



Dartmouth College

Class of 1960

January 10, 2013

Fellow Classmates,

We know 2013 will be a good year because we will all join together for a Class of 1960 Birthday Party in Seattle from July 25 through July 28 when most of us will be 75. After extensive conversations with NOAA and historical research on the Weather Channel, we know these dates will have the highest chance for fun in the sun of the Pacific Northwest.

Assisted by the veterans of previous parties, we have secured all of the initial venues; our Treasurer, Bill Moorman, has sent in the required deposits. We can tell you we have an exciting and solid schedule of events. This mailing indicates prices we know now—we are confident prices will not go up, but it is possible to reduce some of the costs depending on how many of you come to the Left Coast. Current pricing reflects some savings since we are a group; however, to hold onto the negotiated prices, all funds need to come to the Class no later than June 10, 2013. So start saving now. First, we would like to gauge your interest. Reservations for the hotel must be made by February 15—it is so busy in July that our special pricing cannot be assured after this February date. So, you have the best of both worlds—reserve NOW and pay later.

We are all most pleased to present the calendar of events that we hope will lure you all to Seattle:

GOLF This is a one day bonus for the golfers—men and women—with lunch included on Thursday, July 25th. Gary Vandeweghe and Phil Kron are on the case, they are presently talking with two courses about logistics and tee times: The Coal Creek course at Newcastle (www.newcastle-golf.com) and Inglewood (www.inglewoodgolfclub.com) growing green grass since 1919. Rooms at the Fairmont for Wednesday are at our group rate; the golf courses are a short drive from the hotel and we will set up transportation when we have a fix on how many of you want to play. This OPTIONAL pre-party golf extravaganza will be concluded in time for our scheduled Thursday evening program. A separate Golfer's Interest Form is included so golfers can talk to golfers about greens fees, timing and the like.

FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL will be our home hotel (www.fairmont.com/seattle/). Located in downtown Seattle, this venue is within walking distance of a number of Seattle's highlights and just a block from the monorail that will carry you to others. The Fairmont rooms for double occupancy are priced at \$249.00 per night, about 60% of the rack rate and the same base price we paid in Boston five years ago. When we add fees and taxes, the total cost per night is \$290.00. Rooms are guaranteed by the Class and will be held at this rate if you make your reservations before February 15. Reservations for nights before, during and after the Birthday weekend are pegged at the same rate. Individual charges, including parking or mini-bar, will be billed directly to each guest at the end of your stay. If you are flying to Seattle you can get to the hotel by taxi or shuttle, and you will not need an automobile for Birthday events.

THURSDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF

We are going to start at Seattle's most famous landmark—the Space Needle—for drinks and dinner. While there we will all have a chance to visit two premier Seattle attractions—art glass as you have never seen it before by Dale Chihuly (www.chihulygardenandglass.com) and the top of the Space Needle itself. Buses will leave the Fairmont Hotel Thursday evening at 6:15. Drinks at a cash bar and then dinner in a private room. The glass museum is open for our touring until 10PM and you can also visit the Top of the Needle for a panoramic view of the city. We will schedule early and late bus returns to the hotel as needed. Do not miss this first chance to greet classmates and experience Seattle at its iconic best—the best take is for you to be with 120 of your best and oldest friends.

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

On Friday and Saturday you will have a variety of choices to take our special organized guided tours, join a public tour or just go on a walkabout with two or three other couples. Seattle offers everything from the Nordic Heritage Museum to the Great Ferris Wheel on the waterfront to the original Starbucks. For the Internet-accomplished, click www.seattle.gov/html/visitor/point.htm. You can be adventuresome in Seattle—it is a walking city with good public transportation, so you can even tour on your own.

On the Form attached tell us what you are interested in and we will figure out which days and times will work for the number wishing to go on group trips—the final tour arrangements will come in later communications when you can make a firm reservation. Be assured that all of the optional programs will end in time for you to get refreshed and set for our gala evening adventures.

Museum of Flight: See the aircraft that chronicle the history of flight from Wright to the first supersonic jet; the birth of Boeing; and the fighting machines from WWI and WWII on a unique and impressive campus. The tour includes interactive exhibits and re-created factory floors, so sturdy walking shoes are required. From 9:30 to 1:30.

Bainbridge Island Ferry Adventure: First cross Puget Sound on a State Ferry and then walk the lush gardens on the Bloedel Estate—see as many birds and fauna as flora—spectacular! Finally time for shopping, eating and sight-seeing in the Norwegian village of Poulsbo. Start at 8:45 and return by 3:00 on the Ferry coming into the skyline of Seattle.

Seattle City Highlights Tour: Bring a jacket and good walking shoes for an excursion starting at 10:00 and getting back to the Fairmont by 3:00. Pioneer Square; the locks where boats go from salt to fresh water; a great fish lunch; tours of the waterfront; Seattle Center and a last stop at the famous Pike Place Market (more extensive than Boston's Faneuil Hall or LA's Farmer's Market). This guided tour will cover all of the city sights and the scenic views as well.

More Options: In our next letter we will outline other activities, like Museums and the Asian Experience that you may choose to do on your own without benefit of a bus, ferry or tour guide.

TENNIS EVERYONE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

This will be our one and only dress-up evening—maybe even ties for those of us who mostly gave them up years ago. This spectacular Club, started in 1890, has been on the shore of Lake Washington since 1919. Remodeled in 1999, the kitchen is outstanding and hosts events nearly every weekend of the year for members and visitors alike. We will start from the hotel by bus at 6:00, arriving in time for hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while catching the view of Mr. Rainier. Then an elegant dinner and lots of table hopping. Back to the Fairmont in time for late night carousing for those still up to that kind of thing. Leave your racket at home—bring an appetite and a taste for good conversation.

CLOSING SATURDAY EVENING AT TILLICUM VILLAGE

There are three reasons to come to the 75th Birthday Party—Seattle, Salmon and Sixty (Class of). Tillicum Village will be a great venue to celebrate all three. We depart at 4:00 from the Fairmont to the waterfront for an hour cruise on Elliott Bay out to Blake Island. We will be welcomed with steamed clams for an appetizer and dine in a cedar longhouse that is typical of the communal life on the Northwest Coast. Salmon cooked on an open fire is the main menu item, but no vegetarian will go hungry.

Following dinner, there will be entertainment performed by members of various Northwest Coast Native American tribes. At evening's end we sail again to Seattle mid-town by 9:00.

FLY AWAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

If you are heading back East, most planes leave before noon, so we will set up a quick Continental Breakfast buffet-style. Check out, grab toast or a bagel and head to the airport. The buffet will be open so that early exits will be accommodated along with those late risers who may be taking a Post Party Excursion.

PRE AND POST SEATTLE TRIPS

Our Birthday Party is almost non-stop from Thursday through Sunday morning, but we have had requests from a number of classmates about how they can amortize plane tickets by other travel in the area before or after our event.

Please see the descriptions of a number of these travel opportunities on the Extra Excursion Interest Form included. All are recommended by Seattle locals. Some are luxury trips where you only have to lift your eyes for great scenery; others are quite physical. Pick out a classmate and plan an adventure. If you are interested in one or more of the trips, please work directly with the travel providers—the Class sponsors a Birthday Party, but Wanderlust is on your own.

WHAT WILL THIS ALL COST?????

Plane reservations made early or with Frequent Flyer programs will help the pocketbook. Airlines servicing Sea-Tac Airport from the Right Coast include United, Delta, Jet Blue, American, US Air, Southwest, Alaska and Multiple.

Each classmate and guest attending the Birthday Party will be charged \$25 for name badges, hospitality arrangements and birthday cake candles.

The three major events Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings are priced at \$375 in total, per person on a preliminary basis (despite five years of inflation, this is the same as the weekend package in Boston). The package charge includes the hospitality fee, transportation to and from, entertainment, admission fees, meals and the associated taxes and gratuities. It does not include wine or liquor at any event.

If you are only able to attend some of the group gala events, you can do so on an ala carte basis. Each ala carte price covers the full evening, including transportation; however, no wine or liquor is included. Please make your ala carte event preferences known on the Reservations Form.

Hopefully you now have a good idea of what a tremendous weekend we can all have in Seattle. If you send back your preliminary interests at this time, it will be helpful for our final contract negotiations. It will also help us to set up optional daytime tours based on the numbers interested in each option for a given day.

Experts tell you to make the last paragraph a request for action and for money. Today we ONLY need to understand your interests and preferences. '60 OUT! Check on your Frequent Flyer Miles. Check your Christmas card list to see if there is a classmate who you want to encourage to join you in Seattle. Send no money now, but start saving so you can send it to Bill Moorman to meet the payment deadline of May 1, 2013. (There will be a raffle for four room upgrades for those paying by April 1—shameful, but incentives do work).

NOW, fill out the Interest Form and mail it to Bill Moorman, PO Box 6605, Jefferson City, MO 65102-6605. If you know how to operate the computer well enough to fill it out, scan and attach it to an email directed to **bmoorman60@gmail.com**.

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PS: If you give us your email address, we will communicate digitally so we can save mailing costs for future announcements and updates/