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What a great class! Not only did we repeat with the dues paying percentage Alumni Award last year, but **Bob Kenagy** advised earlier this year that we were ahead of last year's winning participation percentage. Thanks to classmates and to dozens of Class widows who remain in touch.

We are hovering around 86 and more in age. Some live in CCRCs for at least part of the year. **Clark Simms** and Chase like Beaverwyck south of Albany and have given up driving. Perhaps a dozen classmates live in Boston-area CCRCs. **Lou Waddell** of Camp Hill, PA was looking for a place last year. There are three '53's and **Ag Pytte's** widow Anah here, just up the road from Dartmouth. Yet not all stay put. I try to tuck time in Vermont and New Zealand and next October Italy. **Bob Leach** again was rock climbing in Joshua Tree NP. Rick Steves says "Keep traveling!". Many classmates do just that. We welcome news of your adventures.

Secretary and Memorialist emeritus, **Hugh Richardson**, says he is a "*digital dinosaur*", thus giving him more time to do worthwhile things (he still goes to the office). But many who do waste time on the web still fail to visit the '53 website! Do so. You will find class columns a month ahead of the PAW, memorials and obituaries, 65th reunion information, and feature articles about classmates. A current bonus is another Traditional Jazz concert. Maybe **Benoliel** will send a chamber music concert and **Kitts-Turner** some music with his bassoons, violas, recorders, krummhorns, sackbuts and rackets.

I failed to report that **Frederick F. Schock III** died on February 17 and **William Rogers III** on March 11. **Hap Hackney** advised us that **Jervis Finney** died on April 9, and alas **Howard McClure** died on March 30. **Chris Webber** has written memorials, and our Class website has obituaries and Chris's memorials for them and recent others.