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President's Message



Brothers,

We hope that this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. The class of 2017 has just finished its sophomore summer. Living up to the hype, the '17s class has continued to demonstrate our cohesion and ability to lead throughout this summer.

The sophomore's summer was undoubtedly unique relative to past Tri-Kaps' experiences. Unable to live at 1 Webster, the class moved operations to an off-campus house on West Wheelock Street, where we were able to host social events, hang out, and, most importantly, hold meetings. This was always going to be a difficult summer to remain close as a class; however, despite the temporary lack of a physical plant, the '17 class did a phenomenal job of keeping traditions alive and getting closer as a class, in a way only sophomore summer can facilitate.

President's Message Cont'd

Our brothers kept themselves extremely busy throughout the Spring and Summer. With academic interests spanning finance, computer science, organic chemistry, and engineering the brotherhood again proved itself to be a diverse home. A number of brothers also volunteered at the annual Prouty in order to raise money for cancer research. The Spring saw the final days of Tri-Kap lived to the fullest, hosting cookouts, philanthropic events and social activities. In the summer, Monday Night Freeze made a long-awaited return to Dartmouth. In addition, a number of brothers took a trip down to Rhode Island in the summer term to spend a weekend late in the term at brother **Chris Loughlin '15's** house. We were also fortunate enough to be visited by a great group of alumni who were up in Hanover for the wedding of **Joe Peña '10**.

The progress that the construction crew has made at 1 Webster continues to change the look of our old hall daily. Seeing the evolution of the house has made us all the more excited about the prospect of living in the completely renovated and expanded lodge in the Spring. In an effort to show our appreciation, and to give the Domus workers faces to put to the brotherhood, we hosted a brief pizza lunch at 1 Webster at the end of the term. The workers seemed to really appreciate the gesture. This also gave the brothers a great chance to see the massive changes that have already been brought about to the house.

While it is certainly sad to see our sophomore summer come to a close, we are extremely excited to welcome the '16s back to campus and for the prospect of adding a great '18s class to our brotherhood. This summer has exceeded all expectations. From Spring term when it looked like we would all be sharing a floor in a dorm, to having a temporary house all to ourselves off-campus, the tough job of staying strong as a class without 1 Webster has been accomplished. Along with the returning 16s and incoming 18s, our class is well poised to continue move this house forward in our remaining two years.

Yours in Kappa,

Josh Lange '17
Summer President
Keaton Renta '16
President



Our groundbreaking ceremony drew a crowd at the end of Spring. Read about the **Tri-Kap Capital Campaign** and this critical time for Tri-Kap in the Board of Directors report within and online at www.tri-kap.com/campaign

Alumni Board Report

June 20th marked a historic day for Tri-Kap. With many reunion classes in attendance, **we held a Groundbreaking for the reconstruction of 1 Webster Ave.** The video of this significant even is available on the Tri-Kap web site at tri-kap.com/campaign/construction.

During the event, Board Chairman James McKim '83 recounted the history of Tri-Kap and painted a picture of a bright future. Assistant Dean of the College Liz Agosto communicated the College's pleasure with and support of the effort. Campaign Chairman Michael Brasher '10 explained the fundraising strategy and progress. Undergraduate President Anka Teczan '15 shared the undergraduate's sense of excitement and significance of the effort. DOMUS President Bruce Williamson '74 explained the construction plan and some of the exciting enhancements to be implemented.

The beginning of construction was made possible by generous donations from over 300 Tri-Kap alumni spanning 8 decades of Dartmouth men. **We now have nearly \$900,000 given or pledged to the Campaign and we've contributed our initial equity to the construction project.** Special thanks to the young alumni who have carried much of the load so far. The Campaign is just beginning, however. **We will have significant quarterly loan payments to make on the construction loan and will need expanded alumni support of the beautiful new house to avoid default and lose of the house.** Please consider joining the Campaign now if you have yet to! Tri-Kap still very much needs help from all of us.

Construction began at the end of June just after the Groundbreaking. **Construction has progress quite well.**

Progress to date includes:

1. Almost all of the demolition is done.
2. The buried oil tank has been removed. (800 gallons of oil still in it!)
3. The basement floor now has a brand new floor slab, with 2" of rigid insulation underneath it, and stone (for drainage) underneath that.
4. Framing is well underway on all three addition areas. The focus is on the west side. They are currently framing the second floor walls. Roof framing is soon to follow.
5. The new water main has been brought into the basement area.
6. There were at least 4 electrical utility trucks there recently to change out the pole on North Main Street. Now we'll run the new electrical main into the basement.
7. The window package is on order.
8. The exterior doors are on order.

We are still expecting to be completed in time for the beginning of spring term.



Above: Tour of the 3rd floor by Bruce Williamson '74 during Homecoming 2015

Reunions

Please join fellow Tri-Kaps and the Board to celebrate Reunions in June 2016. Details to follow for Tri-Kap events for classes of '56, '61, '66, '70, '71, '72, '86, '91, '00, '01, '02, '11

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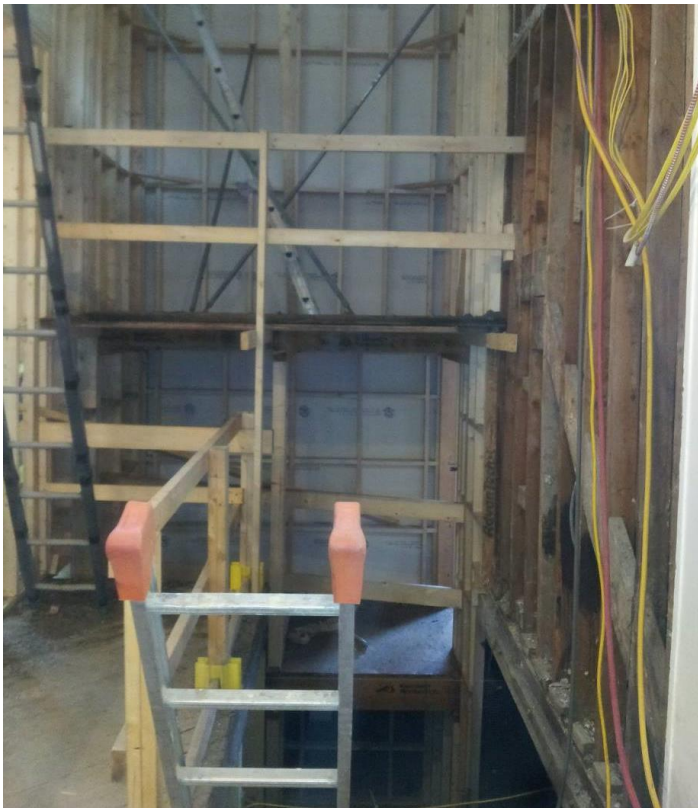
On the advisor front, Roger Ulrich Tri-Kap class of '77 and Chair of the Classics department has agreed to be one of our Faculty Advisors. He has already contributed valuable input to how we can strengthen our relationship with the faculty and the College.

As you know, James McKim has been the Alumni Advisor as well as the Board Chair for the past few years. The College is now requiring that the Alumni Advisor physically attend advisor meetings and spend time visiting the house more frequently than James can visit given his distance away from Hanover. Some of you in the Upper Valley may have been contacted by Alumni Relations Chair Matt Brown '05 about filling the role. It is not a huge time commitment, you really just need to live in the area and be willing to attend a few meetings during the year. It is an excuse to visit the house and find out what is happening on campus. It might even help you keep up with the younger crowd. If you are interested, please contact Matt at matthew.h.brown@ampf.com or (207) 749-6040.

We are, also, looking for new Board members from older classes. We meet once a month on the phone for about an hour or so. It is a great way to give back to the house and mingle with brothers around the world. If you are interested, please contact James at jtmckim@gmail.com or (603) 540-3988.

Yours in Kappa,

James McKim '83
Tri-Kap Board Chairman



Above: The second stairwell in progress



Above: The North side of the house

Please donate to the Tri-Kap Capital Campaign at <http://trikap.com/campaign/donate> or by writing a check to “Kappa Kappa Kappa Society” and sending to Sunil Bhagavath at 15 Collingwood Drive, Huntington Station, NY 11746.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report

On the precipice of paying off the loan for our new house, the financial state of Tri-Kap continues to remain strong. We have continued with the increased brotherhood dues that have been in place the last few terms to help compensate for the lack of rent income and serves to supplement activities to involve the brotherhood inside and outside of off-campus social spaces. Adapting to the budgetary future of the new house proved an invaluable accounting experience, helping organize the brotherhood going forward after a summer of budgetary discipline.

Additionally, many of other brothers worked hard to move some of the more valuable items from the old house into storage units, preserving the treasured artifacts of our brotherhood and some furnishings for the new house. We believe this will ensure their safety and allow us not to repurchase these items in the future.

This summer, we worked hard on budgeting to make sure that we had an enjoyable Spring and Summer while still saving as much money as possible for the house. We opted to forego formal and to instead spend the money on brotherhood bonding activities, especially barbecues. Additionally, we were able to fund cabin meetings where the brotherhood chose to meet off-campus at the 1966 Cabin for a bonding experience. A night in the woods, surrounded by brother proved to be a resounding success.

Overall, we have continued to improve the financial situation of Tri-Kap, while attempting to minimize the financial burden of the new loan given by the college. We hope to continue to work with the Board as well as our new Faculty advisors to strive for financial stability.

Yours in Kappa,

Chris Loughlin '17

Summer Treasurer

Joshua Tupler '16

Treasurer

Alumni Dues

Please pay your alumni dues at <http://trikap.com/AlumniDues> or by writing a check to Kappa Kappa Kappa Society and mailing to **Terry Lowd '66**, P.O. Box 124, New Harbor, ME 04554



The summer brotherhood gathered behind the off-campus house at 14 WestWheelock.

House Manager's Report

Houseman's Report

The final term of 1 Webster as we knew it proved an emotional experience but a fairly smooth term of maintenance. The construction on our beloved home at 1 Webster Avenue began in full force following Commencement and Reunions. After moving out composites, GOTE furniture, and the favorite brown couch under the auspices of the brothers who stuck around. The construction team then moved in to begin demolition and expansion. As the summer progressed, we watched as the foundations of the brand new Kappa lodge began to take shape.

The summer presented a unique challenge for the brothers of Tri-Kap, but the Class of 2017 adapted brilliantly to the new living situation. Thanks to the work of several brothers, especially **John French '17**, we secured a house for 15 brothers for the summer. The off-campus house hosted meetings and brotherhood events, keeping the class close despite the circumstances. The brotherhood has continued to maintain a rigorous cleans and chores schedule, allowing the brothers to uphold a culture committed to the betterment of the physical plant.

To show our appreciation to the construction team, the brothers bought the workers a pizza lunch during reading period. We especially want to thank **Bruce Williamson '74** for spearheading the project. For the fall, we have a different off-campus house on Valley Road thanks to **Josh Tupler '16**. While we are unable to live in the old house until Spring term, we are excited to have the opportunity to be amongst the first to move into the brand new lodge at 1 Webster Ave when construction is completed in the spring.

Yours in Kappa,
Sam Libby '17 & Ronak Kanwar '17
Summer House Managers
Harrison Han '16
House Manager



Alfred Forbes '82 took this picture of the house under construction.

Social Chairmen's Report



Social Chairmen's Report

The Spring sent Tri-Kap out on a good note, hosting a variety of events from classic tails themes interpreted to a new Dartmouth without hard liquor. With that mandate, the social chairs hosted creative events for the Spring term only to relax some after the move to 14 West Wheelock Street. We made it an entertaining social space for all members of the Dartmouth community while construction on the new house proceeded.

Highlights of the summer term included events with each sorority on campus, with a 4th of July celebration with Kappa Delta, bomb tails with Sigma Delta, and a “thrift shop” night with Kappa Delta Epsilon among the most notable. The term also saw the revival of Monday Night Freeze, and featured a number of joint-house events that helped foster even better relationships with other Greek organizations.

Above: The Class of 2015 takes a picture together at their last formal Lake Morrey.

Throughout both terms, the brotherhood hosted invite tails and maintained a regular social space. The brothers look forward to another terrific social scene this coming fall.

Yours in Kappa,

Sam Agler '17 & John French '17

Summer Social Chairmen

Charles Cai '16 & Chris Loughlin '17

Social Chairmen



Left: The final meetings of Spring term saw **Anka Tezcan '15** addressing the brotherhood during the final Wednesday meetings before renovations.

Programming Report

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Though the brothers were displaced from our traditional location at 1 Webster Avenue, this summer's programming events have helped to maintain Tri-Kap's characteristic brotherhood.

Some of the most popular events of the Spring and Summer terms were our frequent cook-outs. Under the good auspices of our very own Grill-Master **Joe Minichiello '17**, secretary Grill-Master **Phil Yom '17**, and our self-appointed "Spice Chair" **Arun Reddy '17**, our house hosted some of the best meals on campus throughout the summer. **James Howe '17** established himself as a meat-loving barbecue connoisseur and will continue to shop for our cookouts going into the Fall.

This summer, the brotherhood completed the quintessential sophomore summer excursions and made the most of the beautiful Hanover weather by venturing to True's Ledges in West Lebanon and jumping from cliffs at the Copper Mines with A-Phi. In addition, our brothers explored the mountains of New Hampshire during our sunrise hike at Gile Mountain and ventured to the Class of '66 Lodge for Cabin Meetings. Occasional canoe trips and journeys to the Worthy Burger restaurant in Vermont were also highlights.

As always, the brothers participated in our termly lock-in, which included a formative discussion, a delicious barbecue, and a lively pong tournament. The brothers are looking forward to taking advantage of these and more unique outdoor opportunities, especially hiking trips, in the fall.

Yours in Kappa,
Ted Poatsy '17 & Arun Reddy '17
Summer Programming Chairmen

Josh Schoenbart '16 & James Howe '17
Programming Chairmen



Top: Joe Minichiello '17 grilling behind the house on Wheelock Street

Left: Brothers of Tri-Kap pose with sisters of Alpha Phi at the copper mines.

Philanthropy Report

The Spring and Summer were exciting terms for Tri-Kap as they included many philanthropic efforts and events including The Prouty, Pelta-Delta and an inaugural hotdog eating contest... **Kevin Wang '15** took home the victory with an astonishing one minute per hot dog rate over seven minutes as we raised money for pediatric cancer. This event was a smashing success raising over \$500 for the I Care I Cure Childhood Cancer Foundation and laying the groundwork for an even bigger, better event next year.

This summer we represented ourselves at the Prouty sending many members to both volunteer and actively participate. The Prouty raised over 3 million dollars this year for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center in Hanover. Finally, the house competed admirably in the Pelta-Delta dodge ball competition, which raised money for CHaD, the Childrens Hospital at Dartmouth, making it all the way to the semi-finals. We look forward to continue to grow Tri-Kap's reputation as a very philanthropic house this fall by participating in many new and exciting ways in giving back to our community.

Yours in Kappa,

Brendan Krinsky '17
Philanthropy Chair

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Right: Jake Bayer '16, Brian White '15, Brett Szalapski '15 help run the contest, Kevin Wang '15 eats another hot dog.



Above: Ted Poatsy '17, Joe Minichiello '17, Ronak Kanwar '17, Jeff Lang '17 and Elana Selitsky after The Prouty



Athletic Chairman's Report

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The men of Tri-Kappa had a blast on the softball in the spring and summer and soccer pitch in the summer. Softball started off strong with a 19-1 demolition of Beta, invoking the mercy rule in the fourth. **Ted Poatsy '17** in center field and **Sam Agler '17** at shortstop shut down Beta's offense, and Sam hit a 3-run homer in the third. Our whole order contributed to the rout; we batted through at least three times that game. Unfortunately, we met our match Theta Delta Chi in the semifinals of the playoffs, falling 6-4. Theta Delt won the title 23-6, so I'd say we're the true intramural softball runner-up.

Soccer started off slowly with a 1-1 tie against SAE. We couldn't convert offensively, but our defense held up well, led by Poatsy. Next we played SigEp. **Josh Lange '17** scored a picture-perfect volley in the opening minutes, but SigEp tied it up midway through the first half. Ted and the rest of our defense blocked the rest of their opportunities, and we relentlessly pushed forward in the second half. With the score knotted at one and thirty seconds to go, I scored on a header at the back post. The win put us in the playoffs, but bad luck had us fall 2-1 to Beta in the semis.

Despite a tough end to our softball and soccer seasons, the other brothers and I had a blast. We're looking forward to having a much better intramural soccer team this fall, led by club soccer stars Ted, Josh, **Anka Tezcan '15**, and **Hector Iturbe '16**. We'll take 15F by storm!

Yours in Kappa,

Vincent G. Puzak, '17
Summer Athletic Chairman

Rush Update:

The Brothers of Kappa Kappa Kappa held rush in **The Rockefeller Center's 1930 Room** on **Friday October 2nd** and **Saturday October 3rd**. We welcomed **twenty-one** new members to the brotherhood.

Even without a physical plant, this year's rush class proved to be the second straight with a larger class than the one preceding it. With numbers continually growing, the brotherhood is confident that Tri-Kap will remain an indelible part of the Dartmouth community while we are outside of 1 Webster and shall have a spirited group of Kappas ready to take care of our beautifully renovated home.

Stay in touch!

We love hearing from our alums

Register to receive emails and learn more about the Campaign at www.tri-kap.com

Check out what undergraduate brothers are up to on the blog:
<http://trikap.blogspot.com/>

Join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/kappa.kappa.kappa/

Please contact us with any questions or share stories of your time at 1 Webster at kappa.kappa.kappa@dartmouth.edu

In Memoriam

Richard H. Cardozo '42

Richard Henry Cardozo, formerly of Hanover and Canaan, NH, died in Sarasota on April 29th, after a brief period of declining health. Dr. Cardozo was born in Woodmere, LI, NY in 1920. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1942 and then entered into service in the US Navy, where he served as commander of a field torpedo unit, then navigation officer, until 1946. He returned to Dartmouth to attend medical school, and then transferred to Cornell where he received his MD in 1950. Following his internship and residency, he was appointed Vice chairman of Surgery at the VA Hospital in White River Junction VT, as well as Assistant Professor of Surgery and Physiology at Dartmouth Medical School. In 1960 he was appointed to the staff of the Hitchcock Clinic and Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, where he performed cardio-thoracic surgery until his retirement in 1985. In addition, he was elected as President and Board Chairman of the Hitchcock Clinic, in 1974, and served in that position until 1983.

After his retirement, he was deeply involved in the NH Orchid society, including serving as president. In 2000, he headed to warmer weather and landed in Sarasota, where his passion for botany and orchids took him to the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. He was a volunteer there in the orchid greenhouse and assisted with traveling orchid shows and special events until a few months prior to his death. He was an avid supporter of the arts and attended many performances of the Sarasota Opera, The Sarasota Symphony Orchestra, and plays and other performances at the Asolo Theater. He is survived by his four children: Dr. Christopher P. of New York, NY, Margaret C. Mooers, of Greenland, NH, R. Hallowell of Palmyra, ME, and William (Bozo) B. of Sun Valley, ID. He was predeceased by his ex-wife, Margaret P. Cardozo, his brothers Sidney and Benjamin, and his sisters, Claire Imberg and Anne Sonenfield. He has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Richard will be greatly missed by his family, his

New England friends, and his many friends in Sarasota; his Sunday Breakfast Club with neighbors and friends, his colleagues at Selby Gardens where he volunteered, his friends in the ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and all who shared his passion for life and for the arts. His lively intellect, quick wit and abundant charm were a blessing to all who knew him here and had the great good pleasure of his companionship and company. He was, a true gentleman. An adventurer, whether performing cardio-thoracic surgery, crewing on a sailboat across Atlantic, flying a plane or driving one of the first Ferrari's, Richard was an inspiration to all who knew him and all wish him restful peace.

William Hallager '47, Tu '50

William Hallager passed away peacefully at his home in Lincoln on Dec. 2, 2014. He joins his wife of 57 years, Jean Adams Hallager, and is survived by four children (William Hallager, Karin Martel, Christina Thomas, and Anne McGonagle) and eight grandchildren (Willow Hallager; Rachel and Matthew Martel; Nicholas and Kensi Thomas; and Erin, Caitlin and Morgan McGonagle). Born William Martin Hallager on July 8, 1925, in Copenhagen, Denmark, Bill grew up in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1939, his parents, Sigurd and Ida Hallager, along with Bill, his brother Sigurd, and his sister Lois, moved to Scarsdale, N.Y. There he attended Scarsdale High School, where he captained the chess team, pursued sports and embraced American culture. In 1943 he was accepted to Dartmouth College as part of the Navy's V-12 pilot training program. He began a life-long bond with the college and met Jean Adams, who was working in the registrar's office. His Scandinavian heritage earned him the nickname "Swede" with his ski and hockey buddies. After Bill completed both a BA and MBA at Dartmouth College (Classes of '47 and '50), Jean and Bill were married and Bill embarked on a 36-year career at Texaco. Bill and Jean made their home in Pleasantville, N.Y., where Bill focused his inexhaustible energy as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 and Senior Warden at St. John's

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Episcopal Church. In 1986, when Bill retired from Texaco, he and Jean moved to Lincoln to enjoy golf, skiing, and grandchildren. He served as treasurer of Loon Mountain and on the boards of North Country Center for the Arts (NCCA), Profile Golf Club, New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, Littleton Regional Hospital, and the New England Ski Museum. In recent years, Bill became dedicated to the relocation of the NCCA theater, which opened in 2012 as Jean's Playhouse. Bill and Jean were awarded Outstanding Volunteer Leader awards by the Northern New Hampshire Foundation in 1998, by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives in 1999, and by the Linwood Chamber of Commerce in 2006. In 2010, the New Hampshire Theatre Awards honored him with the Matty Award, in recognition of his vision and tenacity in the development of Jean's Playhouse. Two years later, he was presented with the 2012 Lifetime of Service Award by the North Country Region of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

David E. Kimball '49

David Earle Kimball '49 died on June 6, 2014. Dave lived in Bonita Springs, Florida, and Niantic, Connecticut. He came to Dartmouth from Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, New York, and graduated from Thayer School. He and his late brother, Warren Jr. '44, owned an insurance brokerage company in Niantic. Dave is survived by his wife, Doris, two sons and three daughters.

Bruce R. Holt '53

Bruce R. Holt, 83, passed away at home with his family at his side on December 30, 2014. Bruce was an avid skier and a member of the National Ski Patrol, he enjoyed salt water fishing and being with family. Bruce proudly served in the U.S. Airforce and had graduated from Dartmouth College. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be deeply missed. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 60 years, Doris "Dee"; children, David (Jean), Barbara, and Gary (Wendy); six grandchildren, Jacqueline, Stephanie, Michelle, Allison, Erica and Chloe.

Robert L. Masucco '58

Dr. Robert "Bob" Louis Massucco, Sr., DDS, 77, died peacefully on January 21, 2014 at his home. He was born October 23, 1936 in Westfield, MA the son of Louis J. and Roberta M. (Ring) Massucco. A graduate of Dartmouth College (Class of 1958) and the University of Pennsylvania Dental School, he served as an Oral Surgeon in the United States Air Force in Stephenville, Newfoundland.

In the early 1970's he moved his family from Aspen, Colorado, to Maine, where he set up his family practice. Dr. Massucco, affectionately known to all as "Dr. Bob" was the dentist for Mt. Desert (Somesville, Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Manset, Bass Harbor) for more than 30 years, and is responsible for the smiles of an entire generation of the residents. A trip to the dentist always came with stories of his boys or latest adventures and usually ended with photos of blueberries and a hug.

An avid outdoorsman and passionate sportsman, Dr. Bob was regularly seen running or skiing along the roads, paths, and trails of Acadia National Park all times of the year. An avid canoer, he raced or paddled in the best of Maine's whitewater rivers. In the winter, Dr. Bob selflessly donated thousands of hours volunteering to bring cross country skiing to the dozens of miles of carriage roads throughout the Park and was recognized and loved as a Friend of Acadia.. Many winter weekends, he could be found with his family and friends on the slopes of Squaw Mountain, at Moosehead Lake.

Shortly after moving to Maine, Dr. Bob fulfilled one of his childhood dreams and purchased a blueberry farm in Downeast Maine. The farm became known to all as Dr. Bob's Blueberries.. Despite his passion for his work and extra activities, Dr. Bob never missed the opportunity to be "lead cheerleader" for his boys sporting

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activities. Beginning at little league games, continuing on through High School soccer and basketball, Dr. Bob could be seen (and heard!) supporting his son's teams both Home and Away.

Bob is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary "Mimi" (LaTaif) Massucco; 2 sons, Robert "Bart" L. Massucco, Jr., DVM and wife Marissa of Franklin, MA and George Andrew Massucco and fiancé' Michelle Ramos of San Juan, Puerto Rico; 6 grandchildren, Liam, Bronte, Lennox, Jian, Josean and Mariana; a brother, Richard J. Massucco of East Otis, MA; sister-in-law, Suzanne Powers, New Milford, CT.

Nitya Pibusonggram '62

Former Thai diplomat Nitya (Nit) Pibulsonggram died in Bangkok on 24 May 2014 at the age of 72.

Nitya was born in 1941, the sixth child of Field Marshal Plaek Pibulsonggram and Thanpuying Laiad Bhandhukravi. He studied in the United States, receiving a BA in Government from Dartmouth College and an MA in Political Science from Brown University. He joined Thailand's Foreign Service in 1968. His posts included Ambassador to the United States, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After retiring from the Diplomatic Service in 2001 he was appointed adviser to the Foreign Minister and led Thailand's negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with the United States. The talks were suspended in 2006 following the military coup in Thailand which overthrew the government of Thaksin Shinawatra, after which Nitya was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the interim government headed by General Surayud Chulanond. Nitya resigned from this post in early 2008.

An accomplished diplomat, Nitya was always a courteous and intelligent interlocutor, well fitted to hold some of the most senior positions in the Thai Foreign Service.

He is survived by his wife, Pacharin (Patricia), a practicing healer and Reiki therapist.