being fine except for wear and tear” on his joints—nevertheless, he and Peregrine hiked for two weeks this past summer in Austria, and when I heard from him he was waiting for enough snow to fulfill his love of skiing. It doesn’t sound to this scribe as if Peter has slowed down at all.

Mike McKeown suffered the loss of his beloved wife, Patricia, and permitted me to relate that he is living with “a rare form of muscular dystrophy,” confining his mobility to a power chair. He is a courageous classmate, whom I know we will keep in our thoughts as we wish him well.

I have not received any recent word from Alan Gazzaniga, but I’m currently reading his book Seeds for All Seasons.

On a personal note, Judy and I are well, living in Greensboro, Ga., during the winter and in McCall, Idaho, in the summer and fall. While I am still part of the Emeritus College of Emory University, my ophthalmological practice is limited to St. Luke’s Hospital in McCall, where our daughter Sarah is in family medicine and the mother of two of our eight grandchildren. Our daughter Leigh lives down the mountainside in Boise with her four children. Our son, Tom Jr., practices ophthalmology in Grand Rapids, Mich., while grandson Michael is a third-generation Dartmouth College student and granddaughter Katie is about to graduate from high school.

The sad reality is I’m now aware that 12 classmates are deceased (upon the recent deaths of Dick Hastings and Amos “Moose” Townsend). Eleven of our classmates are living, though I have had no communication with three—hopefully they are well.

Stay well and please keep in touch by email (at ophttnma@emory.edu), so we can get the word out in the next newsletter.

—Tom Aaberg

1960

After my message reporting the passing of Bob Gosselin, I heard from four classmates. Charlie Eytel’s wife, Mary Ann, reported that Charlie had great admiration for Bob. The others I heard from had interesting memories of the various experiments you worked on. Stu Hanson recalls that Charlie worked on cilia of the chicken trachea, while he and Tom Magill studied the effects of various cardiac drugs in turtles and frogs.

Tippy Putnam chimed in with memories of experiments that he...
Class Secretarys

1961

We are currently seeking a new secretary for the Class of 1961 column. To learn more, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (603) 653-0726 or Geisel. Alumni.Relations@Dartmouth.edu.

1962

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1963

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and Don Abel did with rabbits and their semipermeable membranes. Jim Wall wrote that he liked being taught by Bob. Jim says he’s “stable” on chronic chemotherapy but misses being able to travel up here or to see classmates—in case any of you are traveling in his direction.

Ruth and I had a great trip to Antarctica in December. It looks and feels like nothing I have ever seen, and the education we got from the eight naturalists on board the Lindblad-National Geographic ship was outstanding. We are off to Iceland and Greenland in June with Overseas Adventure Travel. I have discount coupons if anyone is interested in one of their trips.

We have had a very political time here in New Hampshire, where I worked to kill seven different reproductive rights bills. We are also struggling with the heroin epidemic in pregnancy.

Please send me any news that’s fit to print.

—Barry Smith

1961

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1962

Alan Larimer was the subject of a feature back in February in The Denisonian, the student newspaper at Denison University, Alan’s undergraduate alma mater. In addition, the article notes, both his parents were Denison alums and Alan grew up “some 300 yards from campus.” The title of the article is “Denison alum returns to the hill as a community scholar.”

Open to residents of the Ohio county where Denison is located, the university’s community scholar program allows participants to attend one course a semester.

It’s clear from the article that Alan gives as much as he gets from the program: “Mitchell Stay, Denison history department, had nothing but positive things to say about Alan as a student. ‘Alan Larimer has been one of the greatest “new breaths of fresh air” in my 29 years of teaching at Denison. In each class, Alan has brought curiosity, intelligence, and a great enthusiasm. He will read extra material not even assigned. He’s become a voracious reader and book collector, and a role model for other students. I only wish Denison had more community scholars with his virtues.’

The article also includes a recap of Alan’s career: Duke MD in 1964; rotating internship in Philadelphia (“a fantastic experience,” says Alan, “2,400 beds, 94 interns; they simply don’t do stuff like [that] any more”); flight surgeon in the Navy; physician at the U.S. Naval Academy; orthopedist in New York City; then a peripatetic doctor from 1991 until his retirement in 2011. That’s when Alan moved back to Ohio “and began taking classes at Denison to fill his days,” explains the article.

It concludes by noting that Alan enjoys his role as an elder statesman among the university’s undergrads, offering them advice on subjects as various as romance, how to wear baseball hats, and exercise. “Don’t use the elevators; take the stairs,” he tells them.

—Editor

1963

I recently had a nice conversation with Russ Hardy. He wanted information about the Hitchcock family medicine residency. Although he’s now living in Ohio, Russ still participates on the board of a community health center in northern California that’s struggling, like many, to recruit and retain primary-care physicians.

During our phone calls, Russ also gave me some information about the planned Hood Museum of Art renovations, a matter highlighted in the NYT Times, according to this article in Architectural Record (see www.architecturalrecord.com/articles/11597-williams-tsien-plan-for-ho).

A number of you responded to my postcard from Abu Dhabi and/or my email. Joan and Paul Johnson maintain a strong interest in international medicine and spent some time recently at Parkijuli Christian Hospital in Assam, India, followed by sightseeing in Southeast Asia—Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.

Genie and Rusty Hays vacationed recently in the Dominican Republic. I hope to see them this summer in Norwich, on their way to West Stewartstown, N.H., up on the Canadian border, where they have a summer place.

Adrienne and Bill Couser have seen the best and the worst of it in their travel adventures. They took a cruise to Panama, the Galápagos, and Costa Rica and loved it. But a trip to Khabarovsk, Russia, where Bill spoke at the Russian nephrology meeting, was “cold, uninteresting, boring—just terrible.” They’ll visit the Upper Valley again in October, when they make their annual trek from
Seattle to the East Coast, to Bill’s coastal Maine family cottage.

At our HMS’65 50th reunion last summer, I chatted with Annie Laurie and Jack Babson and discovered their hobby—quilting with vintage neckties. What a wonderful opportunity to rid my closet of loads of old ties and put them to a good purpose. Supplemented by some of Jack’s ties, the Babson-Rozycki quilt (see the photo) will be on display this summer as part of our DC Class of 1961 55th reunion art display!

Speaking of the reunion, three of the four ’61s in our medical school class plan to attend—Jack Babson, Ken DeHaven, and Alan Rozycki. Jack and Roger Christian are leaving two days after the ’61 reunion for their annual salmon-fishing gig in Miramichi, New Brunswick!

Judy and Michael Norman will be traveling to France at the time of the reunion. I’ve decided to print Michael’s entire reply to my request for news. His candor might encourage some of you from whom I haven’t heard to share your life stories.

“Dear Al, First off, thanks for the postcard from wherever you were in the Gulf States region of the Middle East. I can never remember which country you visit. [It’s Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.]

“Secondly, it is most unfortunate that our long-planned trip to Normandy happens at the same time of the 55th reunion, but, needless to say, count us as absent. “As for me, I’m staying as busy as ever in full retirement mode; I stopped working for the Joint Commission as a field representative last May 1. Never one to sit still, however, I’m into the following:

“1) A great men’s book club that meets monthly and is very serious about reading the selections. Many are NYTimes best-sellers that I never got around to when I was working 70 to 80 hours a week, running busy pediatric departments, pulling on-call duties, and running a residency training program!

“2) Leading a seniors group at my synagogue: over 400 members; two or three programs a month, with guest speakers on all sorts of topics; monthly board meetings; and representation on the synagogue’s board of directors.

“3) Volunteering with a non-profit organization in Charlotte that provides basic financial counseling to those in need; many have never had a credit card or bank account, and they’re often deeply in debt and have poor credit.

“4) What I’m most proud of, however, is that I’ve dropped 35 pounds; work out with a personal trainer twice a week; and have become the quintessential “gym rat” the other five days, doing it all: weight training, aerobics, Pilates, central core, etc. Pretty good for a guy who survived a large benign brain tumor (and 22 hours of surgery to remove it), breast cancer (yes, men get it too! I had two surgeries and three months of wicked chemo), and a heart attack (which required the placement of two drug-eluting stents).

“5) While I don’t have a recent photo to send, my chemo left me permanently bald. All the best, Michael.”

What an inspiration to all of us—we wish you our best, Michael.

—Alan Rozycki
If you get this by mail, it seems that the Alumni News & Notes is also being published online. Speaking of online, I’ve had my correspondence returned from several of you because I didn’t have your correct address or email. I would appreciate it if you’d send me your email address, at Redelson@gmail.com.

Last month I finally gave up my medical license. I had been volunteering at a medical clinic but felt I was getting rusty. To me, medicine is a 24/7 endeavor, and an afternoon once a week did not keep my skills sharp. I was doing CME, but the convenient hospital which had excellent grand rounds has significantly curtailed them. It seems that the main attendees were retired physicians like me. The practicing physicians are too busy. So the hospital felt they couldn’t justify rounds just for us retired folks. Thus it was no longer convenient to get my CME credits. To me, this is just one more passage, and I am more than busy. I hear that many physicians in active practice are putting in more hours because of electronic records. In my brief experience they were very time-consuming, but I assume with time they’re easier to do.

I have not heard from any classmates this quarter, so I have no news to report. I encourage you to go to the Geisel Alumni website (see www.geiselalumni.org), where you’ll find details on events at the Medical School.

Best wishes to all.

—Rich Edelson

Suzanne Boulter ’66:
Healthy Pursuits

Ask Suzanne Boulter ’66 what she has been doing since she retired from clinical practice in 2010, and you won’t hear about a life of leisure. She is currently working on a nationwide American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) program called “Brush, Book, and Bed,” which ties together messages about oral health, reading, and good bedtime routines and neatly combines her interests in oral health and literacy.

For the past decade, Boulter has concentrated on infant-and-young-child oral health, serving as chair of the AAP Oral Health Initiative from 2005 to 2011. “Tooth decay is completely preventable with good hygiene and fluoride use,” she says, “but general dentists don’t see children before the age of five, when it’s already too late.”

In the past, pediatricians were trained to “look in the mouth but beyond the teeth, not at the teeth,” says Boulter. But that’s starting to change, in part because of her work.

A long-time practitioner in Concord, N.H., Boulter served as a primary care and adolescent medicine pediatrician, first with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord (originally the Concord Clinic) and then as a pediatric faculty member of the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency Program. In that role, she developed and coordinated an oral health curriculum for family medicine residents and has given presentations on the subject around the country.

The physician practice of checking the teeth of babies and toddlers has “gone from a tiny number of us nationally,” says Boulter, “to almost routine. When you start with the learners, you can make a difference.”

On the literacy front, Boulter brought the Reach Out and Read program to New Hampshire, establishing the program’s second site, in Concord in 2008, and serving as the state medical director of the program in 2010-2011. The Boston-based nonprofit promotes incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

Boulter has won numerous awards for her oral health and literacy work from the New Hampshire Pediatric Society and the AAP. She remains an adjunct professor of pediatrics and of community and family medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine, is a reviewer for Pediatrics, and serves on various regional and national boards.

However, Boulter’s retirement isn’t all work and no play. A former collegiate alpine skier, she still finds time for the sporting life—alpine and cross-country skiing, biking, and playing tennis. It seems Boulter has always been dedicated to healthy pursuits—for herself and for children.
It’s been nearly two years since I first “reminded” everyone to be aware of and to plan to attend our 50th reunion, coming up soon on September 23-25. Planning for the events of the weekend is proceeding, with an active committee of Mike Ascher, Suzie Boulter, Sarah Donaldson, John Kaiser, Deane Mosher, Les Reid, and me collecting ideas to present you all with a max experience. We will celebrate the old days and bring us all up to date with our life experiences. Just think back to February 1965 (see photo). I hope you will agree it was a great time to be in school. By now, you should have received at least three items of information from the G-DMS Development Office, and the registration materials should arrive very soon if they haven’t come already. Be sure to also look at the reunion website (www.GeiselAlumni.org/Reunion2016) to get suggestions for accommodations and to check for other information as it becomes available. We hope to see you there! —John Davenport

Dick Reese and his wife, Shirley, stopped by for lunch with us on their way to visit Dick’s brother, who now lives in the Pittsburgh area. Their ultimate destination was St. Louis, where they planned to spend time with their daughter Amy’s family. We had not seen Dick for more than 30 years. We enjoyed reminiscing about our experiences while at Dartmouth Medical School, catching up on their accomplishments in the 30 years since we’d seen them, and sharing pictures and stories of children and grandchildren.

After a long career as a consultant in infectious diseases, Dick retired to an island in Maine and a new career as a lecturer in clinical pharmacology at the University of New England. Shirley had a long career as a public school teacher. Shirley is now very active as a volunteer for her community and church, focusing on childhood issues. Despite being fully retired, they remain physically, mentally, and spiritually active.

We hope other classmates will stop to visit us if they find themselves near Pittsburgh.

—Mike and Mary Ann Passero

Hello, Great Class of 1971! (I’ve been here most of the time since then, and I can confidently say we were the best ever!)

We’re coming up on our 45th reunion, on September 23-25! I hope you’ll consider coming back to Hanover during our spectacular fall. I just had my 50th high school reunion, and one of my classmates (with the help of another one, who was an FBI agent) tracked down the emails of just about all our classmates and started an email communication chain. It has been great to reconnect with old friends, even with those we knew only superficially, because so much has happened on our life journeys. We have so much to share. So Ron Fischler, Bill Whalen, Kirk Aleck, and I have started an email chain. Please respond! There are a few addresses we don’t have, so if something doesn’t reach you, please email me at joseph.odonnell@dartmouth.edu.

I had the delightful experience of getting information back when I added a request in the last development letter soliciting donations from you. I received beautiful notes from Charlie
Webb in Hawaii and from Frank Passero, and I’ve been getting the most gorgeous sunset and nature photos from Florida from Gary “Home Run” Hansen. (P.S. He catches the biggest fish!) Hearing from each of you will be joyful—so when you get the email, write something about your life! Send pictures! It will be even better to see you in Hanover!

—Joe O’Donnell

The 1975 & ’76 column includes news from the two-year Class of ’75 and the three-year Class of ’76.

Colleagues and friends in the Class of ’76, it has been 40 years since we graduated from DMS. It is the right time to come back together in the green hills of New Hampshire to share memories, rekindle old friendships, and learn what your classmates have been up to for the last four decades.

Because our class is relatively small, we will be joining DMS’75 for the reunion, on September 23-25. Oge Young, Eric Ahlskog, Jeff Greenwald, and I, along with the Geisel staff, are planning a packed weekend, hopefully

DONALD MACDONALD ’80:
The Eyes of the World

Donald Macdonald recently found himself negotiating with a local chief from Tamale, Ghana, to secure land on which to build an eye hospital. It’s perhaps an unusual role for an American ophthalmologist, but he has gotten to know the region well during several medical-service trips there. Since 2004, Macdonald has performed small-incision cataract surgeries free of charge during multiple trips to Africa, as well as Asia and Central America. His full-time job is serving as medical director of Monmouth Eye Care in Tinton Falls, N.J.

“It's one of the few diseases that you can go to Africa and make a big impact,” Macdonald says, noting that eye care is often neglected in a part of the world that of necessity must prioritize the treatment of infectious diseases, including HIV. Cataracts are responsible for blindness in some nine million Africans, he says, but in most cases, the condition is treatable. In addition, thanks to a suture-free procedure that doesn’t demand high-tech instruments, it’s affordable: in Ghana, the total cost of surgery to clear one eye is $35. That’s borne by the nonprofit Macdonald cofounded, Right to Sight and Health, which also provides medical professionals and nonmedical volunteers to do the work.

Recently, Macdonald pledged $100,000 to create the Global Health Experiential Learning Fund at Geisel’s Center for Health Equity. The endowed fund will support medical students’ service learning work abroad at one of Geisel’s partner locations, such as Rwanda, Tanzania, or Kosovo. The Center for Health Equity assists students in engaging deeply with medically underserved communities and provides mentorship in both domestic and global health work.

The eye hospital in Tamale, Ghana, that Macdonald is helping to found, will be modeled on India’s Aravind eye hospitals, which offer a tiered system of payments. For now, when he’s in Ghana, Macdonald sets up clinics wherever he can find space. With his colleagues, he’s also been training local doctors, who often lack the expertise needed to diagnose and treat cataracts and other eye disorders.

In addition to his international work, Macdonald is just as emphatic about students and health professionals helping out at home, something he does on a regular basis at the Parker Family Health Center in Red Bank, N.J. There, he offers free routine eye exams and specialized care, including surgery, to its 10,000 uninsured patients.

“The more of us who do this kind of work, the bigger the impact we will have in alleviating the suffering of so many,” he adds.

Donald Macdonald (right) works closely with the Reverend Emanuel Boateng, head of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana.
starting with a CME program on Friday. In the past, we have had
great talks on sports medicine, mision work experiences, neu-
rology topics, hospice medicine, the practice of medicine in
Washington after 9/11, and so on—the range of subjects is always
fascinating—and the staff at Geisel is working to arrange CME
credits for this program.

A 40th reunion gift will be presented at the Class Dinner on
Saturday. I encourage all of you to consider “paying it forward” out
of our many and varied successes to help fund Geisel scholarships,
facilities, and endowments.

Thank you in advance, and I hope to see many of you in the
fall! Carpe diem, friends, as we never know if we’ll have this
chance again.

—Linda Coffin
Greetings, classmates.

When I queried some of you for news, this is the response I received from our guest columnist, Drew Breen:

“Hi Bob, Great to see you. I think you should include news of your son Quinn going to Cornell Medical College besides raising four kids—ages 18, 16, 14, and 10. He received from Canada in French. English an important letter he requests that we translate into English. Carl writes that he is a full-time palliative care consultant at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke, where he is a professor on the faculty of medicine. ‘I understand that at times we speak loudly and vehemently in English with a French accent, but never, ever actually speak French. Sorry, we couldn’t be of assistance. Now fast-forward to 2016. Carl writes that he is a full-time palliative care consultant at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke, where he is a professor on the faculty of medicine—‘and where my entire professional life is undertaken en Français!!!’ (He included the four exclamation marks.)”

There are always surprises when you see people with their pants down. I deal with this more than most. Every now and then, someone shows up for their colonoscopy with a replica of a “Do Not Enter” or a “One Way” road sign affixed to their posterior. At Christmastime, one young woman taped a bow and a holiday gift label to the area in question, having filled the latter out “To: Dr. D” and from herself. Perhaps my favorite surprise was the 85-year-old man who, when he rolled over, revealed a large eye, complete with lashes and brow, drawn in great detail with dark marker directly over his seat. When I asked him what was going on down there, he smiled and replied, “Just keeping my eye on you, Doc. Just keeping my eye on you.”

It’s no surprise that our classmates continue to move up the ladder. Tina Chang has become section head of rheumatology at the VA Medical Center in Chicago. Bill Laycock is director of minimally invasive surgery at DHMC. Anne de Papp has been named associate vice president and head of global directors of scientific affairs at Merck. It’s rumored that next year the company will be rebranded as “De Papp Pharmaceuticals.” Peg Duhamel is bored with medicine in Maine. Oh, wait, I’m sorry. I meant to say that Peg now serves on the board of medicine in Maine. My mistake.

Timing is, as the comedians say, everything. Last July, Skip Walton left his pediatric ER position at Beaumont Hospital in Michigan to become operations director of a new women and children’s hospital in Qatar, on the Arabian Peninsula. Skip resigned from his Michigan job, handed in his badge and keys, and said his goodbyes. Only later was Skip informed by the good people in Qatar that the opening of their new hospital had been delayed by three years, so they wouldn’t been needing him now after all, and so not to quit his day job. Now that’s being caught with your pants down!

—Aris Damianos
16, 14, and 10—he keeps himself busy on the homestead, “tending to a veritable menagerie, including dogs, rats, snakes, geese, chickens, ducks, and pigs.”

In a slightly warmer climate, in Boston, Chip Trayner writes that he, too, is a breeder—of lizards, that is. He and his son, a freshman animal science major at UMass Amherst, have been fascinated with the genetics of baby lizards (skin type, eye color, hues, etc.). Chip’s daughter is a senior at Saint Michael’s College in Burlington Vt., and has made Chip proud with her amazing giving spirit, most recently working in the Dominican Republic countryside helping on a house-building project. Chip’s wife is MaryAnn Volpe, another DMS’88 who fell for a DMS’89. She is a busy neonatologist at Tufts Med School. Chip’s specialty complements this well, seeing as he’s in sleep medicine (appropriate for the parents of MaryAnn’s patients), as well as pulmonary and critical care medicine. Chip writes that his DMS buddy in Boston is Dave Sutcliffe, who works at a local community hospital in anesthesia.

But enough about Boston: Moving on to the Midwest, Zoon Nguyen chairs the OhioHealth Mansfield Radiation Oncology Department and is president-elect of the medical staff there. Just in case you aren’t impressed enough, Zoon was just awarded his second U.S. patent. And apparently, due to a bureaucratic quirk, Zoon actually represented Denmark at a NATO Advanced Study Institute, even though he was born in Vietnam and is a U.S. citizen. Zoon’s wife, Gulimina Mahamuti, is a pianist who performed in Carnegie Hall in New York in 2012 and is an assistant professor of music at Ohio Wesleyan University. Zoon and his wife are the proud parents of twin boys.

Back to homestead talk: Jeff Thomas writes that he and his wife, Tessa, have been living in rural northern California in an off-grid solar-powered home that they designed. He is a hospitalist at Enloe Medical Center in Chico, loves his work, has two grown kids in their twenties, and offers to host any classmates traveling through the area at his homestead.

It’s more likely that you’d be travelling through wine country in northern California, and there you would find Laura Robertson, who happily writes from her position soaking up the sun (and wine)—with sunblock and a wide-brimmed hat—next to a swimming pool in Napa Valley, that she jettisoned a full professorship in pediatric cardiology at UCSF for the Dark Side (i.e., biotech). By the time you receive this, she will be back in San Francisco from a much-needed vacation, starting work for MyoKardia as director of clinical research, trying to find a treatment for genetic cardiomyopathies. She says, “Never too late to change directions!” But I can tell you that she will be sorely, sorely missed at UCSF. Of course, great things are guaranteed to come from her work in industry as well. But, as she says, “No pager. Ever. Again.” —Helen Manber

1992

Calling all McDreamies and McSteamies of DMS ’92—and you know who you are. It’s time to think about how you are shaping the young, impressionable minds of medicine. My daughter, like Amy Jane Cadieux’s, has informed me that she is interested in surgery, and I fear that they are under the same influence (read on to see what has enticed them to consider medicine).

Amy sends news from Pennsylvania (she is McDreamy)—hopefully, her photos make it into this issue’s column:

“Darling! [Yes, she still talks like that.]: It may be too late, but I am awaiting a baby (not the one she is having but the one she is delivering), so I thought I’d distract myself with thoughts of all my DMS friends.

“I hope you are well. I know juggling work and crazy changes in medical practice and kids who are aging and requiring taxi services is just exhausting!

“We are living the status-quo mayhem. Ron is great, and we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last summer. He continues to travel for work and tries to appease his guilt for being away by bringing home nice handbags and shoes! :-)”

“Our oldest, Tess, just turned 18 and immediately went to NYC for her first Broadway audition, for Disney’s Aladdin. She made it through two cuts—pretty good for her first time out! We are excited and are ordering up more headshots. My personal hope is she gets an international tour, and I ‘have’ to go see her perform in exotic locations!

“Our baby, Paige, is 15, a fresh-man, was the featured dancer in the spring musical, and lit up the stage. She recently accompanied me to a hospital benefit and announced to our host that she planned to be a doctor (news to me). The host asked if her decision was based on emulating me, and she said, ‘No, I just binge-watched 11 seasons of Grey’s Anatomy!’ I’m so proud. And for the record, I did inform her that not only are medical residents not McDreamy-esque,’ but I never once had sex in a supply closet during my residency!

“Life in OB is the same, and different. As I celebrate my 20th anniversary here, I realize I am getting a bit tired—not only of being on call and getting only 14 minutes of sleep, but of all the changes—and am secretly worrying that I’m not doing a great job keeping up with all the new science and new demands and ever-changing landscape of medicine. Being the hospital’s chief of staff feels more like being a junior high guidance counselor: ‘Don’t swear at nurses, don’t work impaired, please be nice to patients so we get good hospital reviews . . .’ Sigh. One good thing is I’ve been able to ‘encourage’ my for-profit hospital to open its doors to a wonderful, sweet population of local uninsured Latinos. I am enjoying them immensely and have intermittent flashbacks to when Evan Teplow tried to teach me some conversational Spanish 25 years ago. I wish I’d paid more attention! My attempts at communicating include an odd combination of medical Spanish and vaginal charades! But we all make it work, with many laughs in the attempts.

“I hope you and all the other DMS’92s are fabuloso! Can you believe how quickly time has passed? Love to all! AJ”
Our illustrious Lenny Mankin, you choose the moniker, spent his March birthday in Costa Rica. He continues to shape young minds, providing outstanding teaching, with what I’m quite sure is constant levity and humor. Hopefully, I will have more news when I see him in May in Washington, D.C., at the annual ACP conference, where he is a bigwig (lots of initials after his name).

Chris Colwell (again, I won’t name-call) is at long last leaving Denver and moving back to California (but to San Francisco, not back home to La Jolla) to be the chief of emergency medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, where hopefully he will be able to post all sorts of updates on Facebook, since Mark Zuckerberg and his wife just funded their new hospital. Will we get McDreamy and McSteamy EW photos? Congrats, and good luck moving the family!

Melly Sani feels the columns are too frequent and says she doesn’t have any new news—in fact, her home renovation still isn’t done—but I give her a pass for working full time and having two teenage girls. Are they also watching Grey’s Anatomy?

Ilyssa Golding invited us all out again to show off our skiing prowess. We might have stiff competition from her children, who are 17 and 14, but I’m sure we’d all look good trying. She really wants us to visit—seriously! I’m thinking a mini-reunion at her house to prepare for our 2017 reunion. Be careful what you wish for!

Kristin Keefe sends news from Austin, Tex. (where I’m dying to visit—hint, hint), and is director of palliative care for the Seton Family of Hospitals. Her daughters live in Denver, Montreal, and Boston. I guess they decided they liked the cold!

Will Lee sends word that he was honored in the Obstetrics and Gynecology “Infertility Treatment” category in New York by Doctors’ Choice Awards 2015. Congratulations! See http://www.doctorschoiceawards.org/nominees/dr-will-lee for more.

Mark Canning says he will soon be updating us with news from Brent Forester’s 50th birthday celebration. He did send a link to Brent’s audition tape (see http://boston.cbslocal.com/video/3372775-hundreds-line-streets-for-patriots-day-casting-call/); take a look 33 seconds into the link. It’s almost like Grey’s Anatomy—and he’s almost famous! I hope you all enjoyed John Houde’s chocolates, along with his generous plan for fundraising for our alma mater. John, thank you for all your hard work and tireless efforts to keep supporting Dartmouth’s commitment to educating our future colleagues—hopefully we will have more impact than Grey’s Anatomy.

Non-Grey’s Anatomy life: Paige, daughter of Amy Jane Cadieux M’92, was the featured dancer in her school’s spring musical. Amy and her family visited the statue of David in Florence. Bottom left: Amy poses with a baby she delivered. Bottom right: Amy’s daughter strikes a pose.

—Anna Vouros
Class Secretaries

1993

Here’s the news from DMS’93:

From David McCarthy: No changes from me. I’m still running the VA Boston epilepsy program and, more importantly, running after my kids, who are still chasing hockey pucks and soccer balls. I saw Joe O’Donnell serving as a judge for a high school declamation competition at Boston Latin. My daughter, Mia, was in the competition, and I was really counting on Joe’s vote—but no such luck! My boys are approaching adolescence and with increasing frequency are exhibiting odd and just plain stupid behavior. When this happens, I feel like I’m right back at DMS, watching David Makil, Granville Lloyd, or John Malolepszy. The similarities are so striking, I’m having my kids undergo DNA testing.

From Mike Golden: [Oops—looks like he slept in.]

From Ray Bleday: The family is doing well. Jennifer (23), who was born at the new DHMC, is in graduate school. Adam (21) is playing baseball at Penn. JJ (18) just got accepted to Vanderbilt and is preparing himself by removing anything from the house that can be broken if thrown, and we are replacing the girls’ bedroom doors with foam boards that don’t make noise if slammed. Luckily, they are getting into sports (Jordanna basketball, Micaela volleyball and tennis), so that burns a lot of calories and angst. I’m still rowing and raced in my fifth Head of the Charles last October and will be at it again this year in the eight-man boat. But before then I’ll race at the euphemistically named Masters National Championships in the summer in Worcester, Mass., at Lake Quinsigamond (or something like that). Golly, can’t someone change that lake’s name to something less tongue-twisterish, like “Lake Mass”? —Brian Boxer Wachler

1996

From Matt Provencher’s decision to head west, from Massachusetts to Colorado, put him on the pages of Vail Daily back in February. He was described as former “chief of the sports medicine service at Massachusetts General Hospital and medical director and head team physician of the New England Patriots, last season’s league champions,” and as a new member of the staff of Vail’s Steadman Clinic and Steadman Philippon Research Institute.

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—Editor

1998

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—Editor

2000

Hi, classmates. Busy time for us all. I haven’t heard from many folks but did get some exciting news from Lisa Pan. She just received an anonymous $1-million donation, through the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, to support her research in the neurobiology of treating refractory depression and suicidal behavior. Pretty amazing accomplishment. Congrats, Lisa!

Please send me any updates you want to share in future issues of the newsletter.

—Maya Mitchell Land
Hello, alumni! The class of 2007 is mostly working hard and also having lots of adorable kids.

Will Tseng, who’s working as an intensivist in San Jose, says it’s all about work and family. He’s living the down-to-earth lifestyle, and you can see lots of hilariously captioned pics of his adorable kids, Kye (4) and Hana (1), on Facebook, where I snagged this particular gem of a post-call photo (with Will’s permission, of course).

Adam Templeton shared some news about his expanding family: “We’ve got quite the Templeton brood, with lil’ boys Bridger (6 months) and Phineas (2 years). Finished my first year as a therapeutic GI attending at the University of Washington, and all is going well out here.”

As for me, I stepped down from one of my two jobs, which mostly means that for the first time in five years I won’t be working crazy hours all summer and will get to do some North Carolina adventuring with the family. So that’ll be fun.

Best wishes to all!

—Cara Haberman

Happy 2016! It’s hard to believe our 5th reunion is almost upon us already! There are still moments when I wonder how different my life, and I suspect many of yours, would be if we hadn’t received the “yes” from Dartmouth all those years ago.

Now that we’re big-shot senior residents, fellows, and attendings (as well as mummies and daddies), let’s go back to where it all started and relive those moments that initiated this beautiful journey—anatomy labs, CTO, Occom Pond, Dana Library (!), Kellogg, North Park, DHMC, and of course those snow-covered mountains we chose to descend at breakneck speed!

I look forward to seeing many of you in September.

—Abi Kukoyi

The TDI (CECS) column includes news from alumni of the master’s and doctoral programs of The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (formerly the Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences).

Carrie Frederick (MS’97)—an Alumni News & Notes first-time responder (welcome!)—retired about three years ago, but recently started volunteering with Feeding America San Diego. The organization is embarking on some interesting new programs that provide Carrie with an opportunity to utilize some of the knowledge and techniques she gained at CECS and in her health-care career. The local food banks are partnering with some of the hospitals in San Diego to provide food for patients who are food insecure and are about to be discharged. Early studies have found that this approach has resulted in notable decreases in readmissions. The food banks are also expanding to work with health clinics, particularly those with large diabetic populations. Although it will take time for these programs to develop, they will make it possible to define evaluation criteria and data-collection plans on the front end.

In the meantime, Carrie says, the local food banks partnered to obtain a grant for an electronic registration and utilization tracking system. Although the primary objective was to improve the efficiency and dignity of distributing food to the clients, the system also opens new opportunities for understanding and improving programs. She is working with Feeding America to evaluate...
the aggregate data from the 34 partner agencies that do the actual distribution. For the first time, they will be able determine whether clients go to multiple agencies and, if so, whether there are gaps in their programs that should be addressed.

Carrie says it is fun to finally find a volunteer opportunity that uses her education and experience in a meaningful way. She also wanted to note that although most CECS/TDI alumni are not yet nearing retirement, volunteering for an organization such as this may give others some “food for thought.”

Kofi Cash (MS’01) has accepted a new role as vice president of quality management for Ascension Health, Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, in Binghamton, N.Y. Kofi is a certified professional in both healthcare quality and risk management. His scope of responsibilities will include (but isn’t limited to) infection prevention, medical staff services, patient experience, patient safety, data analytics, and patient safety.

Brad Schenkel (MS’01) writes that despite the warm weather in Pennsylvania this year, and the virtual lack of snow, he was still able to get in a few exciting skiing days with his family at local ski resorts, including Bear Creek Mountain and Camelback Mountain. He also enjoyed a week of great skiing with his college friends in Park City, Utah, where the snow quality was fantastic. Next winter, he really wants to head back to Hanover to enjoy some skiing around Dartmouth.

On the work front, Brad remains employed by Johnson & Johnson in the health economics and outcomes research department, based in Horsham, Pa. He has recently submitted a number of abstracts and posters to medical conferences across the country. Since he started work in the oncology therapeutic area, the conferences he’s focused on include the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. At a recent ASH hematologic malignancies conference, he was interviewed by the conference organizers to review the results of one of his posters. You can go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJurnIUAm3E to see a video of the interview.

Thom Walsh (MS’02, PhD’12) has co-founded GCorp Health Solutions. GCorpHS is a consulting firm with health-policy experts, leadership coaches, systems engineers, workflow and process improvement specialists, and data analysts. The firm is designed to help health-care leaders, providers, and support staff navigate the changing landscape of payment reform. Thom is known as an excellent teacher and mentor who draws on extensive clinical, research, and consulting experience to help people and organizations create greater value in health care. His clinical career as an orthopaedic physical therapist spanned private practice and academic settings, including the development and launch of the Spine Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. His writings on ethical leadership, patient-reported outcome measures, health-care costs and utilization, and shared decision-making have appeared in numerous publications, including the BMJ, JAMA, Spine, the Journal of Healthcare Management, Forbes, the New America Foundation, and the Atlantic. Thom teaches a course called the History of Variation and its Modern Implications in TDI’s professional education program. He also enjoys ultramarathon trail races and volunteers with a search and rescue unit in the Los Angeles County sheriff’s department. Watch this space for information regarding the release of his book Creating Greater Value in Healthcare. And you can learn more about GCorpHS at www.gcorpconsulting.com/health or by contacting him at thom.walsh@gcorpconsulting.com.
ANITA ARORA ’12 AND CAROLYN PRESLEY ’09:
RWJF Scholars Share Common Goal

Although the research that Anita Arora and Carolyn Presley are conducting as Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars focuses on different populations, the two physicians share a common goal. Both are working to improve health care delivery so it is more equitable, more patient-centered, less wasteful, and more likely to create well-being for patients and communities.

UNDERSTANDING WELL-BEING
Anita Arora, who holds an MBA from Dartmouth’s Tuck School in addition to an MD from Geisel, is applying her dual skill sets to three research projects, all focused on different aspects of “well-being,” which she explains is a comprehensive measure of physical, mental, and social health. Arora is using data from a national survey to examine whether variation in population well-being helps to explain geographic disparities in life expectancy. She hopes this work will highlight well-being as an important metric of a population’s health and as a focus for intervention.

In a second project, Arora is examining variation in well-being among underserved, low-income communities and has already discovered higher-than-average well-being in areas of high poverty. What enables the economically disadvantaged to be happy, healthy, and resilient? She’s working to answer that question.

In a third project, Arora is collaborating with a team of community leaders to study whether community and capacity building activities can improve social cohesion and reduce exposure to gun violence in two New Haven, Conn., neighborhoods. This study also explores whether geographic variation in social cohesion tracks with variation in emergency department utilization related to gun violence across neighborhoods in New Haven.

TACKLING TREATMENT BURDEN
Carolyn Presley, who is completing a combined fellowship in geriatric oncology and hematology at Yale, is researching treatment burden, functional status, and integrated oncology and palliative care delivery models for older adults undergoing cancer treatment. She is seeking effective ways to improve appropriate treatment and quality of life for these patients and their families. In one project, Presley is analyzing Medicare data to measure the treatment burden older Medicare beneficiaries carry after a diagnosis of early-stage lung cancer, enumerating inpatient and outpatient medical visits, physicians seen, and medicines prescribed during the first 12 months following diagnosis. The second phase involves interviewing patients and families about their experience within the health care system.

In a second project, Presley is investigating the events that contribute to functional decline in elderly people undergoing cancer treatment. The project, which draws on data from an ongoing 15-year study, ultimately aims to design interventions that will allow older patients to maintain independence even after a cancer diagnosis. “It’s a different way of taking care of patients, within a social construct that is less fragmented and with less risk of both undertreatment and overtreatment,” she says.

At her clinical practice at the West Haven, Conn., VA hospital, Presley is working to compare outcomes of patients who receive cancer treatment concurrent with hospice and palliative care against outcomes of patients who receive cancer treatment alone. Currently, Medicare covers hospice care only after cancer treatment fails; her experience as a geriatric oncologist indicates that incorporating aspects of palliative care earlier would benefit patients, their families, and physicians.

Presley plans to continue her work on improving patient-centered outcomes in geriatric oncology as a clinician-researcher at an academic medical center.
Bo Park (MPH’07) is excited to celebrate 2016, because it marks the 10th anniversary of when she met her now-husband at Dartmouth! She received her PhD in epidemiology from Drexel University in 2015 and now is a post-doctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University, doing autism research. She is always happy to hear TDI updates!

Matthew Davis (MPH’09) recently switched jobs within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, moving from the Office of Children’s Health Protection to the Office of Congressional Affairs. He is a little surprised he is still enjoying D.C. as much as he is, over six years in. He says the best part of spring in D.C. is seeing lots of pretty blooms and feathered spring migrants returning north!

Robert Harris (MPH’09) has spent the last academic year working with the Human Resources for Health program in Rwanda, educating Rwandan clinicians and medical students about imaging, elevating the health-care delivery system, and getting a radiology residency started in Rwanda by September 2016. He lectured extensively in the Philippines in February 2016 for 10 days, as an international visiting professor through the Radiological Society of North America, the largest imaging society in the world.

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Kimberly Thompson MS’14 and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Isadora Beverly, on Thanksgiving Day in 2015. at the University of Washington in Seattle in June 2015. Though he hopes to return to New England and perhaps the Upper Valley one day, he is excited to spend the next few years on the West Coast. He’d also be happy to know if any other TDI alumni are in the Seattle area—and if so he’d enjoy getting in touch.

Kimberly Thompson (MS’14) and her husband welcomed daughter Isadora Beverly to the world on November 26, 2015—Thanksgiving Day—at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and was 18.5 inches long.

—Tina Jackson
but we’ll spend summers on the old farm in Ashippun, Wisc.”

Hank Cramer (HS’71-72) wrote: “After your last request for information (in response to which I gave you way too much, I fear), I got curious about others in our internship group and tried to find William L. Jackson (HS’71-72), with whom I shared a place in Rivercrest for the bulk of the year. I found nothing until I remembered that he was a Jr., so I looked up his father, only to find that they’re both buried. I don’t know his life circumstances except that he was a GMO in the Navy in Pensacola until 1975 or a bit later. I think he may have practiced in Albuquerque, N.M., thereafter, but then the trail goes cold. Do you have any sleuthing tricks to figure this out? He was a runner, a drummer, and a pleasant person, so I’m sad that he’s gone.”

John Melski (HS’72-74) writes: “I’m still working full-time in dermatology at Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin but plan on retiring on my 70th birthday in December. I will likely continue to run teaching clinic for the residents but hope to spend more time traveling and reading when I’m not working on the honey-do list. Our kids are scattered to Ithaca, N.Y., and Santa Clara, Calif., so trips to those location will be on our itinerary.”

Bob Arnot (Internal Medicine ’74-76) writes: “Qualified for the fifth year of the World Paddleboard Championship in the stand-up category (see http://www.molokai2oahu.com/2016-start-list/). It’s a grueling 32-mile race from Molokai to Oahu, over the most dangerous ocean passage in the world—20-foot swells and 30-knot winds.”

Bob Harbaugh (Neurosurgery ’78-85) writes: “It has been some time since I was in touch with people at Dartmouth. I am attaching my biosketch. Since leaving the Upper Valley in 2003, I have done a lot, including serving as president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (our largest national professional society), as a director of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, and currently as president of the Society of Neurological Surgeons (the world’s oldest neurological society).”

“P.S. My wife, Kimberly Harbaugh (HS’90-96), is also a Dartmouth housestaff alum.” Kim is a neurosurgeon as well, specializing in peripheral nerve surgery.

Here are a few highlights from Bob’s biosketch: In the personal realm, it mentions that he has five children. Professionally, he earned his MD at Penn State before training at Dartmouth. He became an assistant professor of surgery (neurosurgery) at DMS in 1985 and a full professor in 1997. While at Dartmouth, he directed the Cerebrovascular Disease Center and the Neurosurgical Laboratory and was acting residency program director. In 2003, he accepted a position at Penn State as a professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, director of the neurosurgery residency program, and a professor of engineering science and mechanics. He’s since been named a University Distinguished Professor and director of Penn State’s Institute of the Neurosciences. He’s received numerous awards; been an invited speaker at over 230 symposia worldwide and a visiting professor at over 60 institutions; delivered 20 named lectures; and been the honored guest of half a dozen international neurological societies. His research interests include clinical trial design and...
biostatistics, outcomes analysis, quality improvement in neurosurgery, and neural engineering. He’s been the editor or associate editor of five books and has served on several journals’ editorial boards; his extensive publications list includes several firsts, including the first double-blind randomized trial in neurosurgery. He’s held numerous leadership positions in professional organizations, including those mentioned above. He also serves on two National Football League committees and has been a trustee of Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Lebanon Valley College, and Saint Joan of Arc School.

Jan Sidorov (HS’82-84), chairs the board of directors of the medical professional liability carrier NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company. He’s also chief medical officer of medSolis, Inc., a health technology software company. His LinkedIn profile is at http://bit.ly/1MLpqJp.

Joyce Mauk (HS’83-84) joined Swedish Medical Group in Seattle; she was formerly in private practice with Puget Sound Neurology.

Doug Noordsy (HS’85-89) writes: “I accepted a position at Stanford last fall, after 30 years at Dartmouth. I’ve been enjoying my work here, developing an early psychosis treatment team, and the mild weather. Spring is in full bloom in Palo Alto.”

Aruna Natarajan (Pediatrics ’94-95) writes: “After almost 16 years practicing pediatric intensive care at Georgetown University Hospital, while doing some basic, translational, and clinical research and teaching respiratory physiology in the graduate school, I signed off from active clinical duties in April 2015. It has been a rewarding year of pause and reflection. I continue to teach physiology and pharmacology in Georgetown’s graduate and school of medicine programs. We live in northwest Washington, D.C., and welcome alums from DMS and the pediatric residency program who may remember me. Do get in touch if you’re in town!”

John Preston (HS’95-99) writes: “We are all doing well in Europe. My wife Adrian Preston (HS’96-99) and I work at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Md., a community hospital under the Johns Hopkins umbrella. Both of our private groups have now been absorbed by Hopkins, which is the trend. Our children, ages 11 and 9, are powers to be respected on the tennis court. We are planning a family trip to Vietnam this summer. My wife has not been back since her family fled the Communist regime. We can’t wait to introduce our children to the culture there—they have been to Europe, but it’s not the same. Please give my best to all the old-timer attendings who were there when I was a resident. Where is my mentor, Tim Quill?” [Editor’s note: Tim Quill is still on the faculty and is now a professor of anesthesiology.]

Polly Leonard (Family Medicine ’97-99) writes: “I was updating my ‘blurb,’ since I was just invited to lecture in D.C. on April 6 after another lecturer pulled out at the last minute. Apparently I’ve become known for pulling presentations out of my ear on short notice!”

Polly shared her blurb, which notes that she’s board certified in both osteopathic family practice and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. She earned a master’s in medical education leadership at University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in 2011 and two fellow designations in the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators: in medical education leadership and in teaching and evaluation. She’s president of the New England Osteopathic Medical Education Network, president-elect of the Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators, and past president of the UNECOM Alumni Association. She is recognized as a master teacher by the Training of Osteopathic Primary Care Educators Consortium. In 2015, she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She lectures regionally and nationally on medical education, faculty development, and medicine.

She was the founding director of graduate medical education for the Kent Hospital Residencies in Warwick, R.I., and is a clinical professor at UNECOM. She is in private practice in Warwick, R.I., where she cares for, as she puts it, “everyone with an umbilicus.”

Brian Doyle (Intern ’11-12) writes: “I was an internal medicine intern in 2011-12, after graduating from DMS in 2011. I went on to an ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and recently moved back to the area after purchasing a solo ophthalmology practice in Montpelier, Vt.”

—Bob Lewy

OBITUARIES

The following deaths have been reported to us since the last issue of Alumni News & Notes went to press. Obituaries are published on the Medical School’s alumni website, at www.geiselaumni.org/obituaries. To report the death of an alumnus/a, please contact Annette Rine at 603-653-0726 or Geisel.Alumni.Relations@Dartmouth.edu.

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