

C&G: Forward, Onward, and Upward!

# the CASTLEGRAM

The Casque & Gauntlet at Dartmouth College ❖ Fall 2019

## Merlin's Legacy and a Wizardly Transition

After many years of service, Joel Heathcote is stepping back a bit

This summer—and to our great sadness—Joel Heathcote '61, our longtime Merlin-of-Merlins, formally stepped back from active wizard leadership of C&G. Joel is relocating from Rumney, New Hampshire, to Minnesota and, when it gets really cold, California.

There have been few in C&G's history who have been more beloved by delegations over the decades. We are grateful for Joel's singular persona and his ever-engaging presence as well as his innumerable contributions to our organization over the years—always focused on an unwavering objective of "Reigniting the Knights."

"I sort of created the position of 'Merlin of Merlins' so that there was one of us responsible for all communications, social media, *Castlegram*, etc.," Joel explained. "Further, the Merlin of Merlins is the chief wizard and brings appreciation of our tradition and of the Legend of Arthur, the Sword, the

Grail, and the Table. In brief, there is now an officer responsible for fanning the flame of the SPIRIT of C&G through the years ahead." Joel has been tireless in working to improve communications with and between C&G alumni, including revitalizing and editing the *Castlegram* for over a decade.

As a one of his final acts (because wizards never really fade away), we asked him to prepare some reflections about his time with C&G. This wonderful piece is presented in full below.

As an unexpected bonus, the wizard-in-red (you'll recall that Joel's Merlin garb is usually red) also conjured up as his replacement the Green Knight, Rob Christie '74 (see accompanying report on the magical Green Train at last June's alumni reunions). Rob's energy and creativity will be welcome additions, and he will be joined by Leslie Jennings Rowley '96 as an editorial board for the *Castlegram*.

Joel, we are deeply grateful for your friendship and for your many years of service.

## Merlin's Farewell

### A Brief History of the Deeds of Joel, Merlin '61

*Heroic Legends survive through the ages for a reason, because they bring out the BEST in people, a vision of excellence, like C&G!*

#### The Historical Arthur

In the long past, since the fall of Rome, it was told that there was a king once whose courage and gallantry were a ray of light on those dark times.

Arthur's great idea was to make a RoundTable where all the other nobles could form a court of equals.

Further, he had the council of Merlin, the wise and powerful Mage, as his mentor and friend. That legendary spirit has been reincarnated many times down through the ages.

King Edward III 1338 marked the day in a special way: he dedicated himself and his entire realm to recreating the Arthurian legend with a roundtable and a chivalrous code of honor. He formed a high

knightly order—The Order of the Garter, England's highest honor, still active today under the good Queen Elizabeth.

And now in this modern day, and more personally for each of you sitting in this room, this Great Spirit, the spirit of Arthur's chivalry, led our founders to create a legendary RoundTable right here at Dartmouth. Our society, The Casque and Gauntlet, was founded in 1887 and dedicated to Honor, Ideals and Lifelong Fellowship.

So, you see, you are part of that long and meaningful tradition. You have the opportunity to pick up on these legendary archetypes and let them inspire you as they have for so many Knights and Ladies in the 132 years of Casque and Gauntlet.

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## C&G Online!

You can find the Casque & Gauntlet community online in a few different places! **Please join our growing online community!** Choose whichever platforms you like. We are excited to support these easy ways to stay connected with one another and to enhance the alumni experience! All three are secured for C&G members only. Read below for a brief description of each forum and what you can expect to find there.

### Website:

[www.casqueandgauntlet.org](http://www.casqueandgauntlet.org)

Our website is the best place to find official news and announcements from C&G. You will find articles, photos, and history, as well as current resources, like the *Castlegram* and online dues payment. In addition, the website is the one place where you will find a master list of each delegation. There is also a public page that provides basic information about C&G to the greater Dartmouth community and the general public. Please register if you haven't already to access all public and member-only content.

### Facebook Group:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Facebook is a social networking site and the perfect place to engage with C&G members around the world. Current students and alumni post photos, toasts, and event announcements for happenings at the Castle and in your local region. Posting is easy, and we welcome contributions from you to stay in touch with fellow Knights and Ladies. Our group is entitled "Casque and Gauntlet," and you will see it come up as a "closed group." Simply request to join it, and you will be added within a few days.

### LinkedIn Group:

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

LinkedIn is a professional networking site and is a great place to connect with C&G members on career-related topics. You can find C&G members in a particular field or business, learn about industry networking events, and share job openings and professional expertise. Search for "Casque and Gauntlet," click to join, and you will be added shortly.

## Jim Wooster '59 Receives 2019-2020 Alumni Award



Over Homecoming weekend in October, Jim Wooster '59 (Th'60 & Tu'60) received the 2019-20 Alumni Award from the college. This award is presented annually to a handful of alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Dartmouth and civic organizations in addition to career accomplishments. Among many other contributions, Jim has been a longtime C&G Board member, and we are delighted for this recognition of an extraordinary individual who has given so much.

Excerpts from the citation follow; the full text and a stirring video on Jim can be found online at [alumni.dartmouth.edu/serve/recognition/dartmouth-alumni-award](http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/serve/recognition/dartmouth-alumni-award).

As a boy in Montclair, New Jersey, your first exposure to Dartmouth came through your father, James W. Wooster Jr. '26, and your uncle John T. Wooster '30. You were a frequent visitor to the Dartmouth campus, and when it came time to visit other colleges, none compared to your beloved Big Green.

An engineering major, you attended Tuck and Thayer as part of the 3-2 program to earn your M.S. in engineering and M.B.A. You were also enrolled in ROTC. An active contributor to the track team, you joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon and, later, Casque and Gauntlet. Halfway through your academic career, you began to date your wonderful wife, Betsy, who became an intrinsic part of your Dartmouth experience and circle of friends. When asked about your favorite Dartmouth memories, you say there are too many wonderful moments to single any one out!

...In tandem with a busy life filled with work and family, Dartmouth exerted a powerful pull on you over the years. You have spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy giving back to your alma mater. You've served as an admissions interviewer, alumni fund volunteer, class president of the great class of 1959 (recognized as Class President of the Year in 2003), the president of the Class Presidents Association, alumni councilor and member of the Alumni Liaison Committee, as a member of your reunion committee and reunion giving committee, and most recently, as co-chair of your milestone 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Currently, you serve as the co-vice president of the class, lending support and guidance to your Executive Committee. A highlight for you was serving as the president of the Class Officers Association. Planning class activities has been a particular joy; the first '59 class trip to London was a smash hit, and next on the agenda came a visit to Peru. These trips were followed by a barge and bike adventure

in Belgium, and a fantastic birthday party in Jackson Hole.

When you retired, you and Betsy chose your beloved Hanover as the place to enjoy your next chapter. Your schedule became even busier as you took on volunteer commitments...One priority ranks much higher than Dartmouth or anything else for you, and that is your wonderful family. You and Betsy married shortly after graduation and have four fabulous children: Jim, Chuck, Beckley, and Bruce. Two of your sons, Jim '84 and Chuck '89, attended Dartmouth, as did your daughters-in-law Susan '92 and Laura '83, as well as your grandson, Zachary '15. You and your daughter-in-law's father, Walt Vail '58, founded the grand tradition of the "grandfather's hike," which continues to be a favorite family activity.

John Muir once said, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." In your walk, Jim, Dartmouth has benefited from your positive energy and infectious optimism. In recognition of your remarkable dedication to your career, your community, and your college, we are truly honored to present you with the Dartmouth Alumni Award.



# C&G June 2019 Reunions: Reunite the Knights!

C&G delegation gatherings continue to be a highlight of Dartmouth's class reunions. This past June, we had a packed calendar of C&G gatherings for the Delegations returning to Hanover. The turnout for the '59s was particularly impressive. Twelve C&G'ers returned to The Corner for their 60<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, they were so engrossed in catching up with each other no one took a picture. Our loss.

Our thanks to Dick Jaeger '59, Kerry Swarr '94, Jennifer Avellino '89, Robert Cotto '03, Tsering Cornell '04, Delano Brissett '05, Viana Turcios-Cotto '05, and Adrian Ferrari '14 for taking the lead and helping organize their delegations' gatherings.

A notable highlight from June was The Green Knight Train, organized by representatives from the class of '74 including Tom Watkin, Arthur; Rob Christie, Merlin; and David Kruschwitz, Sir Gaheris. [See related article and photos on page six.]

A special shout-out to Kerry Swarr '94 and Lori Lopes '84 for their efforts to support these events each year.

If your class is returning to Hanover this June for a reunion and you want to ensure your delegation has a time to reconnect at The Corner, please reach out to either Kerry Swarr at [kerry.swarr@urbanteachers.org](mailto:kerry.swarr@urbanteachers.org) or Lori Lopes at [lopeskova@aol.com](mailto:lopeskova@aol.com).

Many Fields.



## 2020 June Reunions

### June 12-16

Class of 1970: 50<sup>th</sup>

### June 15-18

Class of 1960: 60<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1965: 55<sup>th</sup>

### June 18-21

Class of 1979: 40<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1980: 40<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1981: 40<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1990: 30<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1995: 25<sup>th</sup>

### June 19-21

Class of 2009: 10<sup>th</sup>

Class of 2010: 10<sup>th</sup>

Class of 2011: 10<sup>th</sup>

Class of 2015: 5<sup>th</sup>



Fun gathering of class of '94 including Board Member Kerry Swarr, Ross Nova, and Jonathan Good with fellow Dartmouth '94 classmates.



1989 delegation: Jennifer Avellino, Zachary Levin, Ned Ward, Marnie Curry, Time Derrick, and Tom Longstreth.



Good times reminiscing on The Corner's Porch.



'03, '04, and '05 delegations. Great turnout! First row: Viana Turcios-Cotto '05, Leniece Flowers, Robert "Bobby" Cotto III (future '37), Robert Cotto Jr. '03, Nela Suka '04, Ali Kelley '04, Josh Hoxie; second row: Steven Zycck '04, Delano Brissett '05, Kwasi Ohene-Adu '05, Serena Chang '05, and Alan Cheng '03.



Vivian Turcios-Cotto '05, Merlin, and Robert Cotto Jr. '03, Arthur, with future '37.



2014 delegation: Taha Adib, Dela Kpo, Adrian Ferrari, Georgi Klissurski, Joseph Singh, Eddie Zapata, Elliot Sanborn, Eliana Piper, Abby Bard, Annie-Laurie Mauhs-Pugh. Missed the photo by minutes: Bobby Esnard.

## C&G Fall Homecoming Event

The C&G Homecoming Event, hosted by the 2020 delegation and the C&G Alumni Board on October 12, was a great opportunity for returning alumni to meet the current delegation and visit The Corner. This event has become a regular feature of our C&G fall calendar.

Over a dozen alumni who returned to The Corner were welcomed by an ever-changing group of '20s. The inter-delegation engagement was fun and informative for all involved. Stories from "back in the day" entertained and somewhat amazed the current delegation, while the returning alumni were equally intrigued to learn about what it is like to be on campus today.

We received a lot of positive feedback on the condition of the house and the warm welcome of the current delegation from the returning alumni.

We express of thanks to the '20s for continuing this tradition.

Many Fields.

# Merlin's Farewell

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As for me, I have played the role of Merlin for 60 years, since that joyous moment when I was first knighted as Merlin of 1961.



## Being Chosen as Merlin to my Delegation in 1961

It started with a blindfold, hearing hushed voices. It was tap night at Casque and Gauntlet and wondrously, I had been chosen!

Next was feeling that enchanted sword tap my shoulders, and the deep voice of the Senior King Arthur said, "Rise, Sir Merlin," and in that moment, my life changed. I was euphoric at being tapped, I was constantly excited by the great fun, fellowship, and a sense of belonging. These guys were the campus heroes, leaders of everything on campus, and I was one of them, an equal seated with them at the Great Round-Table with our Arthur at its head and me, in the background, working the light switch for the Grail Ritual like any mechanically inclined Merlin would do.

We had a very active, engaged delegation: 28 guys, many bright minds, many playful spirits, many decidedly adventurous and intense characters who ignited their creativity encouraged by the obvious quality of this elite and diverse group sitting around them. These were Dartmouth's finest, men of quality and purpose. Like Knights of old, we were Arthur's Knights, and we really bonded! Inspired by the legend and wrapped in fellowship, the 28 of us rocked the Castle, we dazzled the deans, and created what we just knew was the capstone of our career at Dartmouth.

Besides being magical, marvelous, and Merlin at C&G, I received several awards from the college. I spoke the Class Ode at graduation, was picked as class photographer and was the class newsletter editor for nine years after Hanover.

I did it all!



My year as Merlin '61 was such an empowering experience for me that I wanted to keep the Grail Spirit bright and strong after graduation, so I did a scrapbook full of candid photos and positively hilarious essays capturing our delegation's numerous adventures and our deep philosophies as well. My beloved grandfather, William Edmondson, handcrafted 28 leather bound copies of the scrapbook. He was made an honorary C&G for his contribution.

1961 was GLORIOUS !

## Skip forward 25 years to my 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

My fellow '61 Knights wanted to have the Grail Ceremony, but there was a problem: the simple, glowing lamp "Holy Grail" effect used for 100 years had been lost! And the big Centennial celebration was just months away! A crisis! Knowing of my profession in lighting effects, a delegation from the Centennial Committee commissioned me to design and install some major light magic at



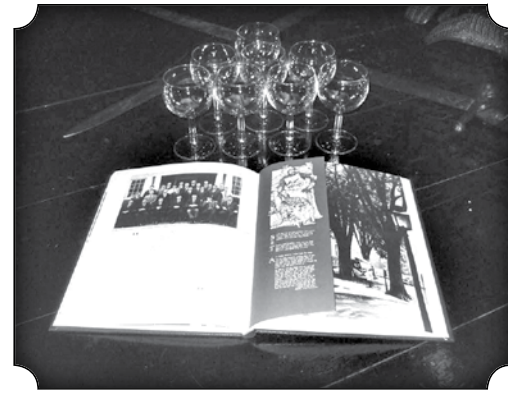
Thompson Arena. I created a giant Grail out of crystalline flower vases. Besides lasers dancing on the crystals, there was a beautiful soundtrack featuring a resonant voice speaking the words of Tennyson over the strains of Lohengrin.



I produced the soundtrack at a California studio and added it to the sparkling laser Grail for a moving experience for all. It was a great success with many a noble tear.

It was a triumphant celebration! Finally, the "lost" Grail Lamp was replaced by a new one of my own devising. It now hangs above the Table, glowing red with laser light and accompanied by a professional soundtrack I produced. This modern Grail effect has been inspiring young Knights and Ladies since 1987. I got my name on a plaque for that deed.

But there was more Centennial to come. The majestic Centennial Book, edited by Robert Faulkner '56, needed an essay on the real history of the legendary king. I wrote it. It turned

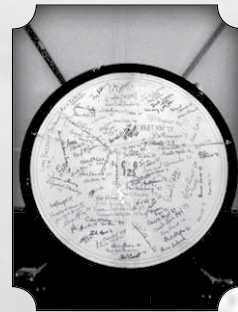


out well. You can read it in the Centennial Book stored under the benches in the Round-Table Room. As we approached our 125<sup>th</sup> year of 2012, the times were a'-changing! The words of the original Grail ceremony, crafted in the Victorian era, were too religious and too graphic for the more modern Dartmouth era of multiculturalism and, importantly, women Knights! So, Merlin was called upon to put on his writing cap and compose a new ode for a new age of Knights and Ladies.

It's called "Awake! Awake!" It is accompanied by a thousand beams of green laser light, each star representing one of the alumni Knights who have gathered at the RoundTable through the years. The new poem and the green lasers were installed in time for the 125<sup>th</sup>. They are still in use today.

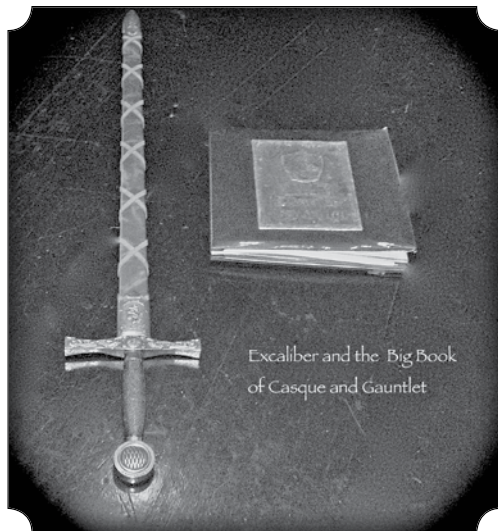
In order to support our legendary reputation, I was commissioned by the Board to create a large plaque for the occasion and hang it in Collis Hall, where over a hundred Knights and Ladies feasted and heard moving speeches from five of our finest leaders.

Then we all signed the back... Knights Unite!



Another improvement for the 125<sup>th</sup> was the "Big Book." We would know little of ancient history, Greece, and Rome if somebody had not written down the historical facts of those distant times. Yet C&G had only scattered lists of former Knights and early deeds. I created a large, leatherbound book with a hundred blank pages for Knights (and Ladies) to inscribe their names for posterity. That book with its' engraved golden cover resides on the RoundTable. Now no Knightly names are lost.

I repaired the straps on the suit of armor and



Excalibur and the Big Book of Casque and Gauntlet

put him back together (many times). I noted that he had been donated to the Castle in 1913. Just exactly 100 years later, in 2013, the '13s delegation purchased a magnificent sword, Excalibur, as their legacy. This legendary sword joins the Big Book on display in the center of the Table.

Just to be magical, I affixed my own small gold C&G pin to the bottom of the hanging Grail (see if you can find it). One of many small, secret touches I hid around the Castle to add a bit of mystery and interest.

Another "secret" hidden in plain sight in a corner of the Great Room is a tapestry. Behind it is a duplicate Grail Goblet and laser effect. In 2011, this special Grail effect was designed specially for one of our noble Knights in a wheelchair so he could participate in a ceremony without climbing the stairs to the RoundTable Room.

My connection with the Castle was quiet for 30 years from 1987 till 2006, when I got a call from Mats Lemberger, Arthur of '06, saying that the "Grail wasn't working." I was stuck! Nobody but me could deal with the intricacies of the mechanism and I was very concerned, being so far away in California. As fate and a bit of Merlin's magic would have it, an unexpected business trip appeared and it put me within an hours' drive of the Corner. I brought my tools, climbed up that scary ladder and fixed the Grail. That was in 2006.

I felt amazed when I got all those unusual creative opportunities during the Centennial. I was the perfect man/wizard for the job and I got local and available at just the right time. Many years had come and gone with no need of Merlin's magic but with the strong synchronicity of this last Grail repair mission in 2006, I started to feel a deep, intuitive "calling" to become more involved with C&G. I could feel it. Then it happened! Totally out of the blue (Merlin's favorite color), I received an invitation from a high school girlfriend to come rent her house in nearby Rumney, New Hampshire, just an hour's drive to Hanover! This unexpected invitation enabled me to



physically relocate from California to New Hampshire. What a "trick!"

Now located so close to the Castle, and encouraged by the new Alumni Co-Presidents Tom Tomai '79 and Ed Kania '79, I brought forth my experience as an editor and offered my services to Ed and Tom as Scribe and *Castlegram* editor. I put out two issues a year for 12 years, writing a meaningful, interesting main editorial for each issue. All old *Castlegrams* are available on the website ([www.casqueandgauntlet.org](http://www.casqueandgauntlet.org)) or through Karie at Elevate.

Speaking of websites, we rescued our very neglected website and started filling it with photos, contact information, and archives. Another duty as Merlin/Scribe was creating a new anthem to replace our deeply traditional Tennyson script with its emphasis on Christ and blood and masculine archetypes. At one reunion there were three Lady Merlins. I sought their opinion and they suggested authoring a new ecumenical and gender-equal poem featuring our robust C&G Fellowship and our lifelong connection to the Spirit of C&G's whole experience. I wrote and recorded that new anthem, "Awake Awake." Now we have two Ritual light shows, red and green.

In 2017 I collaborated with a local artist to add color and warmth to the rather stark white walls of the RoundTable Room. We constructed a large fancy frame, filled it with rich red velvet, and hung crossed canes atop the velvet. Combined with the banners from the Centennial, the cane display adds a wonderful sense of majesty.



Now, my Merlin's spell of love and honor is complete.

This is my last Spring Feast.

I have done my best to bring dignity, wonder, and coherence to the life of C&G. Old Wizards do not die. They simply become invisible with their Spirit lingering after them. And so it is with me, Joel Heathcote, Merlin '61.

Whatever realm I journey to, my heart and mind will always rejoice when I encounter the Spirit of Casque and Gauntlet. My Spirit will always be available hovering above the great Table, speaking from the silence, waiting to welcome your noble Spirit home to the Table where Merlin waits.

My 60 years as Merlin to this society have given me wonderful opportunities to edit the *Castlegram*, add rich decor to the RoundTable Room, create a "Big Book," wherein names and events could be scribed for posterity, manifest Excalibur, establish a website, write a new poetic script for our Grail Ceremony, and preside over our annual Spring Feast! I thrived in my role and was privileged to contribute enough devotion, enthusiasm, and skill that I was dubbed "Merlin of Merlins."

I felt very, very honored and most grateful.

~ Joel Heathcote, Merlin '61 (and beyond)!



# Student Delegation Fall Retreat

The 2020 Delegation held a very well attended Fall Retreat at The Corner on Sunday evening,

October 6. Hanover (Han) Vale '02, the delegation's Arthur, organized and led the evening. She

invited C&G local Alumni Board members Tom Tomai '79, Tracy Walsh '91, and Tig Tillinghast '93 to participate. Han's agenda included an overview of history and traditions to deepen further the delegation's knowledge of C&G, an informative and at times entertaining Q&A with the C&G Board members, a review of the delegation's current and future activities, and a discussion of the upcoming tapping process.

The students enjoyed the delicious Thai food served for dinner and capped off the evening by



carrying on the tradition of singing C&G songs from the porch.

The 2020s are off to a great start! Many Fields.



# The Green Knight Train Excursion

*"It was so much fun! There were over 250 people aboard... some from as far away as Chicago."*

*"We traveled (the chartered train) from White River Junction north along the Connecticut River to Wells River and back."*



**By The Green Knight, Bors the Elder '74 (Rob Christie) | Photos and quotes by Tom Watkin, Arthur '74**

Lifelong friends from the '74 delegation want you to THINK BIG THOUGHTS and PERFORM EXTRAORDINARY DEEDS. Make C&G a high aspiration. Attract and convene the best: campus leaders, overt and covert! Live the legacy of C&G: part of Dartmouth, a community of leaders, and loyalty forever.

For example, to distinguish our society, we (Christie/Bors de Gannes, Watkin/Arthur, and Kruschwitz/Gaheris) chartered a train dedicated to Knights, Ladies, and friends at reunion time. It was a great time.

As an experiment, The Green Knight Train Excursion was daunting and achievable. Let's do it again!

Thanks to alumni Knights and Ladies and the Casque and Gauntlet Board for financial and logistical support. If you will conceive it, we will help you do it.



## ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

**Richard B. Roberts '55** has a new postal address: 20 Timberpond Dr., #M104, Peterborough, NH 03458.

Make note of **Russ Brace's ('56)** new address as well: 87 John St., Camden, ME 04843.

**Dick Jaeger '59** sent along the news that there was a nice small gathering of '59 Knights and spouses at the Castle during the class's 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. "Don't often get to get together like this after so many years!" Catch up with him at richard.g.jaeger@dartmouth.edu or 158 Tuttle Hill Rd., Orange, NH 03741.

Although he lives with dementia and Alzheimer's, **Tom Rucker '61** enjoys news from Dartmouth and Casque & Gauntlet. He has moved to a residential care home, near the family home in Cheltenham (U.K.). Although he can no longer keep up with email correspondence, alumni are welcome to reach out to him at tomruckerokridge@gmail.com.

In his 10<sup>th</sup> year of retirement after 42 years at Phillips Exeter Academy, **Rick Mahoney '65** still lives in Exeter "with a winter foray to Punta Gorda (Gulf Coast), Florida." Contact him at pmahoney@exeter.edu or 2 Clara St., Exeter, NH 03833.

Retired teacher **David Weber '65** serves on three nonprofit boards, including SPACE on Ryder Farm, which, according to its website, is "a nonprofit residency program and organic farm located on the grounds of a 224-year-old family homestead in Putnam County, New York, just an hour north of New York City." See spaceonryderfarm.org for more info. Email David at dweber@exeter.edu. (2 Folsom St., Exeter, NH 03833)

"I have been blessed beyond measure," writes **David Aylward '71**. "Happily engaged in designing new population health systems for disadvantaged communities, now focused in Colorado. Working with **Frances Vernon '10**. We had the same front right, second-floor room in the Castle." He and his "wonderful wife Teresa" have "three grown, admirable children, nine grands, and one great-grand." Get in touch at david@daylward.org or 20 Lakeside Dr., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

After retiring ("semi") in August 2018, **Lee Chaffee '71** and wife Smadar immediately began to travel: "to Europe for end-of-season Diamond League meets of professional

track and field athletes with *Track & Field News* tours; to NYC with Piedmont Opera for two Met Opera productions, Broadway play *The Band's Visit*, and visit with **Mike Roberts '71**; trips to Staunton, Virginia, Blackfriars Playhouse for Shakespeare (etc.) dramas (co-founder Ralph Cohen, Dartmouth '67) with American Shakespeare Center; to Barber Theater in Abingdon, Virginia; to Winston-Salem periodically for lunch, lecture, and live broadcasts of Met Opera productions; to Wake Forest University and Virginia Tech for performances including Pilobolus Dance Theater (founded at Dartmouth decades ago); and, most recently, a two-week river trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow, Russia—extravagantly spoiling and gratifying." Meanwhile, back home in Galax, Virginia, Lee was looking forward to the 85<sup>th</sup> version of the Old Fiddlers' Convention in August. "Look forward to next summer in Hanover for official class of '70 50<sup>th</sup> and following that perhaps the following summer for actual graduation 50<sup>th</sup>. Happy trails to all." (ptlee.galax@gmail.com; 136 Roseland Rd., Galax, VA 24333)

Expressing appreciation for the last *Castlegram*, **Charlie Schudson '72** reports, "Here's an update...lots of good news. Released on October 9, 2018, *Independence Corrupted/How America's Judges Make Their Decisions* (University of Wisconsin Press) sold out its first printing in 60 days. Although it did not win the 2018 National Book Award, it was nominated. And now it's also a nominee for the 2019 Chautauqua Prize and the 2019 American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award. For reader reviews, check out amazon.com." When he wrote earlier this year, Charlie was heading to Hanover in May for several speaking engagements. He adds, "And yes, C&G family, I would welcome the opportunity to bring my author talks to your neighborhoods—bookstores, libraries, undergraduate and graduate school classrooms, law schools, law firms and bar associations, civic groups, book clubs.... Please email me at keynoteseminars@gmail.com or call 414-708-8053 (no texting please). Many thanks!" He makes his home at 1430 Vista Montana Rd., Sedona, AZ 86336.

**Thomas Watkin '74** (Arthur) writes, "Many Fields to **Rob Christie '74** who organized a wonderful train excursion dubbed the 'Green Knight Train.' [See story on page six.] Two of the cars were dedicated to C&G Knights and Ladies; three were occupied by the Mass Bay

Train Enthusiast Club. It was great to spend time with some of my 1974 C&G classmates including Rob, **David Kruschwitz**, and **Nat Weeks**. **John Bowman** had a ticket but didn't make the trip. We traveled from White River Junction north along the Connecticut River to Wells River, Vermont, and back. In addition to C&G members were many Dartmouth grads including Bob Rook and Putnam Blogett, most of whom I met for the first time."

"Just went to my 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion," writes **John Britton '75**. "The best time was sitting with my C&G housemates!" A retiree, John lives at 9417 Locust Hill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814. Email him at john.brittonmd@gmail.com.

After 40 years in advertising, **Brad Bringer '77** is "mixing things up a bit." He explains, "In October, I stepped back from the CEO role at McKinney but remain chairman through at least 2020. In January, I began teaching an undergraduate course at Duke as part of the Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship Initiative—very rewarding and lots more work than I expected. And I'm back rowing

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competitively in masters regattas, under the flag of Chaos Rowing. First race was at the World Rowing Masters Regatta—a tough way to get back into it, but we met our goal of beating at least one boat!” He concludes, “So, overall, life is good, and I’m keeping very busy.” (brad.brinegar@mckinney.com; 3610 Hathaway Rd., Durham, NC 27707)

**Bill Paganelli '78** reports, “Barb and I have moved to Florida. I’m working in the AdventHealth system, northwest of Orlando. My daughter is nearby, and we’re trying out warmer weather. Still bike riding a lot and learning to play ‘pickle ball.’” Bill still has a home in Burlington, Vermont, and is hoping eventually to split time between the two. In closing, he adds, “Any alums visiting Mickey Mouse are invited to stop by.” His new contact info is william.paganelli@gmail.com and 9841 Santa Clara Court, Howey in the Hills, FL 34737.

“Just finishing our seventh year in Seattle,” writes **Jim Collins '84**. “We’ve seen our daughter Ursula off to the film school at USC and our son through his junior year at the Lakeside School here in Seattle, where I’ve

recently started working part-time to edit the school’s alumni magazine and serve as the adviser to the school newspaper. I’m proud to say I had a hand in the new history of Dartmouth, *Dartmouth Undying*, which celebrates the college’s 250-year history.” Catch up with Jim at yankeejc@earthlink.net or 3102 33rd Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144.

An ophthalmologist in private practice, **John Sveen '89** sent along the following update: “Hello to everyone at The Corner! Unfortunately I didn’t make it to reunion this year. We were in the middle of moving—and now live in Skaneateles, New York, full time. My wife Anne and I have three awesome girls: Sarah (21), who will be entering her senior year at Hobart & William Smith (wants to go to dental school); Mica (17), who will be starting her freshman year at Colgate this fall; and Lily (9), who will be going into fourth grade. I keep busy working in private practice, and Anne is a pediatrician at Upstate University Hospital specializing in pediatric dermatology.” In closing, he adds, “I enjoy reading the *Castlegram* about all the amazing Knights and Ladies!” Here’s John’s new postal address: 1987 Woodland Lane, Skaneateles, NY 13152. (jsveen@mac.com)

“Greetings from sunny Redondo Beach,” writes **Ned Ward '89**, who returned to

## deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

**David S. Krivitsky '51**

February 19, 2019

**Berkeley Roth '56**

**D. Scott Palmer '59**

April 28, 2018

**Robert M. Hoffman '10**

Hanover in June for his 30<sup>th</sup> reunion. “We had an impromptu mini-reunion at The Corner with **Jennifer Avellino, Zach Levine, Tom Longstreth, Tim Derrick, Anne Boardman Pohnert, and Marnie Curry Tash**. Place looks great; Zach and I were lamenting the fact that our room was turned into a lounge....” Ned is still working in toy marketing and is now vice president of boys marketing at MGA Entertainment “in the valley.” He’ll be up in Hanover more often now that he’s serving another five years as class secretary and his oldest daughter is a D23. “Hope to see fellow Knights and Ladies next time I’m at the Corner.” (ned@nedorama.com; 2104 Graham Ave., Apt. B, Redondo Beach, CA 90278)

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## Corrections

**Our apologies to alumnus Charlie Schudson for an error in his information in the last *Castlegram*:**

**Charlie Schudson '72** provided updated and corrected information for Casque & Gauntlet members who would like to order his award-winning new book, *Independence Corrupted/How America’s Judges Make Their Decisions* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2018). The book—a *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* “Editor’s Pick” and a nominee for the National Book Award—is available at Amazon. For a personally inscribed copy (priced for C&G family and friends at the author’s cost), call Judge Schudson at 414-708-8053 (no texting, please), or email him at [keynoteseminars@gmail.com](mailto:keynoteseminars@gmail.com).

**The e-mail address for Matt Bonaiuto '93 (Sir Tristram) was incorrect in the last *Castlegram*. Our apologies for the error, which we have corrected below:**

**Matt Bonaiuto '93** (Sir Tristram) had a great time catching up with other '93 C&Gs at the reunion this past June. He sends an exciting update, saying, “In August, my wife, son, and I moved to Beijing. So far so good!” ([matt\\_bonaiuto@yahoo.com](mailto:matt_bonaiuto@yahoo.com))